

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 actions to address this immediate and urgent need with Temporary Modular Housing. These buildings will help homeless people off the street and into homes while more permanent housing is being built.

In September the B.C. government committed \$66 million to build 600 units of Temporary Modular Housing in Vancouver.

1115, 1131 and 1141 Franklin Street proposed concept for Temporary Modular Housing:

- The site would have one temporary modular building.
- The building would be three storeys and have between 38-52 single studios.
- At least 10% of the homes would be wheelchair accessible.
- All units would be self-contained dwellings with private bathrooms and kitchens.

The lots at 1115, 1131 and 1141 Franklin Street are industrial sites that require a change to the Regional Context Statement Official Development Plan (RCS ODP) to allow the sites to be used for temporary modular housing. Council will vote on this change at a public hearing on December 6.

City outreach staff and BC Housing continue to work with members of an encampment on this site to find suitable shelter and housing options.

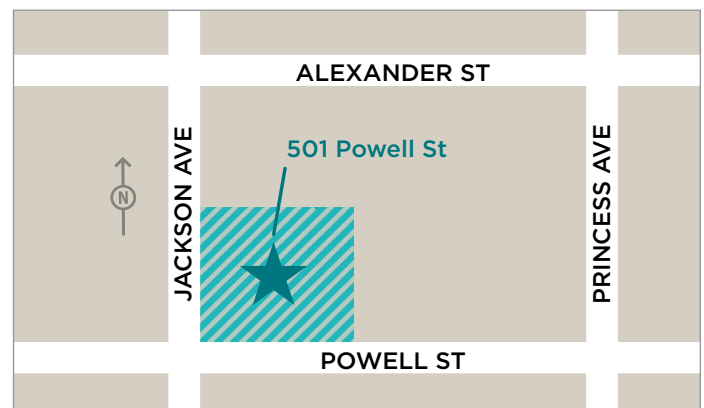


501 Powell Street proposed concept for Temporary Modular Housing:

- The site would have one temporary modular building.
- The building would be three storeys and have between 38-52 single studios.
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- All units would be self-contained dwellings with private bathrooms and kitchens.

The site at 501 Powell Street will be subject to a development permit application process. City staff are working with coordinators of community farm and a weekly market that takes place at 501 Powell Street to find ways for these to continue to operate in the neighbourhood and alongside the new housing.

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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
- All residents will have support to attend or receive health services.
- The building would be staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Tenants would pay rent.
- Residents will 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, volunteer work, employment preparation and access to educational opportunities.

How you can learn more

- 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
- 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
- Up-to-date information will also be posted to the City's website at: vancouver.ca/temporarymodularhousing

