

Maple Ridge Social Housing Plan

Council Meeting
March 12, 2019



MAPLE RIDGE

British Columbia

Background

- On December 18, 2018, the Mayor on behalf of Council sent a letter to Ministers Beare and D'Eith requesting a meeting with Provincial Ministers and BC Housing.
- On February 25, 2019 the Mayor on behalf of Council and staff met with Provincial Ministers and BC Housing to discuss a cooperative approach to resolving social issues in Maple Ridge and the creation of a new Social Housing Plan.
- On March 4, 2019 Minister Robinson communicated that delivery of the Social Housing Plan was expected by March 8th, 2019.
- On March 5, 2019, Council directed the preparation of a Social Housing Plan for submission to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Existing Housing Services

Existing housing services in Maple Ridge include:

# Beds/Units	Housing Type	Location	Operator
20	Emergency Shelter Bed	Rotating Churches-October through March	Hope for Freedom Society
60	Emergency Shelter Bed	Lougheed Highway	Salvation Army
25	Extreme Weather Response beds	Lougheed Highway	Salvation Army
46	Supportive Housing Units	Brown Avenue	Coast Mental Health
15	Transitional Housing Unit	Lougheed Highway	Salvation Army
53	Supportive Housing Units	Royal Crescent	Coast Mental Health
80+	Scattered Supportive Housing	Unknown	Alouette Addictions and Others

BC Housing Approach

BC housing has published a plan for addressing homelessness in Maple Ridge:



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Council Direction

**Additional Temp
Modular Housing**

22534-48 Royal Cres



Council Direction

**Affordable
Seniors**

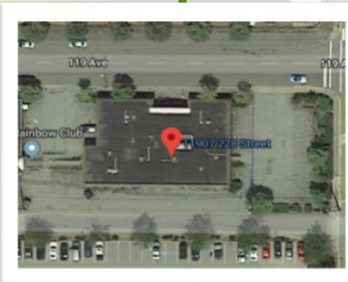
11749-61 Burnett St



In Development

**Affordable
Rental Units**

MRPM Community Services
11907 228th St



Proposal

**Permanent
Supportive
Housing**

To be identified



Additional Royal Cres Temporary Modular Housing

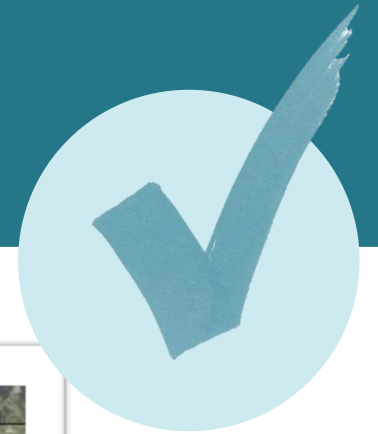


Council Direction To-Date:

That additional units of temporary modular housing:

- be provided for the sole purpose of a permanent closure of the St. Anne Encampment;
- be added to the Royal Crescent Temporary Modular Housing Site;
- be added along with enhanced safety and security features such as fencing and lighting to the overall Royal Cres site;
- be allocated to verified camp residents (those who have been verified by both the City of Maple Ridge and BC Housing);
- be based on a transition to the use of program agreements;
- number of units to be verified.

Burnett Affordable Seniors Housing



Council Direction To-Date:

That the Provincially-owned site at 11749 and 11761 Burnett Street be developed by the Province for affordable housing for seniors.



Permanent Supportive Housing Facility



Council Direction To-Date:

That the Province develop a permanent supportive housing facility:

- a) with the site selection and investigation process to be undertaken collaboratively between the City and BC housing;
- b) with occupancy to be provided as soon as practically possible;
- c) with a full public process in collaboration with the City of Maple Ridge.

Permanent Supportive Housing Facility



Council Direction To-Date:

That in collaboration with BC Housing and Fraser Health, a “Made in Maple Ridge” demonstration model be created for its operation, including:

- a) an abstinence based approach;
- b) the City to approve the operator;
- c) appropriate support services and treatment options be made available on-site;
- d) utilize program agreements;

Permanent Supportive Housing Facility



Council Direction To-Date (cont.):

That in collaboration with BC Housing and Fraser Health, a “Made in Maple Ridge” demonstration model be created for its operation, including:

- e) the location be assessed to minimize impacts to surrounding communities;
- f) a formal agreement, commitment or other approach (i.e. Crime Free Multi-Family Housing Program or a Community Advisory Committee) be prepared with BC Housing and Fraser Health to support its successful operation and ensure intended outcomes are achieved.

Permanent Supportive Housing Facility



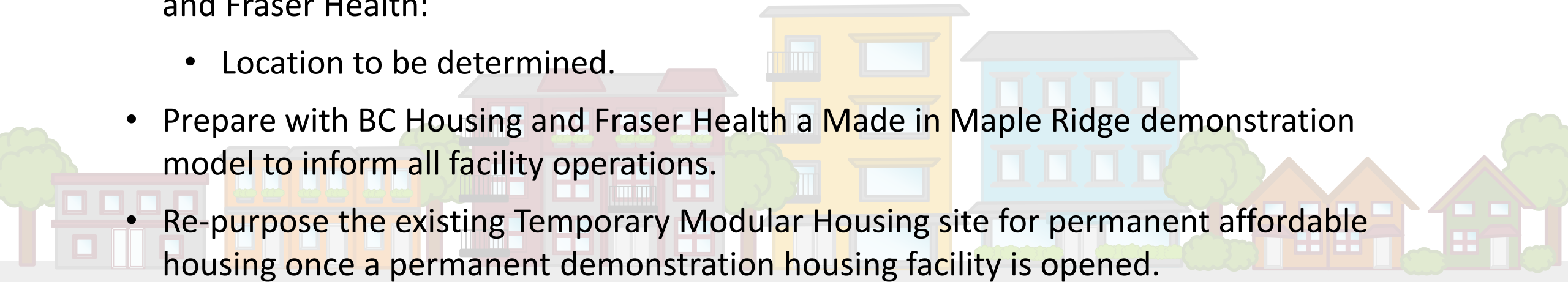
Council Direction To-Date:

Once the permanent supportive housing facility is opened, Council also requests a commitment from BC Housing that the Royal Crescent Temporary Modular Housing Site will:

- a) be cleared as soon as practically possible; and
- b) be subsequently developed into a permanent affordable housing facility in collaboration with the City of Maple Ridge.

Maple Ridge Social Housing Plan

- Additional Temporary Modular Housing located at 22534-48 Royal Cres. to facilitate the closure of the St. Anne Encampment;
- Affordable Seniors Housing located 11749-61 Burnett St.
- Permanent Supportive Housing Facility to be developed in partnership with BC Housing and Fraser Health:
 - Location to be determined.
- Prepare with BC Housing and Fraser Health a Made in Maple Ridge demonstration model to inform all facility operations.
- Re-purpose the existing Temporary Modular Housing site for permanent affordable housing once a permanent demonstration housing facility is opened.
- Complete with BC Housing a community consultation process.
- Restoration of Alouette Heights to its originally intended use as transitional housing and a move towards use of program agreements.



Recommendations

- That staff be directed to forward the Maple Ridge Social Housing Plan to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Ministry of Health;
- That staff be directed to work with BC Housing and Fraser Health on site identification and investigations to inform Council's selection of a location for a preferred permanent supportive housing facility;
- And that staff be directed to work with BC Housing and Fraser Health to develop a Made in Maple Ridge demonstration model for the Social Housing Plan.

