

TEMPORARY MODULAR HOUSING

Supportive housing for homeless residents

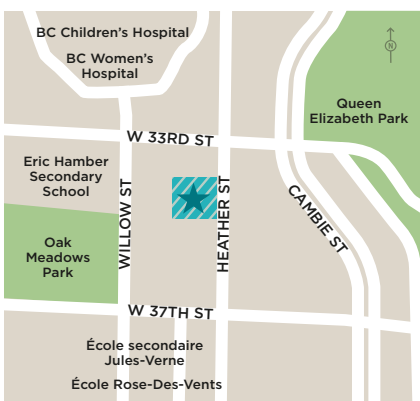
Vancouver is in a housing crisis and over 2,000 people across the city of Vancouver are experiencing homelessness. Men, women, seniors and youth are suffering both physically and mentally. Creating safe, warm housing for homeless people in our community continues to be a top priority for the City of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

In September 2017, the B.C. government committed \$66 million towards the development of 600 temporary modular homes in Vancouver. This funding 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 planned and developed. The City and the Province are more than two-thirds towards the creation of 600 temporary modular homes in Vancouver. Approximately 400 homes on seven different sites are in various stages of the development process, with 156 homes already tenanted. A new proposed site at 4949 Heather Street would be the eighth site as part of the project, bringing the total to approximately 500 temporary modular homes.

4949 Heather Street is being considered as a site for temporary modular housing:

The new proposed homes at 4949 Heather Street would see people experiencing homelessness placed directly into housing with 24/7 on-site support services.

- The site is proposed to have two temporary modular housing buildings. Each building would be three storeys and contain approximately 50 studio homes, for a total of approximately 100 units.
- All homes 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 buildings and provide support to the residents.

The City, BC Housing and Vancouver Coastal Health are committed to moving forward with this specific site location.

We are seeking community feedback on the following aspects of the project at our upcoming community information sessions on June 25 and 26:

- Building and site design elements, such as lighting, pathways, landscaping and parking
- Elements of the draft Operations Management Plan, such as staffing
- Local representation for the Community Advisory Committee
- Ideas for how to support and integrate the new residents into the neighbourhood

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

Heather Lands

The proposed temporary modular housing is separate from the upcoming rezoning and permanent development of the Heather Lands site.

On May 15, City Council approved the Heather Lands Policy Statement for the 21-acre site to become a sustainable new mixed-use neighbourhood with housing for all income levels. The Policy Statement is the guide for future redevelopment of the Heather Lands and establishes the principles and objectives for reconciliation, land use, density, building types and heights, transportation, sustainability and public amenities.

The approved policy statement acknowledges that temporary uses such as modular housing, artist studios, farmers markets, sales centres, and community gardens may be accommodated to make efficient use of land and activate sites prior to redevelopment or during the construction phase. Formerly known as the RCMP Fairmont Lands, the site is jointly owned by the Musqueam Indian Band, Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation (MST Nations) and Canada Lands Company (CLC).

More information: vancouver.ca/heatherlands

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The Process for Tenants

- BC Housing, the owner securing non-profit housing operators to manage the buildings, oversees the tenancing process for the sites. For information on tenant applications, contact the Orange Hall at 604-648-4270, or stop by in person at 297 East Hastings Street, Vancouver.
- 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.
- Tenants would pay rent.

Managing Housing Safely and Responsibly

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

The buildings 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 each building.

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

The temporary buildings would provide much-needed 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 community information sessions on June 25 and 26 near the site to listen to feedback – check vancouver.ca/temporarymodularhousing after June 15 for more specific details.
- A Community Liaison is available to respond to questions leading up to and during construction until residents move in.
- An experienced housing operator would establish a Community Advisory Committee to ensure open and ongoing dialogue with the community

Community Information Sessions:

Date: June 25 & 26

More info at:

vancouver.ca/temporarymodularhousing

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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