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Operations Management Plan for Supportive Housing at 2091 West 8th Avenue

Overview

BC Housing and the City of Vancouver have partnered to build 129 new homes with a mix of affordable rental housing and homes with supports at 2091 West 8th Avenue. MPA Society has been selected by BC Housing to manage the building and operate the portion of homes with supports which are currently anticipated to open in early 2026.

About MPA Society

Originally founded in a Kitsilano storefront in 1971, MPA Society has a proud 50-year history of providing individualized support services, supportive housing, and recreational support to people living throughout the Lower Mainland of BC.

MPA provides a full continuum of Supportive Housing services and housing options for people who have experienced homelessness, mental illness, and/or substance use issues in both Vancouver Coastal and Fraser Health regions. Our programs include the MPA Resource Centre in Kitsilano, the Kitsilano Homeless Outreach Program, the Temporary Modular Housing (TMH) in downtown Vancouver, SRO Hotel Outreach Services, Licensed Housing, Mental Health in Assisted Living, Supported Housing, and Supported Independent Living (SIL) Program for members living in community. MPA employs over 400 staff and serves over 1400 members across 10 municipalities, including six programs in Kitsilano.

Support Services Program

Key supports that will be provided to the supportive housing residents include:

- Daily meals
- Laundry services
- Access to primary care services
- Harm reduction support and connections to substance use support programs
- Assistance with taking care of their apartment
- Outreach services to medical and other key appointments
- Peer employment opportunities
- In-house tax clinics and financial assistance

- A variety of social and recreational programs, including Indigenous cultural programming, gardening workshops, social events and more A variety of social and recreational programs which include: Indigenous cultural programming, gardening workshops, social events, and more

Selecting Residents for the Homes with Support Services

The homes with supports at 2091 West 8th will provide safe and secure housing for people who have experienced or/are at-risk of homelessness, or are precariously housed. MPA Society will work with BC Housing and the City of Vancouver via the Coordinated Access and Assessment (CAA) program to ensure the supports offered to residents will meet their needs, help them recover from the trauma of experiencing homelessness, and support their health and well-being.

Staffing

Staffing supports for the program will include trained mental health workers available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, an on-site manager, outreach workers and cultural programming staff.

In addition, we provide 24/7 on-call support to our staff and residents.

Community Relations

MPA has always been committed to not only being in the community but being of the community.

MPA's community commitment includes:

- Proactive outreach to community stakeholders
- Cleaning and maintaining the property and surrounding areas through our peer clean-up program
- Keeping lines of communication open by sharing a 24/7 contact phone number with neighbours
- Being responsive in the event of any concerns that may arise related to building operations
- Establishing a Community Advisory Committee comprised of neighbours and community stakeholders

The primary contact for MPA Society, responsible for addressing any issues related to the ongoing management of this building, will be determined once the building is ready to be operational. In the meantime, the main contact person for the project is:

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