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## BACKGROUND

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Office of the Premier  
Ministry of Housing and Social Development  
Vancouver Olympic Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and  
Paralympic Winter Games

### **OLYMPIC LEGACY AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), the Province and VANOC will create up to 156 units of new supportive housing in six communities as Olympic Legacy Affordable Housing.

#### **The Process**

- The MOU proposes to reconfigure the 320 temporary modular housing units from the Olympic and Paralympic Village in Whistler to create up to 156 affordable supportive housing units each with a kitchen and bathroom.
- As supportive housing, the buildings will include amenity space for on-site support services organized by BC Housing.
- VANOC will, at its cost and with support from Games sponsors RONA and Britco, design and construct the temporary modules in accordance with specifications to be agreed on between BC Housing and VANOC.
- BC Housing will contract and pay for the modifications of the modular housing to meet their development standards (including amenities) and pay the costs to transport the modular housing to their final site locations.
- Ongoing subsidies will be provided, as required, to ensure safe, affordable housing for people most in need in B.C.
- The Province will be issuing an invitation to non-profit housing societies to submit proposals to manage and operate the developments that don't already have local non-profit societies as partners.

#### **The Sites**

- In Chetwynd, a site will provide approximately 4 to 8\* units of affordable housing in a single-storey format for low-income seniors.
- In Chilliwack, a provincially-owned location on School Street will provide approximately 40\* units of affordable housing in a three-storey format for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- In Enderby, the provincially-owned site of the former hospital will provide approximately 16\* units of affordable housing in a single-storey format for low-income seniors.
- In Saanich, the Carey Road site will provide approximately 36\* units of affordable housing in a three-storey format for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. A proposal call seeking an experience non-profit operator for this site closed on Thursday, September 11, 2008.
- In Sechelt, the city-owned site of the former RCMP building will provide up to 8\* units of affordable housing for in a two-storey format for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- In Surrey, a city-owned site will provide approximately 48\* units of affordable housing for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

\*The actual unit count and building configuration will be determined in the development process.