**ON TABLE** City Council Meeting January 8, 2024 re: Item 4.1



# **New Westminster Hub**

Presentation to City of New Westminster Council

January 8, 2024





#### VISION:

Fraserside is inspired to create communities of belonging where the diversity of all people is welcome.

MISSION:

Fraserside supports people needing housing, seeking work, and/or living with developmental disabilities, mental health, or substance use issues, or low income. Our focus is New Westminster and neighbouring communities.



### **The Beginning**



- Founded in 1972
- Founded to overcome:
  - Isolation
  - Poverty
  - Alienation
- Founded on the conviction that New West was a community that cared for its residents.





### **OUR SERVICES AND PARTNERS**

## Mental Health & Counselling

632 persons served51 residents391 received counselling90% improvement in self-worth

#### Community Living

107 persons served 41 home share stays 65% success rate supported employment

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#### Social Housing

183 persons served
87 Homeless persons housed
27 living in low-income housing
25 families received emergency shelter
43% moved into independent housing

### Community

Community Living British Columbia

Fraser Health

BC Housing

BC Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

#### Summary

20 Programs 14 Locations 6 Communities 229 Employees





### **Fraserside Community Services Society**

- The provider of support service to help create an inclusive and diverse community.
- Fraserside provides homes and support services to the New Westminster community.
- Our New Westminster based programs:
  - Perspectives
  - Peace
  - Horizons
  - Family Emergency Shelter

- Hunter
- HeightsIbsen
- New Leaf
- Fraserworks
   Coop
  - Home Share





"...have a warm, safe place to call home. can access the necessities of life such as food, washrooms, and laundry. can begin to heal from the damage caused by living outside. strengthen community connections." *City of Vancouver* 

"Homelessness is a complex challenge that is being addressed by governments, community groups and people working together. Recognizing the urgent need for housing,"

# News headlines

"Emphasizing longer-term transitional and permanent supportive housing, these initiatives create a housing continuum which enables the homeless to achieve independence and self-sufficiency. " *City of New Westminster*  "Taking collective action to address the critical needs of people experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness in Vancouver."

Fraserside is committed to being a positive catalyst for change.





# The Hub







### **Checking the Boxes for the needs of the Community**

Extending housing services to a broader group of tenants **M** Expanding programming and services including community inclusion programs and other social services.







# The Hub

Development of partnerships with funders, non-profits and private developers, faith groups, property owners, federal and local governments, and Indigenous partners is essential to the success of the Hub.

Rental Protection Fund: we qualified for Phase 1!

Together we can all make a difference and turn the Concept into a reality.







#### **Fraserside Welcomes You**









# Thank you

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