

March 6, 2019

Dear Al Radke, Chief Administrative Officer, qathet Regional District,

Subject: Application process for new supportive housing in Powell River

In Fall 2019, 40 new homes with supports will be opening at the intersection of Joyce Avenue and Harvie Avenue in Powell River. The new housing will be operated by PREP Community Programs and Life Cycle Housing Society, as a partnership with BC Housing, through the Province's Rapid Response to Homelessness (RRH) program.

These new homes are for people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness in our community. Residents will be low-income individuals over the age of 19 who need additional supports to maintain housing. Each studio unit will be approximately 210 square feet and will include a private bathroom. There will also be a limited number of wheelchair accessible units in the building. Staff will be on site 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The programming and support services that PREP and LifeCycle are developing for this project will focus on a strengths-based approach. Support staff will engage with residents to develop peer programming and to work on personal goals. There will also be a meal program.

A Coordinated Access & Assessment Table (CAA Table), led by BC Housing, PREP and Life Cycle, in collaboration with a wide range of community housing partners, has been established in Powell River. This CAA Table will coordinate the application and selection process for the first intake of residents, to ensure an appropriate mix for the building.

The following page outlines how to apply for the housing, when the deadline is, and what to expect in the process. Please make sure your staff and anyone else you think needs to know about this application process and deadline is aware of it. FAQs are enclosed.

Sincerely,

Stuart Clark, Executive Director, PREP Community Programs

Vicki Sanzalone, Vice-President, Life Cycle Housing

Powell River Supportive Housing

Joyce Ave at Harvie Ave, Powell River, BC

APPLICATION PROCESS

If you know of anyone who would like to be considered as an applicant for the new housing, please have them submit a BC Housing Supportive Housing Registration (SHR) Service application (available for download at: www.bchousing.org/Options/Supportive_Housing/SHR) to BC Housing by email to shr@bchousing.org or by fax to **604-648-4279**.

Important Application Information:

- Please be sure to indicate that **Powell River** is the community that the individual is currently staying in.
- For question 5, select “Lower Mainland (Outside City of Vancouver)”

Local Application Support

Should anyone require assistance at any stage of this application, they can contact our Homeless Outreach Worker at outreach@prepsociety.org or 604-223-8374.

Application Deadline and Selection Process

The application deadline is **Friday May 1st 2019 at 4:00 PM**. This will allow BC Housing, PREP and Life Cycle staff enough time to review all of the applications, and to begin selecting applicants for interviews. Applications received after May 1st, 2019 will be considered for future vacancies. **Priority will be given to people experiencing homelessness in and around the Powell River Area.**

Questions and More Information

Any questions related to this housing can be directed to Stuart Clark, Executive Director, PREP Community Programs, at stuart@prepsociety.org or 604-485-2004.

Powell River Supportive Housing **Joyce Ave at Harvie Ave, Powell River, BC**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What will the housing be like?

This will be 40 self-contained studio apartments, approximately 210 square feet in size, and will contain a private bathroom with toilet, shower, and sink, as well as a kitchenette. The building will have 24 hour/7 days a week staffing on site to maintain the building, deliver programs, support tenants, and ensure a safe environment within the building.

2. Who can live there?

Residents will be low income individuals in Powell River, over the age of 19, who have a source of income, and whom require supports to maintain housing. Priority will be given to individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

3. Will the building be wheelchair accessible?

Yes. The building will have four wheelchair accessible units. Community spaces in the building will also be wheelchair accessible.

4. When will it be ready?

We estimate that the building will be ready for residents by the Fall 2019.

5. How long can I live there for?

This will be permanent housing and there is no set length of stay. Residents will be under a Program Agreement and will have the support and assistance of staff should they wish to explore and transition onto other housing options.

6. What is the rent, and what other amenities are included?

Rent will be equivalent to the basic income assistance shelter portion amount (currently \$375) and will include all utilities. Residents will have access to:

- laundry facilities
- daily meals
- Internet and TV in common areas
- common space
- bike storage

There will be a medication program available, as well as clinic space in the building for health services. Other programs will be developed in partnership with residents.

7. What will the guest policies be?

Guests will be allowed to visit with residents in the building. Guests will be required to sign into the building and asked to show ID. For guests that do not have ID, building staff can assist with obtaining ID for building visits. A limited number of overnight guests will be permitted at the discretion of program leadership. Residents will be responsible for ensuring that their guests adhere to the expectations outlined in the program agreement.

8. Can I live there with my partner?

Due to the size of each studio apartment, each unit is for single occupancy only. Where possible, couples may be accommodated in the building by being given separate units in close proximity.

9. Can I have pets?

Yes. The building will be pet friendly. Approval of pets will be done on a case by case basis.

10. Will children be allowed in the building?

Minors under the age of 19 will not be able to enter. The building and programming is intended for adult use only.

11. What supports will be available for those who are using substances?

The building programming will be based on a harm reduction approach which includes providing people with safe use options and working with them to identify and connect with desired community supports and/or treatment resources.

12. What other supports will be provided in the building?

The building will have 24/7 staffing. Staff will be on hand to support tenants with their safety, personal goals and health care needs.

13. Who will be operating the building?

The building will be operated by PREP Community Programs in partnership with LifeCycle Housing.

14. How will residents be involved in the building?

There will be peer opportunities available, developed in partnership with residents upon building opening.

15. How can I apply?

Applications can be made through the BC Housing Supportive Housing Registry. Download an application form at www.bchousing.org/Options/Supportive_Housing/SHR Please indicate "Powell River" as the City that you are currently in. Then submit your application:

- By email to: shr@bchousing.org
- By mail to: Orange Hall, 297 East Hastings, Vancouver, BC, V5H 4V8
- By fax to: 604-439-4729 (you only need to fax pages 2, 3 and 4)

For local application coordination and support, please connect with Sean Byrne, Powell River Homeless Outreach Worker at outreach@prepsociety.org or 604-223-8374.