



Connective to Operate New Supportive Housing Development in Surrey

We're excited to announce that Connective has been selected to operate a new supportive housing development in Surrey, with tenancy expected in early Summer 2022. The 26-unit site will be staffed 24/7 and provide wraparound, person-centered supports to residents.

Connective was selected to operate the development in North Surrey through a competitive process led by BC Housing.

"We're excited to expand our housing supports in Surrey," Mark Miller, CEO of Connective said. "We recognize the particularly significant effect the housing crisis has had in the neighbourhood, and we're honoured to have the opportunity to help our community take a step forward in ensuring people have access to safe and secure housing."

Connective (previously John Howard Society Pacific) has existing housing programs in Surrey and an established presence in the community. We deliver diverse programs across B.C. and the Yukon, including a continuum of housing, homelessness prevention services, alternative justice interventions, employment support, and community outreach programs.

Programming at the new development will be delivered in collaboration with community partners, utilizing housing first and harm reduction approaches.

"Our programs always lead with a housing-first approach," Miller said. "Having stable housing is crucial in allowing people the opportunity to work on other areas of their life."

Residents will be provided with two meals a day, and have access to case planning, community resources, and tailored support services based on individual needs and goals. Connective will also work with Indigenous partners to ensure culturally appropriate services, including having an Indigenous liaison worker on-site to provide support to residents.

Initial referrals will be made through BC Housing. Connective will work closely with the City of Surrey and BC Housing to identify additional residents.

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