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Subject: Upcoming News Release: City of Vancouver celebrates opening of affordable housing project, Dogwood Gardens

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to inform you that the City will be issuing the below news release on the opening of Dogwood Gardens, as part of the Cambie Gardens development. This new affordable housing project will provide 138 homes and will be operated by S.U.C.C.E.S.S. and Tikva. The project was developed through the City's inclusionary housing policy, which requires developers to provide social housing to the City through large redevelopment projects.

This release includes a quote from the Mayor and will be issued at approximately 11 AM on January 10. Please keep this release embargoed until you have seen the release go out to media through the City media account. Corresponding social media posts are also planned, feel free to re-share and amplify via your accounts.

On January 10, the operators of the new affordable housing development are also hosting an event at which the Mayor will speak.

Best,
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City of Vancouver celebrates opening of affordable housing project, Dogwood Gardens

The City of Vancouver is partnering with [S.U.C.C.E.S.S.](#) and [Tikva](#) to provide 138 new affordable homes at Dogwood Gardens, located at 603 West 59th Ave as part of the Cambie Gardens development. The project was developed through the City's inclusionary housing policy, which requires developers to provide social housing to the City through large redevelopment projects. S.U.C.C.E.S.S. and Tikva will co-manage the housing. The development will also include an amenity space, children's play area, parking and storage.

"We're thrilled to celebrate the opening of Dogwood Gardens. The City of Vancouver is committed to delivering much-needed quality housing while developing collaborative relationships with community partners. We applaud the work of S.U.C.C.E.S.S. and Tikva who have helped expand options for culturally appropriate housing across our city," said Mayor Ken Sim.

To meet the needs of our growing population and ensure our city remains vibrant and diverse, it's important to have affordable and varied supply of housing. Dogwood Gardens is one of the many projects the City has fast-tracked to reduce Vancouver's housing affordability gap and to provide a strong foundation for the future of Vancouver.

The City of Vancouver is committed to delivering quality affordable housing and developing collaborative relationships with community partners who manage them. The Dogwood Gardens project is part of delivering on this work and delivering much needed housing spaces.

Quick facts:

- Of the 138 new homes, **there are 34 studio units, 35 one-bedroom units, 41 two-bedroom units and 28 three-bedroom units.** There will be a mix of rents, including 14 shelter-rate units.
- 10 units are reserved for people in the province's Supporting Tenants, Enabling Pathways (STEP) program, which helps them transition out of supportive housing, making room for people who are experiencing homelessness or at-risk in those supported homes.
- 55 units will be rented at rates affordable to people who earn up to BC Housing's [Housing Income Limits](#) (HILs).
- 69 units will rent at lower-end-of-market with rents roughly 10 per cent below market rate.
- This is the first of four affordable housing buildings being developed at Cambie Gardens, which will ultimately provide 540 new affordable homes.

"We're proud to be able to help find solutions to the housing affordability crisis in our region through innovative partnerships like this one," said Queenie Choo, CEO of S.U.C.C.E.S.S. "The need in the community has increased exponentially since we began working in affordable housing in 2008. We're thrilled to be able to bring more safe, accessible and affordable homes to Vancouver residents."

"We are excited to partner with S.U.C.C.E.S.S. in the delivery of Dogwood Gardens," said Tikva Executive Director Anat Gogo. "Tikva plays a fundamental role in meeting the unprecedented demand of our community for affordable housing and Tikkun Olam (repairing the world)." Tikva finds housing solutions, primarily for Jewish individuals and families, operating affordable rental housing to a range of low and moderate-income households.

Housing Vancouver is the City of Vancouver's 10-year housing strategy to reduce Vancouver's housing affordability gap and to provide a strong foundation for the future of Vancouver. [Learn more about the strategy here.](#)

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