

2020 Labieux Road: Temporary Supportive Housing

Addressing Homelessness in Nanaimo

BC Housing in collaboration with the City of Nanaimo is working together to respond to an urgent need for supportive housing for people experiencing homelessness, including those currently residing at the 1 Port Drive encampment downtown.

To address the immediate need, BC Housing is providing approximately 170 units of temporary housing with supports to be ready by the end of November 2018, including:

- Approximately 80 units located in the 200 block of **Terminal Avenue North (Newcastle Place)** to be operated by Island Crisis Care Society (ICCS)
- Approximately 90 units located at **2020 Labieux** to be operated by Pacifica Housing Advisory Association

This is an short-term solution while BC Housing and the City of Nanaimo work together to identify more opportunities for supportive and affordable housing in Nanaimo.

Who would live here?

All applicants must be over the age of 19, need additional support to maintain housing, and be a Nanaimo resident currently experiencing homelessness.

Priority will be given to eligible people residing in the 1 Port Drive encampment.



About 2020 Labieux Road

BC Housing is leasing a portion of **2020 Labieux Road** from the City of Nanaimo to provide 90 units of temporary supportive housing to be operated by Pacifica Housing Advisory Association. Each building is re-purposed housing from mining camps and is being converted into housing for people who are homeless or at risk.

Each resident or couple will have their own secure unit with a bed, chair and closet. Bathrooms and showers will be shared. There will be two types of units: one with a bathroom between two units, and the other with four bathrooms between 36 people. Shared amenity space will include a commercial kitchen, dining room, laundry room, lounges as well as additional storage.



Community safety

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

Experience: Pacifica Housing Advisory Association has 10 years of experience operating in Nanaimo.

Staffing: Staff would be onsite 24/7 to support residents, manage building, be available to respond directly to any related concerns that arise in a timely manner.

Resident Mix: Residents would be selected based on ability of staff to provide right level of support to all.

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

Design Features: Each site will be fenced with a main access point, security systems will be available to monitor the site, site will be lit at night, and there will be a contained outdoor space for smoking.

Agreements: Residents would sign program agreement around expectations.

Community Advisory Committee: Pacifica Housing Advisory Association would develop a Community Advisory Committee to mitigate and address any related concerns that come forward, with representation from BC Housing, local businesses, community organizations and community members.

Security: Security will be onsite for the initial launch to ensure operations run smoothly.

2020 Labieux Renderings

The rendering below show the plans for the 2020 Labieux Road. Some items, such as painting, are weather dependent and may take longer to complete.



Resident Selection Process

BC Housing and Pacifica Housing Advisory Association have collaborated with local service providers on a thoughtful and thorough assessment process to ensure an appropriate mix of residents with the right supports live in this housing.

Every potential resident will be considered on an individual basis to ensure that the housing and services provided by the program match the support services that they need, such as life skills training, employment assistance, and help with accessing a range of social and health care services.

How do I learn more?



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Learn more about the **Community Advisory Committee**.