

## Ensuring people have a place to call home

Vancouver is in a housing crisis and homeless residents have been hardest hit. Over 2,000 people across the City of Vancouver said they were homeless for the 2017 Homeless Count. People are living outside with nowhere to sleep, use the washroom, or get regular food and water. Men, women, seniors and youth are suffering both physically and mentally.

The City is taking bold action to address this immediate and urgent need with temporary modular housing, a quick-to-construct temporary building that will help homeless people off the street and into homes while more permanent housing is being built.

## Temporary Modular Housing at West 59<sup>th</sup> and Heather Street

Two temporary modular buildings are planned for West 59<sup>th</sup> and Heather Street.

- Each building will be three storeys and have 39 single studios.
- 7 studios in each building will be wheelchair accessible.
- All units will be self-contained dwellings with private bathrooms and kitchens.

Our priorities for the buildings are people who are unsheltered or living in shelters, people who are 45 years and older, persons with disabilities and homeless people living in the local neighbourhood. Residents will be carefully selected by BC Housing, Community Builders and the City making sure this housing is the right fit for individuals. The temporary buildings will provide much-needed housing for up to 10 years while more permanent housing is built. Temporary Modular Housing is an important option in providing homeless residents with access to safe, secure homes.



## Managing Housing Safely and Responsibly

- Applications for Temporary Modular Housing are processed through the BC Housing Supportive Housing Registry. To apply visit; [vancouver.ca/temporarymodularhousing](https://vancouver.ca/temporarymodularhousing)
- Residents will be selected by staff from BC Housing, City of Vancouver outreach team and the housing Operator
- The two buildings planned for West 59th and Heather Street will be operated and managed by Community Builders Group
- All residents will have access to health and support services



## Community Builders Group

- Professional, non-profit housing operator
- 15 years of experience in Vancouver
- Specialize in supports for persons with a variety of needs
- Community Builders will manage the building:
  - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week



## Share your feedback:

- The City will hold community events and meetings to identify priorities and listen to feedback
- A Community Liaison is available to respond to queries and concerns leading up to and during construction until residents move in
- Community Builders, an experienced housing operator, will establish a Community Advisory Committee to ensure open and ongoing dialogue with the community

## Share your comments with the project team:

- Contact the Community Liaison at: **604 829-9321**
- Send an email to [housing@vancouver.ca](mailto:housing@vancouver.ca)
- Up-to-date information will also be posted to the City's website at: [vancouver.ca/temporarymodularhousing](https://vancouver.ca/temporarymodularhousing)