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Dear Mayor and Council,

The City has identified another potential site for the use of temporary modular housing at 215 W 1st Ave, just east of the Cambie bridge. This site would accommodate approximately 50 new homes for people experiencing homelessness in Vancouver. With the consideration of this site, over 550 new homes on nine sites are in various stages of development, with 156 homes already tenanted.

The site will be subject to a development permit application process and staff have begun connecting with local residents, businesses, schools and key community groups. Staff are working together with Sole Foods who use a portion of the site at 215 W 1st Ave. The City will also hold community information sessions in mid-July to share details on the proposed project. More information will be delivered to residents in the immediate neighbourhood early next week; the fact sheet that will be delivered is attached here for reference.

Please note that an announcement regarding this site is planned for last next week. We request that you defer any proactive public communication regarding this site pending the announcement.

Below you can find the current status of the nine sites of temporary modular housing in Vancouver:

Approved temporary modular housing sites include:

- 7430 and 7460 Heather Street (78 homes built and tenanted)
- 1131 Franklin Street (39 homes built and tenanted)
- 525 Powell (39 homes built and tenanted)
- 4480 Kaslo Street (52 homes under construction)
- 2132 Ash Street (formerly 595 and 599 West 2nd Avenue) (52 homes under construction)
- Little Mountain (46 homes approved, construction starting Monday)

Temporary modular housing sites at development permit stage include:

- 688 Cambie Street (approximately 100 homes, development permit application has been submitted to the City)
- 4949 Heather Street (approximately 100 homes, development permit application has been submitted to the City)
- 215 West 1st Avenue (approximately 50 homes, pre-development permit application)

Please let us know if you have any questions or need any further information.

Many thanks,
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TEMPORARY MODULAR HOUSING

Supportive housing for homeless residents

Vancouver is in a housing crisis and over 2,000 people across the city of Vancouver are experiencing homelessness. Men, women, seniors and youth are suffering both physically and mentally. Creating safe, warm housing for homeless people in our community continues to be a top priority for the City of Vancouver.

In September 2017, the B.C. government committed \$66 million towards the development of 600 new units of temporary modular housing in Vancouver. This funding will allow the City and the Province to address the immediate and urgent needs of homeless residents in Vancouver while more permanent housing is being planned and developed. Temporary modular homes will be located on vacant and underused sites across the city.

The lot at 215 West 1st Avenue is being considered as a site for temporary modular housing:

- The site is expected to have one temporary modular housing building. The building would be three storeys and contain approximately 50 studio homes, primarily for single occupancy.
- All units would be self-contained dwellings with a private bathroom and kitchen.
- At least 10% of the homes would be wheelchair accessible.

BC Housing would select an experienced non-profit housing operator to manage the building and its operations, and provide support to the residents.



The City and its partners are committed to moving forward with this specific site location. We are seeking community feedback on the following aspects of the project:

- Building and site design elements, such as lighting, pathways, landscaping and parking
- Elements of the draft Operations Management Plan, such as staffing
- Local representation for the Community Advisory Committee
- Ideas for how to support and integrate the new residents into the neighbourhood

Community feedback on this housing proposal can be provided by emailing housing@vancouver.ca. Please note that all feedback will be reviewed and considered in the approval process; however, the City will not provide a reply to all submissions.

Southeast False Creek Plan

This parcel is part of the Southeast False Creek Official Development Plan. The City and its partners acknowledge the community's contributions to this plan and the commitment to provide permanent affordable housing on the site. Temporary modular housing would not delay or impact delivery of any permanent housing. Details of the Southeast False Creek Plan can be viewed at:

vancouver.ca/home-property-development/southeast-false-creek.aspx

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The Process for Tenants

- BC Housing, the owner securing non-profit housing operators to manage the buildings, oversees the tenancing process for the sites. For information on tenant applications, contact the Orange Hall at 604-648-4270, or stop by in person at 297 East Hastings Street, Vancouver.
- Tenants would pay rent.
- All tenants would have customized supports based on their needs, which may include: healthcare, social services and/or other tailored services. The services provided to tenants vary from building to building. Some services are provided by on-site staff, and some services are delivered by support agencies through outreach programs.
- Other programs may include life-skills training, employment preparation and access to educational opportunities.
- Tenants would be given opportunities for volunteer work, connections to community groups and opportunities for social events.

How you can learn more

- The City and its partners will hold a community information session near the site to listen to feedback – specific date and location details to come.
- A Community Liaison is available to respond to questions leading up to and during construction until residents move in.
- An experienced housing operator would establish a Community Advisory Committee to ensure open and ongoing dialogue with the community

Managing Housing Safely and Responsibly

The City, BC Housing and the non-profit operator are committed to ensuring each building would be managed safely and responsibly, and integrate well into the existing neighbourhood.

The buildings would have an Operations Management Plan (OMP) that describes how the housing would be managed.

Tenants would be selected through a process that ensures tenants' needs are well matched to the levels of services provided in each building.

The housing operator would establish a Community Advisory Committee to ensure open and ongoing dialogue with the community once the buildings are open.

The temporary buildings would provide much-needed housing for approximately three to five years, while more permanent housing is built.

Share your comments with the project team:

- Send an email to housing@vancouver.ca
- Contact the Community Liaison at: **604-829-9321**
- Information will also be posted to the City's website at: vancouver.ca/temporarymodularhousing

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