

Attachment #2

Project Partner Material

350 – 366 Fenton St., New Westminster

Long-Term Affordable Housing for Indigenous Singles and Families

The Project

Vancouver Native Housing Society is working with the City of New Westminster to develop approximately 58 homes for Indigenous individuals and families in New Westminster. The new housing will be up to four storeys with:

- A mix of Studio, One and Two Bedroom apartments for a total of 58 affordable rental units offered at rents geared to tenant incomes.
- Energy-efficient construction.
- Culturally-appropriate housing to meet the needs of Metro Vancouver's growing urban indigenous communities.
- 20% of units will be fully accessible.

Supporting Our Urban Indigenous Community

This project is an important opportunity to fill the need for Indigenous Housing in Metro Vancouver. Vancouver Native Housing Society is committed to creating space for urban Indigenous People to practice, honour and celebrate their cultures. The building's architecture, design and landscaping will incorporate Indigenous art, native plants and other Indigenous elements.

About Vancouver Native Housing Society

Vancouver Native Housing Society is a registered charity and non-profit society who is dedicated to providing safe, secure and affordable housing for Indigenous and non-Indigenous individuals and families living in the urban setting. VNHS is proudly governed by an all Indigenous Board of Directors.

This is a proposed project that has not yet been approved by the City of New Westminster and is still submit to Federal approval processes.



68 Sixth Street, New Westminster

Supportive Housing



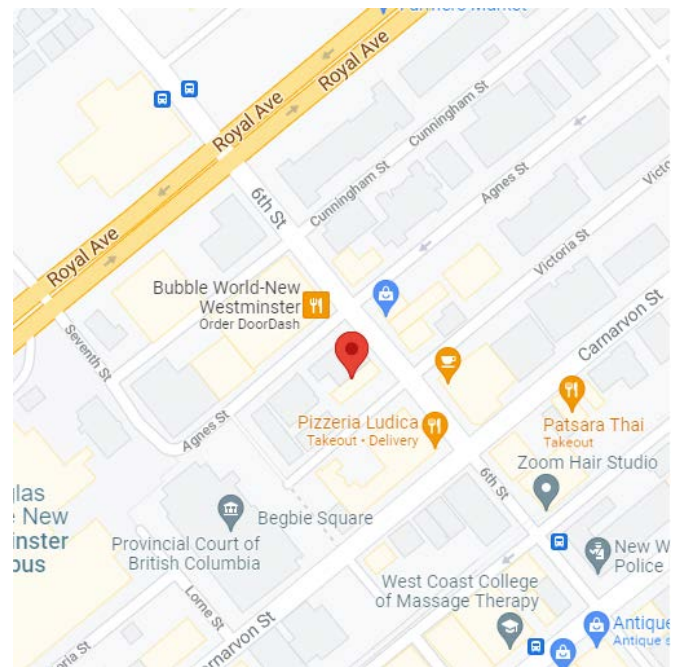
The Project

BC Housing is working with the City of New Westminster to develop approximately 52 new modular homes with supports for adults at **68 Sixth Street**. These proposed new homes will offer safe and secure housing to community members experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Supports would depend on the needs of residents but may include:

- On-site family support workers
- Life skills training
- Employment assistance
- Connection and referral to community services and support groups.

Why does New Westminster Need Supportive Housing?

The number of people experiencing homelessness across the region is rising. Social service providers report more people at risk of homelessness and higher wait lists for social and non-market housing.



Sixth Street Supportive Housing

This modular housing would have self-contained studio homes with various support services provided on-site, to ensure people can achieve and maintain housing stability.

Who would live here?

Adults who apply to live here would need to meet eligibility requirements around income, homelessness and required supports and programming. Priority would be given to residents of New Westminster. BC Housing and the operator would work with local service providers to determine the criteria and select residents. All new residents would pay rent and sign an agreement and good neighbour agreement.

Community safety

We are committed to building a safe community both inside and outside the housing with:

Experience: BC Housing and the operator have extensive experience providing services and housing to people experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness across the region.

Staffing: Operator staff would be on-site 24/7 to support residents, manage the building, and be available to respond directly to any related questions that arise, in a timely manner.

Resident Mix: Residents are selected through a thoughtful and thorough assessment process. Every resident is considered on an individual basis to ensure that the housing and services provided by the program match the supports they need.

Property Maintenance: Regular cleanups of property and immediate area would ensure cleanliness.

Design Features: There will be security features in place that will benefit residents and neighbours alike such as a single point of entry, well-lit and fenced grounds, landscaping, and outdoor space

Good Neighbours: Residents would sign an agreement and a good neighbour agreement.

Community Advisory Committee: A Community Advisory Committee would be created to support the successful integration of the building into the community, with anticipated representation from BC Housing, the City of New Westminster, non-profit operator, Fraser Health, community policing, and neighbours.

Next steps

As part of the rezoning process, BC Housing and the City of New Westminster will be hosting several community information sessions this fall to share information and answer questions about the project. Once dates are finalized, they will be added to the Let's Talk website and we will also be reaching out to the community.

Partners & Collaborators

- BC Housing, the City and operator will engage with Fraser Health to discuss support services that could potentially be provided at the site.
- An experienced non-profit operator would manage the housing and provide support services to residents.



Contact Us



For more information about the proposed project visit:

<https://letstalkhousingbc.ca/new-westminister-sixth-street>

and

https://www.beheardnewwest.ca/crisis-response-bylaws/news_feed/68-sixth-street

If you have any questions about the proposed supportive housing please email email: communityrelations@bchousing.org