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# Neighbourhood Update

726 Discovery Street, Victoria

Hello Neighbour,

We are writing to share that construction will start on 90 permanent supportive homes at 726 Discovery Street in May. This project is a major part of our effort to address and prevent homelessness in Victoria.

Since we last connected with you directly, we have made design changes so that Discovery Street looks less institutional. These changes will also protect several Garry oak trees on the site. These changes impacted our timelines, but we are now ready to begin construction.

## **Project Background**

The Province originally announced this project in 2021. The City of Victoria approved BC Housing's plan for the Discovery Street site (as part of the larger Douglas Street Redevelopment Plan) in February 2024.

The 8-storey steel frame Discovery Street building will have 90 studio apartments, each with its own private bathroom and kitchenette. There will also be a central kitchen, communal dining area and a private outdoor amenity space.

Supportive housing residents will be single adults (19+) of all genders, including seniors, people with disabilities or any others who need supports to maintain stable housing.

BC Housing has selected Our Place Society to operate the supportive homes and provide services to the residents. Our Place will provide 24/7 staffing, daily meals, life-skills and employment training, and provide access to other health care and community services.

Get full details about this project by visiting [Victoria, Discovery Street - Supportive Housing | Let's Talk Housing BC](#). Learn more about Our Place by visiting [www.ourplacesociety.com](http://www.ourplacesociety.com).

## **Community Updates**

A caring community contributes greatly to the success of supportive housing residents. BC Housing and Our Place are committed to being a good neighbour and keeping lines of communication open as this project moves forward.

When the project is complete, we plan to offer community tours of the new building and introduce the housing staff. We will also share direct contact information with neighbours and address any issues quickly and collaboratively.

## **Questions?**

We welcome questions and comments about this project anytime by email to [communityrelations@bchousing.org](mailto:communityrelations@bchousing.org).

Sincerely,

BC Housing