## TEMPORARY MODULAR HOUSING

#### Supportive housing for people experiencing homelessness

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

The B.C. government has committed funding towards the development of temporary modular housing across the province. This funding will allow the City and the Province to address the immediate and urgent needs of people experiencing homelessness 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 lots at 2303 - 2355 Vanness Avenue are 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 adults.
- 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 support residents and manage the building and its operations.



Exact location within the marked area above is yet to be determined.

## The City and its partners are committed to moving forward with this specific site. 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
- Local representation for the Community Advisory Committee
- Ideas for how to support and integrate the new residents into the neighbourhood

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

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#### The Process for Tenants

- As the building owner, BC Housing secures an experienced non-profit housing operator to manage the building and oversees the tenanting process. For information on tenant applications, contact 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.

#### Managing Housing Safely and Responsibly

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

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 project partners would establish a Community Advisory Committee - which would then be managed by the experienced non-profit housing operator - to ensure open and ongoing dialogue with the community once the building is open.

The temporary building would provide muchneeded housing for approximately three to five years, while more permanent housing is built.

### 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 non-profit housing operator would manage a Community Advisory Committee – established by the project partners – to ensure open and ongoing dialogue with the community.

## 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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