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Dear Mayor and Council,

Following your vote last night on the rezoning of 1406-1410 East King Edward, I am writing to inform you that the City will be issuing the below news release today at approximately 11 AM. There will be corresponding social media posts across our channels to amplify this work as well.

Best,
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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

City of Vancouver
News release
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Rezoning for more than 100 new homes with supports in Vancouver approved by Council

Following a public hearing that began on Tuesday, June 14, during which Council heard feedback from the public, the plan for a new development at 1406-1410 East King Edward Ave reached an important milestone with Council's approval of the rezoning application.

The City, provincial and federal governments are taking collective action to address the critical needs of thousands of people experiencing or at risk of homelessness in Vancouver, as well as those seeking affordable housing. The creation of new permanent supportive housing will provide hundreds of residents with safe, secure and affordable homes with onsite support services.

This is the first of five City-owned sites that support an MOU, signed in August 2020 by the City of Vancouver, CMHC and BC Housing to deliver a minimum of 300 permanent supportive homes using modular construction. This building will include 109 studio homes – all units have their own private bathroom and kitchen and 5 per cent of the homes will be fully accessible.

Vancouver Native Housing Society (VNHS) and Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society (VAFCS) have been selected as the non-profit operators of the building to deliver 24/7 support services to residents and manage the building.

“As a City of Reconciliation, we are committed to working with xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam Indian Band), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish Nation), səliłwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation), and urban Indigenous communities. The approval of these 109 new homes for Indigenous people, run by Indigenous people, will help give people safety, security, and a place of their own to call home,” said Mayor Kennedy Stewart. “What’s more, wrap-around services will support those living with challenges to walk a path towards healthier, more fulfilled lives.”

“Vancouver Native Housing Society (VNHS) is excited to partner with the Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society (VAFCS), BC Housing and the City of Vancouver to operate supportive and affordable units for low-income residents, specifically prioritizing Indigenous women, 2 Spirit, LGBTQ+ and Elders,” said Richard George, Board President, Vancouver Native Housing Society. “VNHS has over 30 years of experience in operating and providing safe, secure and accessible housing for Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples across Vancouver. VNHS and VAFCS look forward to joining the neighbourhood and strengthening the community while addressing a much-needed demand for affordable housing in Vancouver.”

“The Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society (VAFCS) is pleased to partner with the Vancouver Native Housing Society (VNHS) to provide on and off-site supportive services to the future residents of 1406 King Edward. VAFCS has been providing services, resources, programs and community spaces for Vancouver's urban Indigenous community for over 60 years,” said Susan Tatoosh, Executive Director, Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Center. “VAFCS is dedicated to meeting the diverse needs of urban Indigenous peoples in Vancouver by providing health, wellness, welfare, social services, human rights, culture, education, and recreational services and programs to all Indigenous peoples.”

“This is one of four significant buildings funded by the Province for Vancouver to respond to the city’s ongoing homeless crisis that we’re awaiting approval, so I thank Vancouver City Council for approving the rezoning proposal for this important development and look forward to the remaining approvals,” said David Eby, Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing. “I encourage city council to continue their work to ensure all rental, affordable and supportive housing development approvals are done with the urgency the housing crisis demands. By working together, the Province and the City can deliver the housing our communities are demanding.”

With the site rezoning now approved, the project will proceed with a development permit application. BC Housing and the federal government will provide the capital funding for the development, BC Housing will provide operational funding, and construction on the project is anticipated to start in Q2 of 2023.

The homes would serve low-income residents, including families, singles, people with disabilities and seniors.

This application was considered under the [Kensington-Cedar Cottage Community Vision](#).

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