



Partnership with Province brings 52 modular housing units to Penticton

(Penticton, BC - December 21, 2017) People experiencing homelessness in Penticton will soon have access to new supportive housing with the Province and the City of Penticton entering into a partnership to provide up to 52 units of modular housing.

The modular units will provide urgent housing and support services for those who need it most. The units will have 24/7 staffing, administered through a non-profit housing partner, and will include services to help residents stabilize and rebuild their lives.

"There are too many people in British Columbia who are struggling to get by and don't have a safe and secure place to go," said Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "These first 1000 units of modular housing demonstrate our government's commitment to act quickly and make sure people not only have a place to call home, but that they are receiving the appropriate support they need to improve their daily lives."

Penticton is the eighth B.C. municipality to use the Province's new modular housing program to begin to address homelessness. More than 1,000 units are now confirmed in communities throughout British Columbia. This drives the program past the halfway mark of the Province's goal to build 2,000 modular homes over two years across B.C. by working in partnership with interested communities.

"Along with the Province, we've been working hard to help facilitate solutions with non-profits to address homelessness and housing affordability," said Andrew Jakubeit, mayor of Penticton. "We are very thankful for the Province to commit to helping our community. Housing is the main foundation for a person's physical well-being, mental health, and opportunity to regain dignity and become a productive contributor to a community."

The B.C. government is working closely with the city to identify a site for the development and is providing approximately \$8 million for this modular-housing project.

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