

May 31, 2024

The City of Courtenay
Mayor and Council
830 Cliffe Avenue
Courtenay, BC V9N 2J7

RE: Purpose-built shelter and permanent supportive housing at 925 Braidwood and Ryan Road

In March 2024, BC Housing purchased land at 925 Braidwood & Ryan Road following consultation with City staff and City Council. The proposed developments at this site will include a purpose-built shelter with on-site connections to health, mental health and housing and a permanent supportive housing building, providing an opportunity for people to leave the streets and shelter system for safe and stable housing.

This development is an important part of BC Housing's concerted effort to build new housing in the community and address the urgent need for culturally safe, indoor shelter to people experiencing homelessness. Since acquiring the land in March, we have been undertaking due diligence at the site, which has included liaising with K'ómoks First Nation on archeological considerations. We are working on the rezoning application and will continue to provide neighbours, stakeholders and the broader community the opportunity to engage with us on the designs. Feedback received during that engagement will be used to shape and improve on the project designs.

Community Updates and Feedback

- We will continue to provide updates on our webpage: letstalkhousingbc.ca/courtenay-925-braidwood-road
- This page includes a Q&A section where community members can ask questions about the project, and answers will be posted to the page.
- Community members can also email BC Housing at communityrelations@bchousing.org.
- We are working to launch a Design Discussion Guide on our website in June inviting neighbours and community members to learn more and provide feedback on design.

BC Housing is committed to walking alongside this community and to keeping the lines of communication open to ensure the success of this new permanent supportive housing and purpose-built shelter.

Kind regards,



Sarah Smith

Director, Regional Development, Vancouver Island