

# Proposed Supportive Housing for Smithers

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BC Housing works in partnership with the private and nonprofit sectors, provincial health authorities and ministries, other levels of government and community groups to develop a range of housing options.

# Housing Along the Continuum



## **The Rapid Response to Homelessness (RRH) program**

RRH is an immediate response to the growing issue of homelessness across the province. Partnering with non-profit organizations, government authorities and community groups, BC Housing will create new housing units with support services for individuals who are experiencing Homelessness or are At Risk of Homelessness. Over the next three years, 2,000 modular units with 24/7 staffing and support services will be allocated.

## 3896 Railway Avenue: Proposed supportive housing for Smithers

**The Town of Smithers** owns the land and has made it available for the proposed supportive housing project.

**BC Housing** would lease the land, construct the modular housing and provide operational funding.

**The Smithers Community Services Association** would operate the housing and provide support services.

## Modular Housing Conceptual Rendering



*Please note that these are conceptual renderings only and may be adjusted during the development process.*

# RRH Operational Model

The provider will deliver services, including support services, beneficial to residents at the development. The support services are intended to help residents achieve and maintain stability in housing, enhance access to other community-based supports and services, and strengthen and foster their ability to live more independently. Support services include:



# What is supportive housing?



24/7 staffing and support services



Safe place to sleep



Meals Provided



Hot Showers

Laundry



Social Connection



Accessible for a diverse group



Connect to local community services



Peer and low-barrier employment opportunities



Referral to healthcare and mental health services



Support and care

to assist people in stabilizing and creating plans to move from homelessness to successfully housed.



Outreach worker assists

with income issues and set up apartment viewing and secure housing.



## Who will live in the supportive housing?

- There will be eligibility requirements around income, homelessness, required supports and programming
- A Vulnerability Assessment Tool (VAT) will be used to determine eligibility and help match the available supports to a person's needs.
- Generally, this housing will be for low income individuals over the age of 19 who have a history of homelessness and who need additional support services to maintain housing.
- Residents will be provided support to assist with their successful tenancy, including daily meal services.

# Next steps

- 1** Complete  
December 12  
**First and Second Reading of OCP Bylaw Text Amendment and Zoning Bylaw Amendment**
- 2** We Are Here  
January 8  
**Project Open House**
- 3**  
January 9  
**Public Hearing for Third Reading and Adoption of Amendments**
- 4**  
January/February  
**Development Permit Application**
- 5**  
(Spring 2018 TBD)  
**Building Permit Application**
- 6**  
(Fall 2018 TBD)  
**Occupancy Permit Application**



# Q&A Session