

# Comment Sheet

Public Meeting – January 15, 2020

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CITY OF PRINCE GEORGE  
SERVICE CENTRE

1. Do you live or work in the area?

☒ Yes

☐ No

2. Do you support this proposal?

☐ Yes

☒ No

NOT AT THIS LOCATION

☐ Undecided

3. Please provide your comments regarding the proposal (please attach additional sheets if more space is required)

① NO COMMUNITY IN INDUSTRIAL AREA / NO SCHOOLS / NO PLAYGROUNDS  
NO SHOPPING (GROCERY) WILL CREATE AN ISLAND IN THE  
MIDDLE OF AN INDUSTRIAL AREA. ALMOST LIKE YOU ARE  
SEGREGATING THIS COMMUNITY.

② FLOOD PLAIN BUILDING REQUIREMENTS DO NOT SUPPORT  
A GROUND LEVEL ENTRY ADDING ENGINEERING COSTS  
TO ~~THE~~ PROJECT. (IF EVEN POSSIBLE)

③ PROPONENTS WANT INPUT BUT CAN NOT <sup>OR WILL NOT</sup> ANSWER QUESTIONS  
SUCH AS:

- ① BUILDING ORIENTATION
- ② HOW CITY IS ACQUIRING LAND
- ③ COST TO TAXPAYERS FOR LAND

Please provide any comments by January 23, 2020

~~④~~ ~~COST~~  
④ PROPONENTS INDICATE A HEALTH CENTRE FOR THE  
TOTAL DOWNTOWN CORE / SUGGESTING THAT ~~CITY~~

4 CONT

... WILL BE CROSSING THROUGH THE GATEWAY AND DOWNTOWN CORR TO REACH THIS LOCATION AS THAT IS WHERE MOST OF PEOPLE LIVE THAT WOULD ACCESS THIS. IT SEEMS SILLY TO MAKE THEM TRAVEL THIS DISTANCE

⑤ NO BUS ROUTES / SIDE WALKS / ETC.

⑥ NO POLICE PRESENCE IN THAT AREA AFTER 5 PM.

⑦ ~~WOULD YOU~~ AS PROJECT HAS A FAMILY ELEMENT TO IT. YOU COULD BE CREATING A GHETTO LIKE ATMOSPHERE BY ISOLATING THESE FAMILIES RATHER THAN INTEGRATING THEM INTO AN EXISTING AREA WITH SCHOOLS / PARKS / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES ETC. TAKE PLACE

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The idea of the proposal is a good one but the site proposed is definitely not suitable. No sense of community... no community at all as there is no schools, grocery stores, bus service, or neighbourhood close by. In the middle of an industrial area is not where families should be living. Plans seem very vague but come across as if this property is a "done deal" with no other sites being considered. It is a disservice to homeless and marginalized people to try to keep them in the downtown area.

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Do not support this location.

Think a <sup>residential</sup> location is better where all partners could locate together

Site 1 Phase 1 stand alone

Phase 2 ~~a~~ integrated into

existing neighbourhoods.

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Thank you for considering this project! It is long overdue. We, as community, are aware of the need for housing for many who have multiple needs. This project and all that it will provide can't happen soon enough. I am totally in support of the project.

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1 - commend the collective effort and work to make positive steps towards addressing a complex issue(s).

2 - context on successes at similar projects in other communities would help answer some of the questions raised.

3 - context on the site selection process to share why this was the best site for this development.

4 - keep an open mind, but don't stop moving forward, the city needs this.

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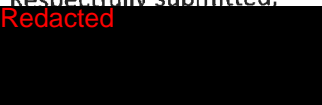




1. Do you live or work in the area? No
2. Do you support this proposal? I support the need, but not in this location due to irresponsible pedestrian traffic spreading into another area by crossing a main arterial route being Queensway St; and fronting along 1<sup>st</sup> Ave and the railway. All are a dangerous goods routes. This is a comprehensive development which includes supportive housing and ancillary services such as high intensity and health services to the public. This will drive considerable pedestrian traffic from the downtown area (see comments below).
3. Comments:
  - The OCP references the downtown area to be the commercial zone (not the industrial area); and the DBIA boundary is Queensway Street.
  - The OCP Policies refer to neighbourhoods and downtown, not an industrial area:
    - 8.2.10 "all new development is compatible with existing neighbourhoods, promotes community goals, reflects local identity, aligns with design guidelines and recommendations within Neighbourhood and Area Plans"
    - 8.5.2 "Encourage government services and civic facilities to remain and/or locate within the downtown, in close proximity to public transit, and to incorporate site design that complements street level activity, accessibility and safety."
    - 8.5.4 "Encourage community facilities to develop their spaces to include a pleasing experiential and social dimension with visual interest and a sense of place and community."
    - 8.5.11 "The City should continue to work toward enhancing the physical linkages throughout the community between Community Facilities."
    - 8.5.28 "The City should coordinate with community partners and citizens for the development of a community and social health centre as a sustainability facility within the downtown."
  - The hand out "Community Benefits" talks about 13 BC supportive housing sites showing that property values immediately surrounding 10 sites kept pace or surpassed municipal trends for property values. Only one of these 13 sites referred to, has ancillary services to the public such as high intensity services being the needle exchange, overdose prevention, HIV and Hep C prevention; and other health services.
  - As per a phone conversation to NHA approximately 17 to 35 clients visit the needle exchange per day; plus an average of 33 visits for primary care. Adding to this the other health services available to the public, there will be considerable pedestrian traffic from the downtown area. They will be crossing a high trafficked street from downtown to the proposed site. Will the traffic study include pedestrian traffic?
  - I also have a concern for the planning of site 2 to accommodate families. I have a hard time thinking about children being housed on a site next to a needle exchange.

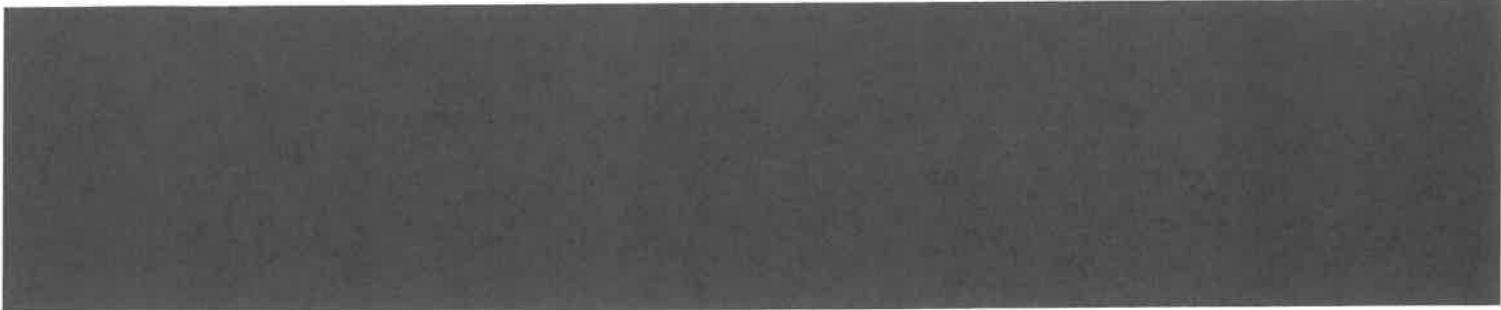
Respectfully submitted,

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Elaine Kienzle

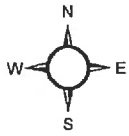
Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED)	A crime prevention philosophy based on proper design and effective use of the built environment. The use of CPTED is intended to reduce crime and fear of crime by reducing criminal opportunity and fostering positive social interaction among legitimate users of space.
Cycle	Includes a bicycle and any other conveyance that is moved by human power through pedals, or a motor assisted cycle as defined in the Motor Vehicle Act
Dangerous Goods	Are defined in Federal and Provincial legislation. In general, these include any product, substance or organism that may constitute a hazard to the environment, property, or the general public, such as explosives, flammable liquids, and poisonous substances. See also Hazardous Conditions definitions.
Dangerous Goods Route	those portions of highways under the direction, control and management of the City designated for the transport of Dangerous Goods in the Transport of Dangerous Goods Bylaw No. 8192 (2009) and identified on <i>Schedule B-2: Hazardous Conditions</i> .
District Energy System (DES)	A centralized energy plant generating heated water or steam, which is distributed through buried and insulated pipes to a cluster of buildings or an entire community.
Ecosystem	A functional unit consisting of all living organisms and non-living factors and the processes that link them together
Energy	Any source or product that creates electricity or heat and can include natural gas, hydro electricity, coal-fire electricity, oil, gasoline, propane, wind and solar generated electricity, solar heating technology, ground source (geo-exchange) heat pumps, district energy systems, biomass plants, combined heat and power plants (CHP).
Energy Efficiency	The percentage of total energy input to a machine or equipment that is consumed in useful work and not wasted as useless heat. High energy efficiency converts a high percentage of energy input into the work (heat, operating equipment) with very little wasted.
Environmentally sensitive area (ESA)	Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESAs) are land and water areas containing natural features or ecological functions of significance or that are susceptible to damage from human activities.
Fish habitat	A watercourse that is either fish-bearing or is connected by surface flow to a watercourse that is fish bearing
Food and agriculture system	the cycle of farming, processing, transporting, distributing and recovering food waste in the context of larger natural, social, political and economic driving forces.



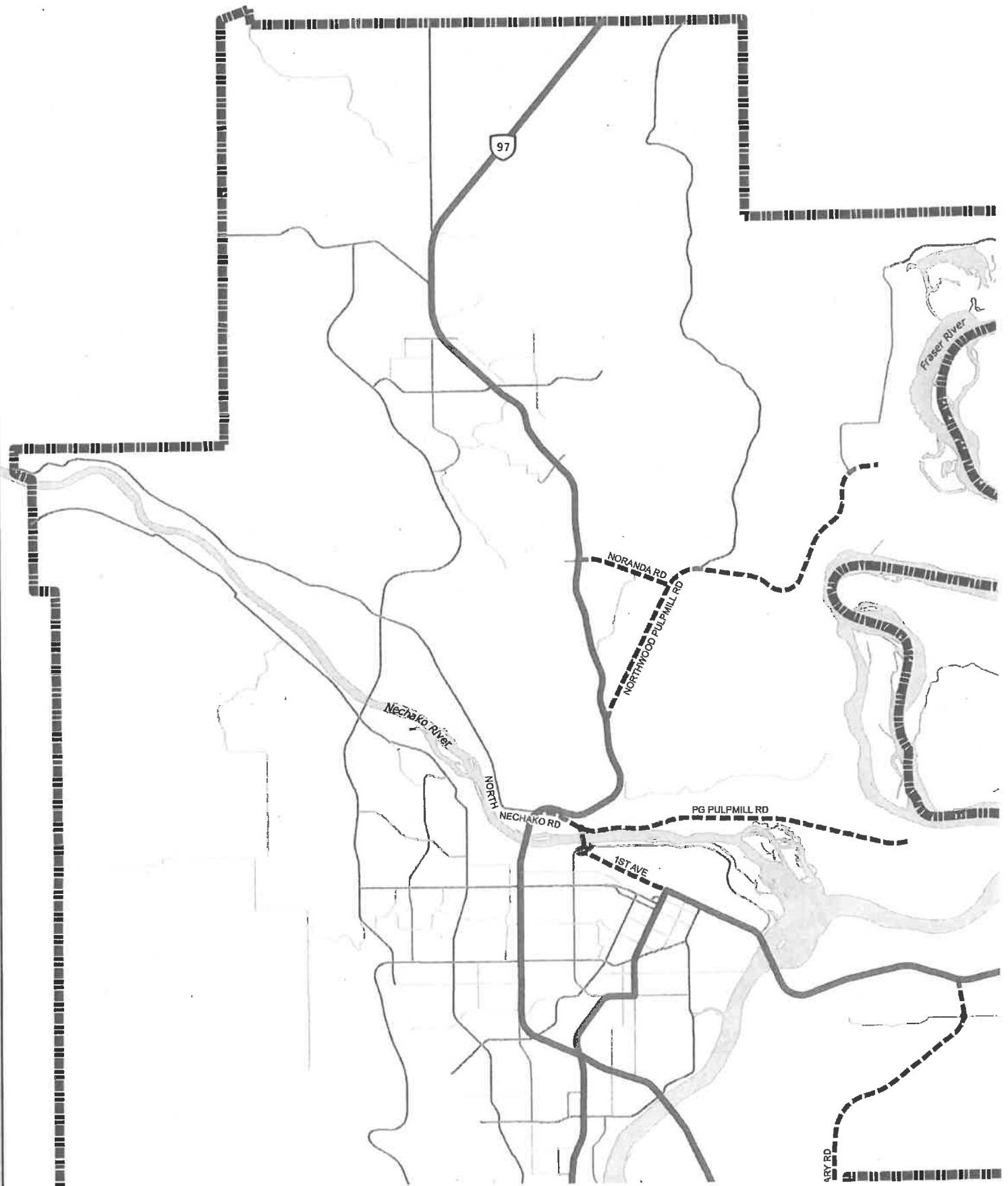
t DBIA boundaries



Prince George, Province of British Columbia, Esri Canada, Esri, HERE, Garmin, USGS, MET



# DANGEROUS GOODS ROUTE (TRUCK TRAFFIC)



# Summary Report

01 July 2019 - 23 January 2020

## Let's Talk Housing BC

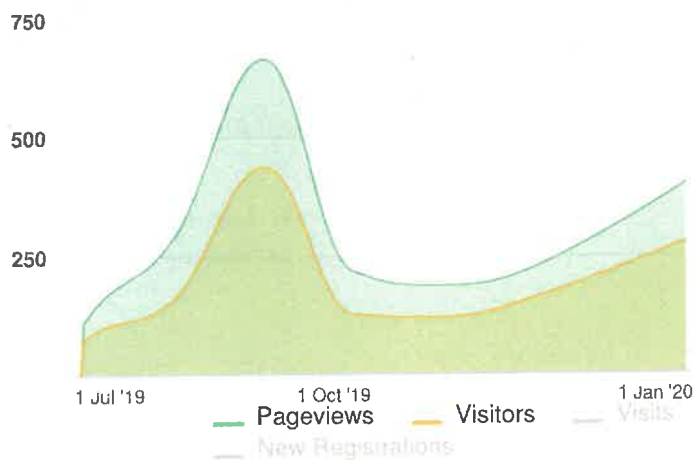
PROJECTS SELECTED: 2

Parksville - 222 Corfield Street South Supportive Housing | Prince George - A partnership involving BC Housing, Northern Health, and the City of Prince George

FULL LIST AT THE END OF THE REPORT



### Visitors Summary



### Highlights

TOTAL VISITS	MAX VISITORS PER DAY	
1.5 k	78	
NEW REGISTRATIONS		
9		
ENGAGED VISITORS	INFORMED VISITORS	AWARE VISITORS
18	165	1.2 k

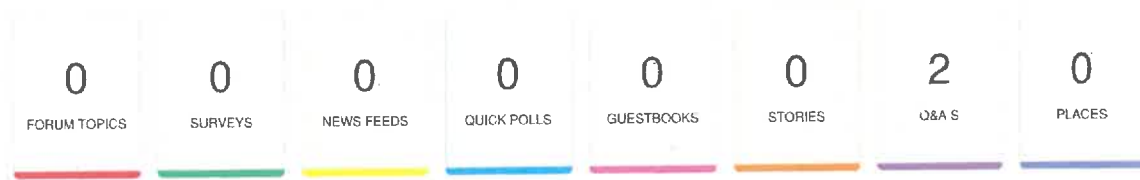
## PARTICIPANT SUMMARY

ENGAGED	18 ENGAGED PARTICIPANTS				TOP PROJECTS	
		Registered	Unverified	Anonymous		Participants (%)
INFORMED	Contributed on Forums	0	0	0	Prince George - A partnershi...	18 (2.2%)
	Participated in Surveys	0	0	0		
	Contributed to Newsfeeds	0	0	0		
	Participated in Quick Polls	0	0	0		
AWARE	Posted on Guestbooks	0	0	0		
	Contributed to Stories	0	0	0		
	Asked Questions	5	13	0		
	Placed Pins on Places	0	0	0		
	Contributed to Ideas	0	0	0		
				* A single engaged participant can perform multiple actions		* Calculated as a percentage of total visits to the Project

ENGAGED	165 INFORMED PARTICIPANTS				TOP PROJECTS	
		Participants			Participants (%)	
INFORMED	Viewed a video	0		Prince George - A partnershi...	102 (12.7%)	
	Viewed a photo	0		Parksville - 222 Corfield Stre...	64 (17.0%)	
	Downloaded a document	108				
	Visited the Key Dates page	38				
AWARE	Visited an FAQ list Page	0				
	Visited Instagram Page	0				
	Visited Multiple Project Pages	99				
	Contributed to a tool (engaged)	18				
					* A single informed participant can perform multiple actions	

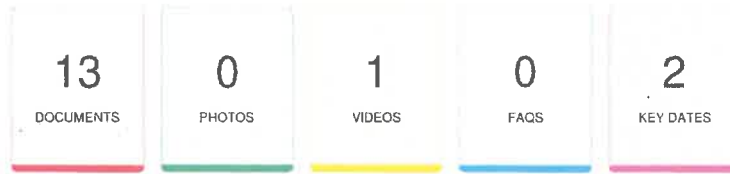
ENGAGED	1,170 AWARE PARTICIPANTS				TOP PROJECTS	
		Participant			Participants	
INFORMED	Visited at least one Page	1,170		Prince George - A partnershi...	801	
				Parksville - 222 Corfield Stre...	376	
AWARE						
				* Aware user could have also performed an Informed or Engaged Action		* Total list of unique visitors to the project

## ENGAGEMENT TOOLS SUMMARY





## INFORMATION WIDGET SUMMARY



## TRAFFIC SOURCES OVERVIEW

REFERRER URL	Visits
www.google.com	289
www.bchousing.org	117
www.google.ca	96
tj6w5.flx10.com	59
www.bing.com	56
www.myprincegeorgenow.com	56
news.princegeorge.ca	36
www.princegeorgematters.com	33
m.facebook.com	29
l.facebook.com	16
t.co	16
pgdailynews.ca	15
www.facebook.com	15
duckduckgo.com	11
www.princegeorge.ca	10

## SELECTED PROJECTS - FULL LIST

PROJECT TITLE	AWARE	INFORMED	ENGAGED
Prince George - A partnership involving BC Housing, Northern Health, ...	801	102	18
Parksville - 222 Corfield Street South Supportive Housing	376	64	0

Date Rec'd	Question/Comment	Response
Aug 2 2019	Interested in application process for the second phase.	<p>This proposal is in the preliminary stage of planning, and will go through a municipal approvals process before proceeding.</p> <p>There would be two buildings on the site, the building that would contain supportive housing in phase one, and the building with affordable rental housing in phase two.</p> <p>BC Housing would determine operational details, including eligibility, if and when the proposal is approved.</p>
Sept 3 2019	<p>1. How will residents be able to apply for these housing services? Will it be on a case-by-case basis? 2. Will parking or bike lockers be provided or will they mainly rely on public transit and walking?</p>	<p>First, we would like to clarify that this proposal is in the preliminary stage of planning, and will go through a municipal approvals process before proceeding. There would be two buildings on the site, the building that would contain supportive housing in phase one, and the building with affordable rental housing in phase two. BC Housing would determine operational details, including eligibility, if and when the proposal is approved. However, we can clarify the general application process for existing supportive housing and affordable rental housing.</p> <p>Applicants for supportive housing would go through a thorough assessment process to ensure an appropriate mix of residents with the right supports. Every potential resident would 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. Offers of tenancy would be made after BC Housing's coordinated access team meets with agencies representing Outreach, Housing, RCMP and Northern Health to assess each applicant.</p> <p>Applicants for the affordable rental housing would apply to live in the affordable housing by completing BC Housing's <a href="#">Online Housing Application</a> or directly through the non-profit housing provider (who has not been selected yet.)</p> <p>As the this proposal is still in the preliminary stage of planning, site and building parking details are not determined. Consideration will be given to planning for appropriate parking and storage. Accessibility to transit and services is an important part of building successful new housing communities.</p>

Sept 3 2019	I thought we were trying to revitalize and clean up downtown. Why are we building there? Is there not a better alternative away from the downtown core?	<p>BC Housing, the City of Prince George, and Northern Health are partnering on this proposal to improve downtown Prince George with the addition of more than 100 new affordable homes integrated with support and health care services to help the community's most vulnerable populations to recover and stay healthy. This proposal would fulfill one of the initiatives at making downtown clean and safe for all, through the facilitation of partnerships enabling the development of housing with on-site health services including specialized mental health and substance use services. A downtown Prince George location was recommended in <a href="#">Northern Health's 2017 downtown health services plan</a>. The plan builds on the Province's "Housing First" approach that recognizes the importance of housing stability to health and community vitality.</p> <p>The owners of NR Motors have purchased another site for the business and are interested in moving from their current location. This provided an opportunity for the City to acquire a large site in the vicinity of downtown that meets the needs of BC Housing and Northern Health, while providing space for future development. The City has an accepted offer to purchase the property, subject to rezoning, environmental and geotechnical review, and project approval. The location is proposed – it is not confirmed. There will be upcoming opportunities for the community provide input through the municipal rezoning process. However, we can confirm that when considering locations for supportive and affordable rental housing, BC Housing looks for proximity to community services (commercial and recreational activities); reasonably close to transit; adequate lot size; connections to utilities; compatible land use policies. The goal is to successfully integrate new housing into the community. Health services are a community-based care service. This model is safe and helps people remain integrated in their communities.</p> <p>We agree that an integrated solution is needed downtown. This proposal is not for housing alone – it is for housing with on-site supports, as well as healthcare space. Northern Health would be responsible for overseeing these spaces and providing primary care, harm reduction, and specialized mental health and substance-use services. This project addresses recommendations in <a href="#">Northern Health's 2017 downtown health services plan</a>.</p>
Sept 9 2019	what about mental health and drug addictions. any idea if funding will be available from the provincial or federal government for programs for these specific types of issues. our downtown street population is overrun with these problems. just housing alone will not be enough.	

Sept 11 2019	<p>Hello, I am wondering if any of these spaces will be available for people that are on your list for housing or is this more of a facility for homeless people? I am an advocate for a person who never seems to be considered for bc housing she is disability (MS and Blind) but only 53 currently only the Hart Haven would be suitable(no stairs and direct access to outside without hallways and elevators)and she has been on the list since MARCH 2017. She has submitted additional documents from Doctors and the Active Support for Women and Children. I am very worried that she can not afford life ( and is losing hope of affordable housing) her income is CPP D 1300 a month and her current rent ( in a very unsafe trailer) is 790.00. winter is coming and yet no BC HOUSING. I have maintained her on your list since 2017 and each time a new housing opportunity opens in PG it has been targeted for other groups like aboriginal housing supportive housing, transitional housing etc. . I am just wondering who will be offered these new housing opportunities? She is unable to attend tonight as the information was only located in today's PG Citizen and this has not allowed enough time to plan for handy Dart to pick her up.</p>	<p>Sorry to hear of your client's challenges accessing affordable housing. For too long too many British Columbians have struggled to find affordable, safe, stable housing. Projects like this one would provide vital homes for those that need them most. This innovative housing-health project would provide up to 100 new, affordable, energy efficient homes with supports and services to help people recover and stay healthy.</p> <p>Currently, this proposal is in the preliminary stage of planning. The site (the current location of NR Motors) needs to be rezoned by the City for the project to proceed; the rezoning process is expected to begin this fall. BC Housing will determine operational details, including resident eligibility details, if the proposal is approved.</p>
Sept 11 2019	<p>Where is the funding for this project coming from? Will there be a increase in municipal property taxes?</p>	<p>This proposed project is from the Framework Agreement between BC Housing, the City of Prince George and Northern Health. It's our shared commitment to a 'Housing First' approach that recognizes people are better able to benefit from support and maintain stability in their lives if they are housed.</p>

		<p>BC Housing and Northern Health are provincial organizations that are funded by the Government of BC. The City of Prince George would provide land for the development and lead the rezoning process. BC Housing would lead the design and construction of the supportive and affordable homes and oversee operation of the housing units once construction is complete. Northern Health would oversee the delivery of primary and community-care health services, as well as mental health and harm reduction services, within the health services spaces constructed by BC Housing. Funding will flow from each organization, exact dollars have not been determined yet.</p> <p>The funds to acquire the site will <b>not</b> come from an increase in municipal property taxes.</p> <p>The facility providing storage and access to a public washroom is located at 181 Quebec Street, and is the result of a partnership involving the City of Prince George, BC Housing, and the Prince George Native Friendship Centre. The hours of operation are still being determined. A report on the initiative will be presented at a public meeting of Prince George City Council – this is currently planned for October 7.</p>
Sept 11 2019	<p>During the Sept. 11, 2019 presentation the subject of downtown storage for the belongings of transient folks who have nowhere to place their personal belongings was addressed by the city of Prince George rep present. She said that a location opened last Friday in Prince George and that a second location was to open soon. This storage location is a wonderful idea. One that is successfully provided in San Diego, ca. Where is the storage area located???? When is it open?</p>	
Sept 13 2019	<p>Didn't not make it to the event but want to give some input about food...which is a need that goes hand in hand with a roof over your head. Mental health and addiction services are important but someone who is hungry can not in a position to work on changing their lives. A friend and I were talking about this proposal and noting, as I have already seen mentioned elsewhere, that there are no</p>	<p>Thank you for your support of this proposal. Evaluating existing food options was part of the <u>Downtown Prince George Health Services Review</u> done by Northern Health Authority. We agree that access to food is an important consideration as we begin to discuss operational needs as part of the design proposal. The operator, who has not yet been selected, would be providing on-site meal services to residents on a daily basis.</p>

	<p>grocery stores near by. Our thought was that any meal/food services provided should be connected to some type of training/work program for residents. There is lots of information about Community Kitchens where people pay a small amount and then meet to shop, cook, eat and take home leftovers....for low cost and healthy meals. We talked about a little corner store with basic food items like milk, bread, pasta, rice, some tinned food... all in small quantities. Maybe even track down The Dollar Store Cookbook...just google it! Wishing this project every success (from a retired social worker and her nurse friend).</p>	
Oct 21 2019	<p>Why does the city feel they need to buy property when they already own plenty of land?</p>	<p>A downtown Prince George location was recommended in <a href="#">Northern Health's 2017 downtown health services plan</a>.<a href="#">(External link)</a></p> <p>The owners of NR Motors have purchased another site for the business and are interested in moving from their current location. This provided an opportunity for the City to acquire a large site in the vicinity of downtown that meets the needs of BC Housing and Northern Health, while providing space for future development.</p> <p>When considering locations for supportive and affordable rental housing, BC Housing looks for proximity to community services (commercial and recreational activities); reasonably close to transit; adequate lot size; connections to utilities; compatible land use policies. The goal is to successfully integrate this new housing into the community. Health services are a community-based care service. This model is safe and helps people remain integrated in their communities.</p>



Oct 21 2019	Have you contacted the local Gas Safety Branch to inquire if building 100 homes beside an existing propane bulk plant is within code?	The City of Prince George is currently reviewing the land use application with consideration of surrounding land uses, including the neighbouring propane sales and servicing business.
Oct 21 2019	What Aboriginal entities are involved as 80% of the homeless are of aboriginal decent?	An operator has not been selected yet for the supportive housing or the affordable rental housing. As part of the selection process, consideration will be given to the fact that 80% of people experiencing homelessness in Prince George identify as Indigenous.
Oct 21 2019	This is a good idea but why would you pick a commercial area?	<p>BC Housing, the City of Prince George, and Northern Health are partnering on this proposal to improve downtown Prince George with the addition of more than 100 new affordable homes integrated with support and health care services to help the community's most vulnerable populations to recover and stay healthy. This proposal would fulfill one of the initiatives at making downtown clean and safe for all, through the facilitation of partnerships enabling the development of housing with on-site health services including specialized mental health and substance use services.</p> <p>BC Housing looks for proximity to community services (commercial and recreational activities); reasonably close to transit; adequate lot size; connections to utilities; compatible land use policies. The goal is to successfully integrate new housing into the community. Health services are a community-based care service. This model is safe and helps people remain integrated in their communities.</p>
Oct 21 2019	In the past what success rate have you had for addicts trying to get clean or staying clean in a drug and crime infested area. Success is very unlikely in the same environment the addiction began. How will the project be so different when addicts are living together in the same environment?	Supportive housing follows an evidence based and internationally demonstrated Housing First model, which aims to end chronic homelessness by first providing stable housing, and then working with the resident to promote recovery and well being. Supportive housing works to lessen the impact issues have by providing a safe environment where medical intervention is readily available. Building staff and partners like Northern Health provide ongoing guidance, encouragement and support to individuals living in supportive housing.

		<p>Our experience is that once a person experiencing homelessness is housed, they are committed to taking this next step in their lives and they work hard to not lose their housing.</p> <p>It's also important to note that substance use is often the result of experiencing homelessness.</p>
Oct 21 2019	<p>This area is filled with small family owned businesses who's income and retirement depend on property values. If this goes sideways and all our property values drop because of a project forced upon us, will you be willing to compensate us in any way?</p> <p>I can't recall NR Motors advertising for sale, how did purchasing that property come about?</p>	<p>Many studies over the years illustrate that stereotypes about the impact of social housing are often unfounded and that appropriately designed and integrated social housing in a neighbourhood can actually increase residential property values. We have included a case study on the impact on property values in our Document Library.</p>
Oct 21 2019		<p>This property has not been purchased. The City has an accepted offer to purchase the property, subject to rezoning, environmental and geotechnical review, and project approval.</p>
Oct 21 2019	<p>With all the property the city owns why is it necessary to spend taxpayer dollars on this piece of property?</p>	<p>A downtown Prince George location was recommended in <a href="#">Northern Health's 2017 downtown health services plan</a>.<a href="#">(External link)</a></p> <p>The owners of NR Motors have purchased another site for the business and are interested in moving from their current location. This provided an opportunity for the City to acquire a large site in the vicinity of downtown that meets the needs of BC Housing and Northern Health, while providing space for future development.</p> <p>When considering locations for supportive and affordable rental housing, BC Housing looks for proximity to community services (commercial and recreational activities); reasonably close to transit; adequate lot size; connections to utilities; compatible land use policies. The goal is to successfully integrate this new housing into the community. Health services are a community-based care service. This model is safe and helps people remain integrated in their communities.</p>

Nov 16 2019	Is there any actions that regular citizens could take to help the project go forward?	<p>Hi there – thank you for your support of this proposal. You can send an email of support to <a href="mailto:communityrelations@bchousing.org">communityrelations@bchousing.org</a>.</p> <p>We don't currently have any community hearing dates planned but when we do, we'd love to see you there!</p>
Nov 24 2019	Do you have any housing available?	<p>BC Housing has a range of programs to provide housing assistance. This includes various subsidized housing options as well as rent supplements in which part of an individual's rent is paid for by BC Housing. You can view this site to search housing listings in a specific area: <a href="https://www.bchousing.org/housing-assistance/rental-housing/housing-listings">https://www.bchousing.org/housing-assistance/rental-housing/housing-listings</a>(External link)</p> <p>Or use the Program Finder to learn which programs you may be eligible for: <a href="https://programfinder.bchousing.org/programfinder/faces/start">https://programfinder.bchousing.org/programfinder/faces/start</a>(External link)</p> <p>Please phone the BC Housing Applicant Services at 1-800-257-7756 if you would like to discuss your options.</p>
Jan 10 2020	Will ALL of the new units be wheelchair accessible? Many people are homeless because there is virtually no accessible housing in this community and addictions often occur because of despair. Anyone, with or without a disability, can use an accessible room, but people with disabilities can only use an accessible room.	<p>BC Housing Design Guidelines require that between 5-12% of units in a housing project be designed for wheelchair accessibility, so that would mean 3-6 units would be accessible for both the proposed supportive and affordable rental housing buildings. In addition, common areas would be designed to allow universal access.</p>
Jan 10 2020	two questions: 1 - is there a plan to relocate any of the current shelters, injection site, and support services to this new location from downtown Prince George locations? 2 - What is the approximate count of how many	<p>1. Northern Health is developing a plan for health services to ensure quality of health care services and to respond to the recommendations of the Downtown Health Services Review. We can confirm that the proposed location would deliver mental health, substance use, and primary care services for residents and the local community, through ground-floor health service space in each building.</p>

	citizens live in downtown shelters or on the streets of downtown.	<p>2. The 2018 Homeless Count identified 160 people experiencing homelessness in Prince George. 110 of these individuals were sheltered versus 50 unsheltered. This is not specific to the downtown area. To learn more about the 2018 Homeless Counts, visit <a href="http://www.bchousing.org/research-centre/housing-data/homeless-counts">www.bchousing.org/research-centre/housing-data/homeless-counts</a></p> <p>The affordable rental housing proposed for the second phase of this integrated housing-health project would be for low-to-moderate income Indigenous individuals and families. At this point, this is a proposal that is going through the municipal review process.</p> <p>BC Housing has a range of programs to provide housing assistance. This includes various subsidized housing options as well as rent supplements in which part of an individual's rent is paid for by BC Housing. You can view this site to search housing listings in a specific area: <a href="https://www.bchousing.org/housing-assistance/rental-housing/housing-listings">https://www.bchousing.org/housing-assistance/rental-housing/housing-listings</a> or use the Program Finder to learn which programs you may be eligible for: <a href="https://programfinder.bchousing.org/programfinder/faces/start">https://programfinder.bchousing.org/programfinder/faces/start</a></p> <p>Please phone the BC Housing Applicant Services at 1-800-257-7756 if you would like to discuss your options.</p>
Jan 12 2020	Hello does this apply to me? I want to get into housing in BC with my two children ages 8 and 2.5 I'm a single mother looking to relocate	<p>The proposal for 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue is an integrated housing-health project that would include supportive housing, affordable rental housing and onsite clinic space. Residents of both the supportive housing and affordable rental housing would pay rent for their homes.</p>
Jan 12 2020	My daughter is a tax payer on Henderson avenue in Pg and has asked more than once to have a curb where gutters already exist and has had no success and you want us to support free housing for the homeless and low income , well I say she has worked hard to buy a small home and so did we , I'm sorry but it's all about choices and they obviously made poor ones so I surely couldn't support this project in any way shape or form	
Jan 13 2020	What will these residents "food system" look like?	<p>Evaluating existing food options was part of the Downtown Prince George Health Services Review done by Northern Health Authority. Access to food is an important consideration as we begin to discuss operational needs as part of the design proposal. The operator, who has not yet been selected, would be providing on-site meal services to residents on a daily basis.</p>

Jan 14 2020	Will these be wheelchair accessible?	BC Housing Design Guidelines require that between 5-12% of units in a housing project be designed for wheelchair accessibility, so that would mean 3-6 units would be accessible for both the proposed supportive and affordable rental housing buildings. In addition, common areas would be designed to allow universal access.
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