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His Worship Leonard Krog
Mayor, City of Nanaimo
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Email: leonard.krog@nanaimo.ca

Dear Mayor Krog:

Thank you for your correspondence of June 23, 2026, regarding recovery-oriented housing in Nanaimo. Ministry staff have taken the time to review the materials provided and I am pleased to respond.

The Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs (HMA) recognizes the need for a variety of housing settings and the role that they play in responding to the diverse needs of individuals experiencing homelessness. Our focus, through cross-ministry initiatives and our work with local and regional governments, is to create a complete system of care that connects housing, health, and recovery. As part of this, developing a consistent understanding of different housing types and their services and goals across the Province is essential to our efforts in addressing homelessness.

I am pleased to inform you that after considering the information provided by the City of Nanaimo, including the perspectives of local service providers, health professionals, and individuals with lived experience, and in partnership with BC Housing (BCH), HMA is supportive of the operations of 250 Terminal Avenue as a Recovery-Oriented Housing model. In reaching this determination, we considered the existing range of low-barrier housing and shelter options available in Nanaimo, alongside the evidence provided regarding the need for recovery-oriented housing as part of a comprehensive housing continuum. The information submitted demonstrated a need for additional recovery-oriented housing options to support individuals seeking a substance-free living environment and to ensure housing responses reflect the diverse needs of people experiencing homelessness.

It is, however, important to emphasize that Recovery Oriented Housing is a provincial housing program, not a substance use and addictions treatment and recovery program – this site will not be equipped nor intended to provide health services (e.g., detox or addictions treatment).

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Careful consideration during planning will be required to clearly distinguish between the recovery-oriented housing program and any health-funded services. HMA and BCH will work collaboratively with the City of Nanaimo to advance solutions that respond to local needs.

Thank you again for taking the time to write, and we look forward to our ongoing shared efforts to address and prevent homelessness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Boyle', written over the printed name.

Christine Boyle
Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs

cc: The Honourable Sheila Malcomson, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, and MLA for Nanaimo-Gabriola Island
George Anderson, MLA, Nanaimo-Lantzville