

# ATTACHMENT A

## Cowichan Housing Model- Background Information

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on unhoused populations, in Spring 2020 CHA established five campsites for homeless community members at the following locations:

1. St. Julien Street - City of Duncan
2. Buller Street - Town of Ladysmith
3. Fuller Lake - Municipality of North Cowichan
4. The Mound - Cowichan Tribes
5. Cowichan Recreation Centre - Municipality of North Cowichan

The campsites were established in partnership with the City of Duncan, Cowichan Tribes, Municipality of North Cowichan and Town of Ladysmith. BC Housing provided a total of \$50,000 in capital costs for establishing the tenting sites including camping tents, tarps, festival style tents, sleeping bags, garbage cans, cleaning supplies, water jugs, picnic tables, signage, sleeping cots and other assorted items.

In the winter of 2020/2021 CHA began replacing tenting sites with 18m<sup>2</sup> (193 ft<sup>2</sup>) individual sleeping cabins on the City of Duncan (St. Julien Street) and Cowichan Tribes sites. Residents were provided individual single bed studio cabins with baseboard heat and a locking door. The sites are not connected to City water or sewer facilities and do not include showers. Drinking and washing water is delivered to the sites and supplied via large water bottles that are replenished every day or two. There is a shared port a potty and an outdoor covered eating area located on each site.