

# Building a diverse and affordable community

BC Housing and the Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society are partnering to build a range of housing options for people of all ages who are struggling to find a place to call home.

The project is being planned for the City-owned vacant lot at **1015 East Hastings** and would include about:

- 80 welcoming, safe shelter beds for people and families experiencing homelessness
- 25 studios and one-bedrooms for people who are ready to move from the shelter to more independent living
- 85 new affordable rental homes for people and families with lower incomes (one, two and three-bedroom units)
- 53 new market rental homes to help pay for the cost of the more affordable units
- Social enterprise space operated by the Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society



*This is a proposed project that has not yet been approved by the City of Vancouver and is still subject to Provincial approval processes.*

## Creating safe spaces for all

Designed to make a positive contribution to the community, the project will create safe spaces where all people can come together to feel accepted and valued. It will reflect the values of inclusiveness and belonging at the heart of the Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society and help provide people with the skills and support they need to transition from shelter to independent living.

## Enriching the local community

Through architecture, design, and programming, the building will celebrate the area's rich and vibrant Indigenous history and traditions. It will honour and respect the elders, adults, youth and families that live in the area.

Community events and gatherings hosted at the building will help neighbours connect to each other and people from all cultural backgrounds will be invited to express and share their culture.

This project is an innovative partnership of BC Housing and the Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society. The project partners are committed to working with the community to develop a project that creates lasting benefits including a more vibrant streetscape, creative community partnerships, art and cultural events and a communal gathering space.



1015 EAST HASTINGS  
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## Proposed project timeline



Artist's rendering of the proposed building at 1015 East Hastings



### Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society

The Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society is dedicated to meeting the needs of urban Aboriginal People making a transition to the urban community. The Society has been providing programs in shelter, health and welfare, social services, human rights, culture, education, recreation and equality for all genders of Aboriginal People of all age groups for over 50 years.



### BC Housing

BC Housing is committed to making a positive difference in people's lives and communities through safe, affordable and quality housing. BC Housing works in partnership with the private and non-profit sectors, provincial health authorities and ministries, other levels of government and community groups to develop a range of housing options.



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