
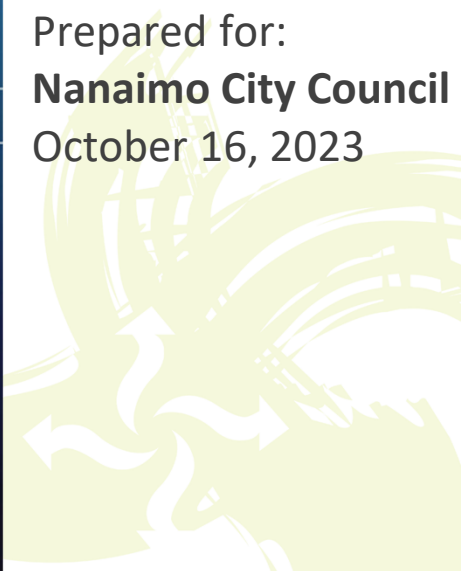



**STRENGTHENING THE STOOL
TOWARDS GREATER OUTCOMES**



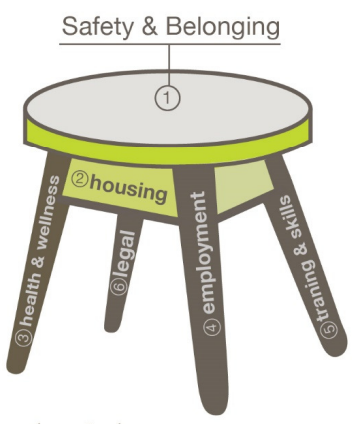
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Housing is only one of several dimensions of any thriving citizen. Individuals with lived experience of, or at-risk for, homelessness may have multiple unmet needs.




- 1 Personal, gender, spiritual and cultural safety; sense of belonging;** inclusiveness; and community integration.
- 2 Housing needs** (e.g., family reunification, independent housing, shelter, supportive housing, addiction treatment/recovery housing).
- 3 Care for problematic substance use, mental health challenges, and physical well-being** including vision, auditory, and dental health.
- 4 Labour market engagement and purposeful activity** by connecting employers with employees and organizations with volunteers.
- 5 Life skills development;** high-school equivalency; continuing education; knowledge & skills certification; work readiness skills; and/or job training.
- 6 Resolution of legal issues** including immigration status, justice system involvement, securing government benefits, family law, housing and employment rights.

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Delancey Street BC's Purpose


To relieve poverty and advance the education of persons in British Columbia who are **poor, addicted to drugs and/or alcohol, unemployed, criminals, and/or disabled**.

Establish and maintain a **residential facility** in British Columbia designed to house and accommodate such people and **teach them vocational, interpersonal and social skills**, personal awareness, independent living skills, earned positive self-concept and accountability, responsibility and habits.

Residents will be led towards a life of independence, integrity and purpose in order to help them **integrate, work, and participate in mainstream society**.




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The Model

- It is a **highly structured 2–4-year live-in community** that provides a pathway towards a preferred life path for those **exiting correctional facilities**, and/or wishing to **leave life on the streets** behind.
- Community members engage in purposeful and meaningful activities that contribute to **developing life skills and prosocial behaviours, achieving high school equivalency, and learning three marketable vocations**.
- For 52 years, this evidence-based, peer-led model has capitalized on the inherent power of **‘each one, teach one’** to prepare individuals to rejoin society with confidence, motivation, skills, knowledge, and fortitude to forge a new path for themselves.



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A Place to Learn, Lead, and Earn

Delancey Street provides an attractive, empowering opportunity for vulnerable individuals to learn, lead, and earn, at **no cost to participating members, family, or government**.

The model sustains itself through **the sale of goods and services delivered through Delancey Street's own vocational training schools**, staffed by seasoned members of the community.

Vocational training schools are developed to meet local needs (e.g., trades, tourism & hospitality, bicycle repair, organic farming, moving & trucking).



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A person must:

- ✓ ask for help for himself/ herself/themself
- ✓ Make a two-year minimum commitment
- ✓ Be willing to accept a very structured environment from dawn to dusk
- ✓ Accept three essential rules:
 1. No physical violence
 2. No threats of violence
 3. No drugs or alcohol



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Thank you.

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