

BC Housing and the City of Vancouver are taking collective action to address the urgent need for supportive housing in Vancouver.

New warm, safe homes with supports on Renfrew Street at East 14th Avenue

Vancouver is in a housing crisis and more than 2,000 people across the city are experiencing homelessness. Creating warm, safe homes with supports continues to be a top priority for BC Housing and the City of Vancouver.

BC Housing, Lu'ma Native Housing Society and the City of Vancouver are proposing to build a new 12-storey building with 76 supportive homes at 2930 Renfrew Street. This proposal replaces an earlier version to build a six-storey building with 50 supportive homes that was shared with the community in June 2021.

These homes would address the urgent need for supportive housing and prevent people from experiencing homelessness.

- All units would be studio apartments with a private bathroom and kitchen.
- At least 5% of the homes would be fully accessible.
- The building would include space for Indigenous cultural practices as well as amenities like shared laundry, commercial kitchen, dining area and program space.



Homes with supports help create safe, inclusive communities for everyone.

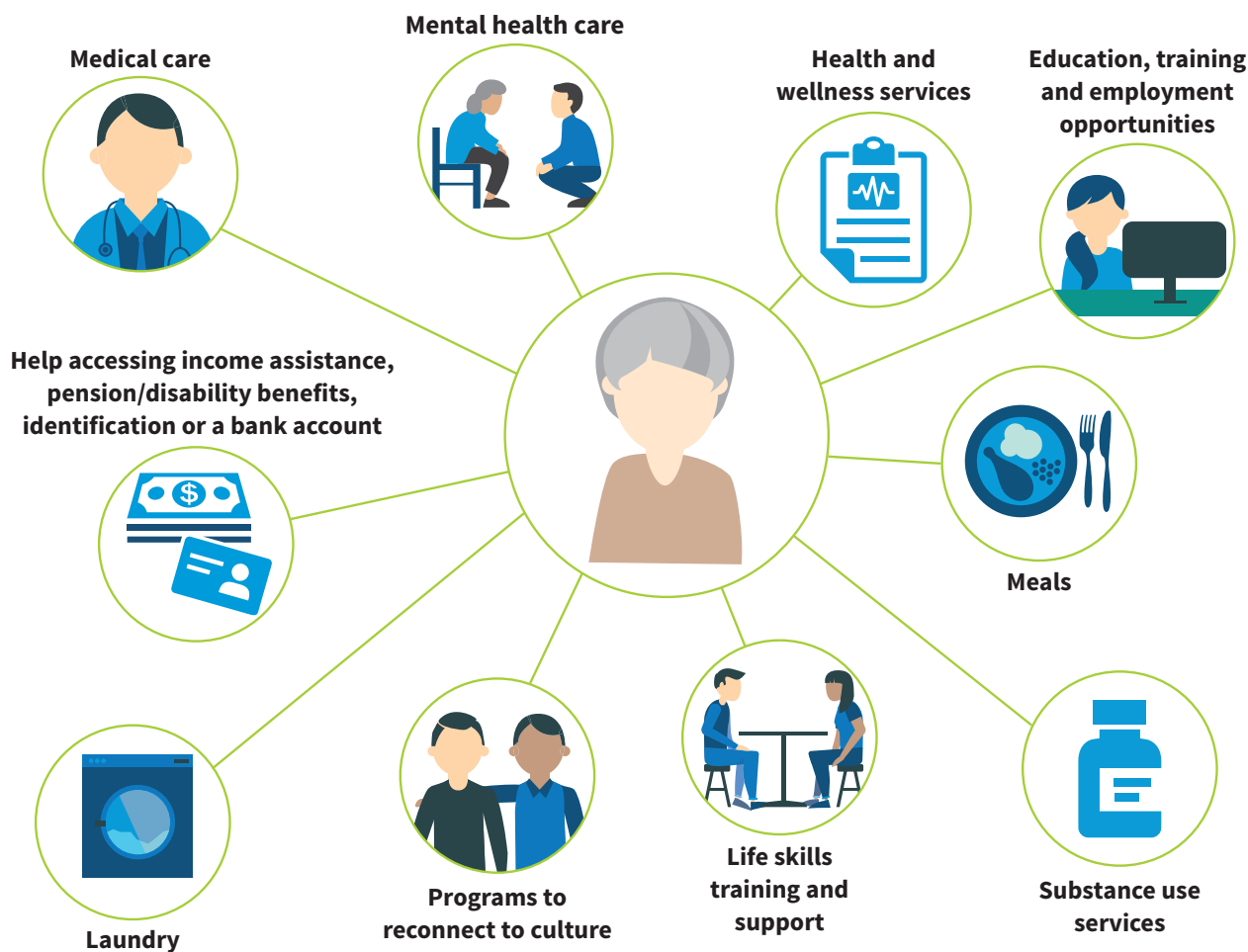
When there are supportive homes in a community, it means there are fewer people outside struggling to survive. When a person chooses to live in supportive housing, they:

- have a warm, safe place to call home
- can access the necessities of life such as food, washrooms and laundry
- can begin to heal from the damage caused by living outside
- strengthen community connections

Supportive Housing: A vital connection to programs and services

Supportive housing programs are managed by non-profit housing operators that bring professional building management experience and expertise providing customized supports tailored to meet the unique needs of each resident.

All residents in supportive housing have made a choice to live there, pay rent and are able to access the supports provided by non-profit housing operators, health care professionals and other community-based programs.



To learn more about the Community Benefits of Supportive Housing, visit:

www.bchousing.org/research-centre/library/community-acceptance-series-and-toolkits/community-benefits-supportive



Lu'ma Native Housing Society

If approved, this building would be managed by Lu'ma Native Housing Society, an established non-profit housing provider that owns and manages more than 550 affordable homes in Vancouver.

Visit letstalkhousingbc.ca/vancouver-renfrew for more information

It takes a community to address homelessness

Homelessness is a complex challenge that needs to be addressed by governments, community groups and people working together.

Recognizing the urgent need for housing, the Province, through BC Housing, the City of Vancouver and the federal government have a signed Memorandum of Understanding confirming their partnership and shared commitment to create more than 300 homes to prevent people from experiencing homelessness.



Providing more homes for people in need

When developing supportive housing on City-owned land, BC Housing and the City of Vancouver have a responsibility to build as many homes as possible to address the critical need for housing in Vancouver.

For this reason, the original proposal for 2930 Renfrew has been updated from a six-storey building with 50 homes to a 12-storey building with 75 homes. The change aligns with the direction in the Vancouver Plan to consider mid-rise buildings (7 to 12 storeys), especially for social and supportive housing, close to rapid transit stations.



Moving forward at 2930 Renfrew Street

BC Housing and the City are committed to moving forward with a housing proposal and a rezoning application to develop this specific site. We invite community feedback on aspects of the proposal, including:

- Site design and building design, and elements such as lighting and landscaping
- Interest in participating in the Community Advisory Committee

A Community Advisory Committee offers the opportunity to work together to facilitate information sharing and dialogue and to build and maintain positive relationships among the community, the building operators and the program partners. Please email the Community Liaison at communityliaison@bchousing.org if you are interested in receiving more information on applying for the Community Advisory Committee.

As with any other development in Vancouver, information about a building's future residents such as their race, gender, level of income, private healthcare needs or sexual orientation does not factor into City Council's decision to approve site use.

Opportunities for community input

The community can provide feedback on this proposed housing by visiting letstalkhousingbc.ca/vancouver-renfrew. The Community Liaison can also be reached at communityliaison@bchousing.org or by calling 604-829-9321 Monday to Friday between 9 am and 4 pm.

Feedback collected during this early engagement period will be considered in the development of a rezoning application. Once BC Housing develops and submits a rezoning application, the City of Vancouver will lead another round of community engagement.



Dates in the timeline are approximate and subject to change.

Funding



The B.C. government, the City of Vancouver and CMHC have committed funding towards the development of permanent supportive housing units for people in need in Vancouver. This funding will allow the Province and the City of Vancouver to address the immediate and urgent needs of people experiencing homelessness in Vancouver.



Translated materials available at letstalkhousingbc.ca/vancouver-renfrew
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For information on how to apply to live in a supportive housing building, contact **Orange Hall at 604-648-4270**, or stop by in person Monday and Thursday between 10 am and 4 pm at **297 East Hastings Street, Vancouver**.

