



LOOKOUT EMERGENCY AID SOCIETY
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About Lookout

Lookout Emergency Aid Society, a non-profit charitable organization established in 1971, provides a safety net of housing and support services to low income adult men and women who have few, if any, housing options. The Society currently provides 493 units of supported housing and operates three shelters with a total of 162 beds in Vancouver, New Westminster and North Vancouver. Services are provided by an experienced and skilled team of staff and managers. Lookout is committed to making a difference in the quality of life for men and women who live in poverty.

In 2002, Lookout built the Yukon Housing Centre at Yukon and West 5th Avenue to provide shelter beds, transitional housing and support services for people in the Mount Pleasant area and an alternative for people outside the Downtown Eastside. The Yukon facility includes a 73-bed shelter and 37 studio housing units and houses men and women who are living with a variety of challenges including mental illness and addictions. The Yukon Housing program has been very successful, both in terms of providing housing and support for vulnerable individuals and integrating them with the local community.

Program and Support Services for 188 East 1st Street

Lookout will provide a combination of housing and support services at 188 East 1st Street. Tenants will be selected through a referral system set up by BC Housing, Vancouver Coastal Health and Lookout. Priority will be given to individuals living in the Mount Pleasant area and Downtown Eastside who are homeless, at risk of homelessness and may be living with mental illness and/or addictions. The intent is to provide these single men and women with safe, secure housing that they can be proud to call home and where they can continue to rebuild their lives. Features of the proposed development include:

- Approximately 100 studio units including 6 accessible units;
- Two retail/commercial spaces on Main Street;
- Underground parking and storage facilities;
- A secured entrance lobby, amenity space (lounge/activity area, kitchen, exercise space, library, tenant office) and staff office/counselling space on the ground level;
- A mezzanine area with laundry, storage, offices and a smaller lounge area for group meetings;
- A secured landscaped internal courtyard at the ground level, large second floor patio for tenant gardening and roof top amenity space; and
- A building security access system.

A variety of supports will be provided by trained staff to tenants of 188 East 1st Street including:

- On-site life skills programs such as community kitchens, managing and budgeting money, well-being skills including self-care skills such as exercise, diet and housekeeping, planning nutritious meals, learning shopping and cooking skills, building social skills and the provision of a variety of tasty, nutritional meals;
- Links to community resources such as health services, housing supports (e.g. homemakers or meals on wheels), education and training and volunteer programs; and
- Staff on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

As with Lookout's other residential communities, the goal is to create a setting that supports residents' efforts to achieve and maintain greater stability and independence and to live more productive lives.

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