

Ensuring People Have a Place to Call Home

Vancouver is in a housing crisis and over 2,000 people across the city of Vancouver are experiencing homelessness. Men, women, seniors and youth are suffering both physically and mentally. Creating safe, warm housing for homeless residents continues to be a top priority for the City of Vancouver.

In September 2017, the B.C. government committed \$66 million towards the development of 600 new units of temporary modular housing in Vancouver, which will allow the City and the Province to address the immediate and urgent needs of homeless residents in Vancouver while more permanent housing is being created. Temporary modular homes will be located on vacant and underused sites across the city.

It is expected each building will be three storeys and contain approximately 50 single studios. All units will be self-contained dwellings with a private bathroom and kitchen. A minimum of 10 percent of all temporary modular homes in each building will be wheelchair accessible. The buildings will also include amenity space for all tenants to use. Each site will take approximately four months from permit approval to completion.

Each building will be managed by a professional, non-profit housing operator selected by BC Housing.

Temporary modular housing is a quick and effective way to address the urgent needs of the City's most vulnerable residents while more permanent housing is being built. Between fall 2017 and the end of 2018, 1000 new social and supportive housing units will open across Vancouver.

Benefits of Temporary Modular Housing

- Quicker to construct than a traditional building, re-usable and ideal for sites that are vacant while waiting to be developed
- Provides a home within approximately six months
- Is designed to meet the City's building codes
- Reduces waste during manufacturing and installation
- The modules can easily be relocated and configured to fit a range of sites

220 Terminal Avenue: Vancouver's First Temporary Modular Housing Pilot Project

- This building provides affordable housing for 40 people in Vancouver.
- Each home is a minimum of 250 square feet, and includes a bathroom and a kitchen. Four units have been designed to accommodate tenants with accessibility requirements
- The building performs and operates like any other permanent multiple dwelling building, but can be easily relocated and reconfigured in the future.



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