

Virtual Dialogue Session

1300 Island Hwy S, Nanaimo

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm



Land acknowledgement

We acknowledge, with gratitude, that the area we are discussing today is situated on the traditional territory of the Snuneymuxw First Nation.



Introductions

- **Alyson Gourley-Cramer** Monogram Communications
- **Jennifer Fox** Regional Director, Vancouver Island Region, BC Housing
- **Nicola Sharp** Senior Manager, Regional Development Services, BC Housing
- **Andrew Thornton** Nanaimo Systems Planning Organization Society



For our time together

We commit to:

- Come together in the spirit of community
- Share information openly and transparently
- Balance time for sharing information and answering questions



We ask that all participants:

- Use respectful, people-first language
- Ask brief, genuine questions and allow space for answers
- Consider there may be people experiencing homelessness present



Meeting details

Mute and chat functions

- All participants will be muted/unmuted by the facilitator for the presentation portion
- Chat messages will only appear to the facilitator

Q&A

- Participants will be unmuted
- Type questions into the Zoom Q&A **OR**
- Raise your hand to ask your question
- This session is not being recorded



Topics for today

- Temporary Housing at 1300 Island Hwy
- Resident selection
- Community wellbeing
- Services and supports
- Q&A



1300 Island Hwy – overview

- **A new housing program** is coming to 1300 Island Highway S.
- This program will provide **temporary housing for up to 50 people as they transition from overnight shelters into permanent housing.**
- This housing program is funded through HEARTH, a new Provincial temporary housing program.
- The location at 1300 Island Highway S represented our **best option to offer more people safe, indoor spaces quickly.**
- We expect this housing to remain open for a minimum of three years.

Residents and operator

- **BC Housing will secure a trusted non-profit operator** to operate 1300 Island Highway S temporary housing and provide services to residents.
- BC Housing and the chosen operator will offer 1300 Island Hwy S spaces primarily to **people staying in local shelters who are ready to transition into housing**.
- Onsite support services will include:
 - 24/7 Staffing
 - Health care referrals and wellness checks
 - Outreach, life skills training, employment assistance
 - Connection and referral to community services and support groups

Resident and neighbourhood safety

- The most important feature to ensure safety for everyone is **staffing**.
 - The operator will have a minimum of **three staff onsite 24/7**
 - Staff will support residents and address any concerns in a timely manner.
- The site will be **fenced** with a **secure front gate**.
- There will be **security cameras** both inside and outside the site.
- Staff will do **regular perimeter checks**.



Supports to help people prepare for housing

These temporary transitional housing units will offer the necessities of life, including:

- Warm, safe, clean places to stay
- Beds and bedding
- Locking doors
- Meals
- Shared washrooms
- On-site laundry
- Mailing address



Shelter as a gateway to housing



Unsheltered

COORDINATED ACCESS
&
ASSESSMENT



Shelters (98 beds in total)
Unitarian Shelter (25 beds)
New Hope Centre (24 beds)
St. Peters (35 beds – winter)
Samaritan Place (14 shelter beds for women)



HEARTH Temporary Housing
250 Terminal
1300 Island Highway
Other Sites TBC

TRANSITION TO
NEW SUPPORTIVE
& SUBSIDIZED
HOUSING



Housing with supports

Haven Transition House – Fall 2025
355 Nicol – Opening 2026
250 Terminal (Perm) – Opening 2027
Other housing TBC



Subsidized housing



Market rentals with supported rent supplements

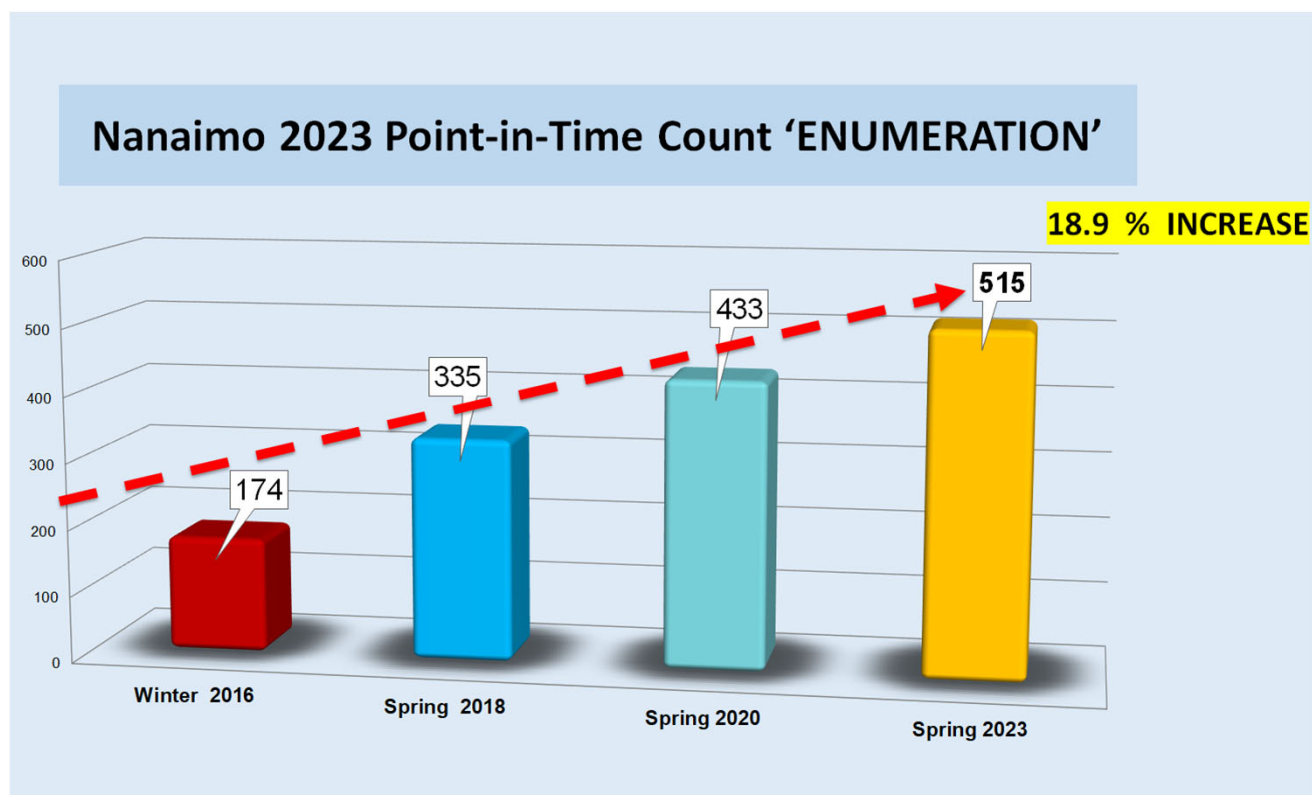
Temporary housing residents

- All genders, 19+
- Residents of Nanaimo
- Shelter guests who are ready to transition into housing
- Offered spaces based on individual needs supports available
- Opens more shelter beds for people sheltering outdoors, and reduces encampments

Coordinated Access & Assessment



Nanaimo point-in-time counts



How long have you been in Nanaimo?

- **72.0 %** more than 5 yrs
(326 / 453)
- **79.5 %** more than 2 yrs
(360 / 453)
- **82.5 %** more than 1 yr
(374 / 453)

CONNECT, LISTEN, LEARN TOGETHER



Learn more and ask questions at
letstalkhousingbc.ca/Nanaimo



Email questions and input to
communityrelations@bchousing.org

Questions

Please raise your hand or ask your questions in the Q&A function.

We also welcome questions and comments by email:
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Visit the project webpage:
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