

BC Housing – City of Quesnel

City Council Meeting

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Introduction

Thank you to our partners at the City, and our community housing and homelessness service providers.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we have worked together to keep those we serve safe, with initiatives to help protect providers, tenants, vulnerable people – including people experiencing homelessness – in communities across British Columbia.

Now more than ever we understand the importance of housing – the actions taken to support vulnerable people are helping slow the spread of COVID-19.

As we look towards opening new supportive housing in Quesnel, we have a greater appreciation of the significance that housing has on health and community.

Agreements

Housing Agreement

- Agreement between BC Housing and the City of Quesnel

Good Neighbour Agreement

- Agreement between the City of Quesnel and the Quesnel Shelter & Support Society and other community stakeholders and residents

Elliott Street Supportive Housing

BC Housing and the City of Quesnel are partnering to create supportive housing at 355 Elliot Street, to be operated by Quesnel Shelter and Support Society.

- The housing will contain up to 32 studio homes, a common dining area, commercial kitchen, amenity spaces and programming space.
- Supportive housing is a self-contained studio home with supports provided on-site, to ensure people can achieve and maintain housing stability.
- BC Housing and Quesnel Shelter and Support Society will lead the resident selection process, in collaboration with local service providers.
- A good neighbour committee is in development to support the successful integration of the new building and residents into the community, with representation from, City of Quesnel, RCMP, local businesses, community organizations and community members.
- The housing is anticipated to open in fall 2020.

Carson Avenue Shelter

- The Quesnel Shelter and Support Society will continue to operate the shelter on Carson Avenue; the Society is meeting all of BC Housing's operating requirements.
- A Good Neighbour Agreement exists between the City of Quesnel and the Quesnel Shelter and Support Society; concerns raised by neighbours will be addressed per the process outlined in this Good Neighbour Agreement.
- BC Housing and the City of Quesnel and QSSS will work in partnership to determine the level of shelter services required to meet the needs of the community, following the opening of the Bridges supportive housing on Elliott Street.

Questions/Discussion