

TEMPORARY MODULAR HOUSING

Ensuring people have a place to call home

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 residents continues to be a top priority for the City of Vancouver.

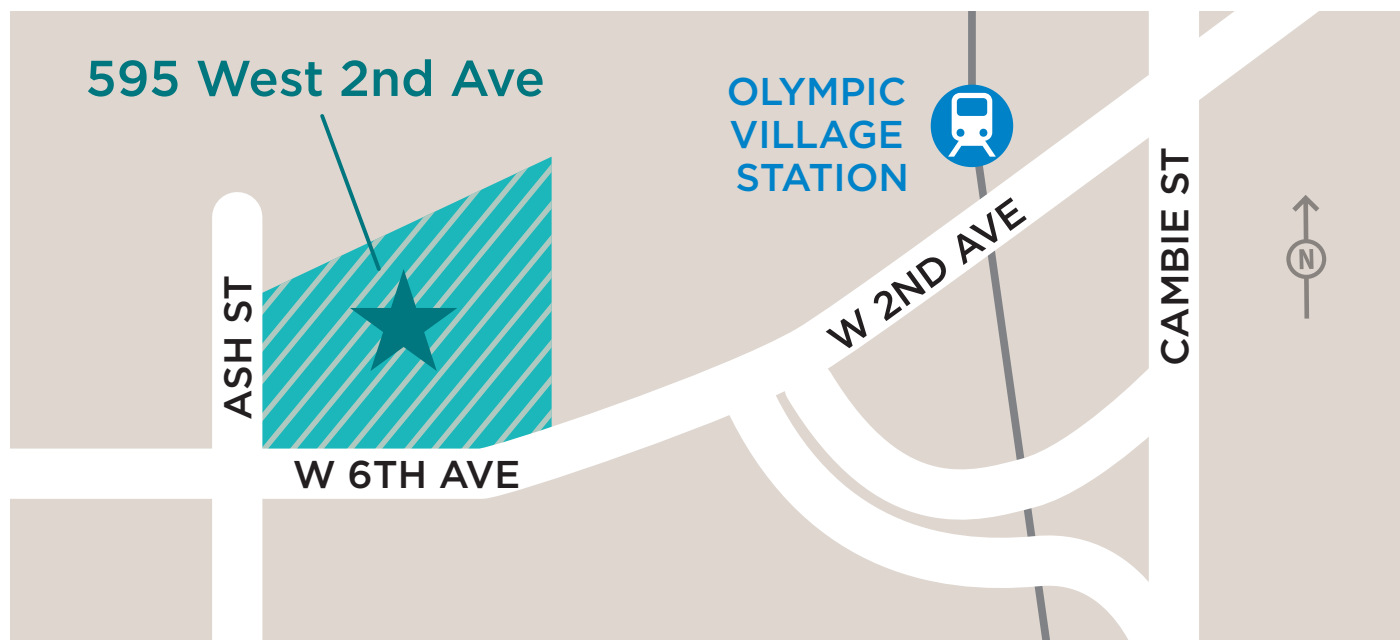
This September, the B.C. government committed \$66 million towards the development of 600 new units of temporary modular housing in Vancouver, which will allow the City and the Province to address the immediate and urgent needs of homeless residents in Vancouver while more permanent housing is being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

The lot at 595 West 2nd 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 single studio homes
- 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

This housing proposal is being developed in coordination with the False Creek South Neighbourhood Planning Program.

Community feedback on this housing proposal can be provided by emailing housing@vancouver.ca.



Housing Program

- Applications for Temporary Modular Housing are processed through the BC Housing Supportive Housing Registry. To apply visit: **bchousing.org**
- All tenants would have support to attend or receive health services
- Tenants would pay rent
- Tenants would be given opportunities for volunteer work, connections to community groups and opportunities for social events
- 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

Managing Housing Safely and Responsibly

The building would be staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by an experienced non-profit housing operator. The City, BC Housing and the non-profit operator are committed to ensuring the building would be managed safely and responsibly.

The building 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 the building.

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

The temporary building would provide much-needed housing for up to five years with the possibility to extend another five years, while more permanent housing is built.

How you can learn more

- The City and its partners will hold community 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

Share your comments with the project team:

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

