



# City of Nanaimo Governance and Priorities Committee (GPC) Meeting

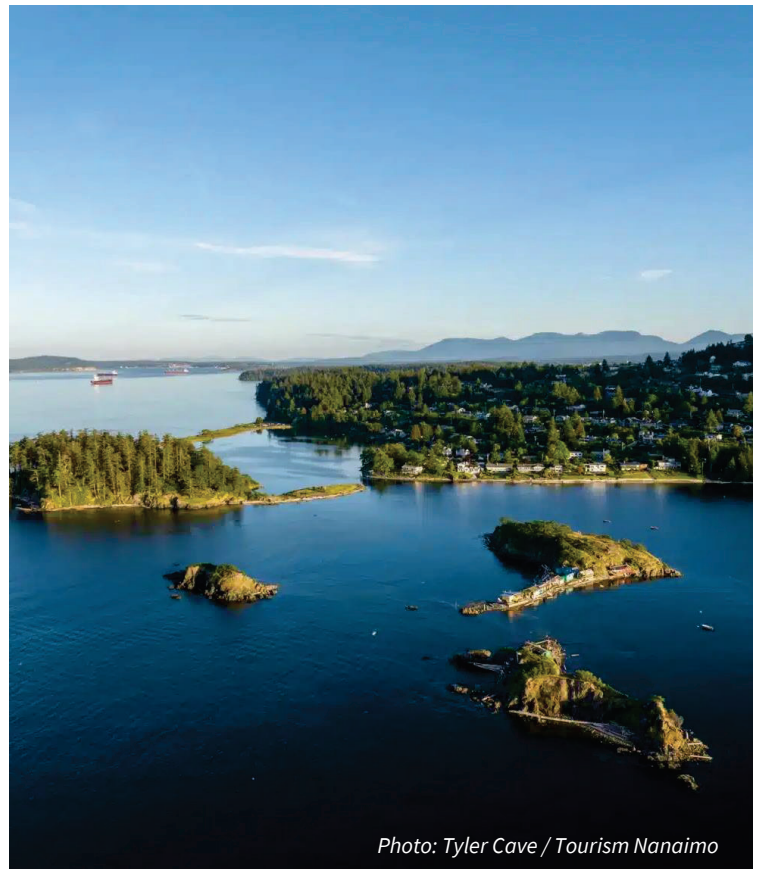
## BC Housing Update: Nanaimo Homelessness and Housing

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### Presentation Topics

- Provincial Approach to Housing & Homelessness
- Supporting People & Communities:
  - Supportive Housing in Nanaimo
  - Shelters in Nanaimo



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# Belonging in BC

## The Province's collaborative plan to prevent and reduce homelessness

- Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs + BC Housing
- Partnership with Nanaimo (MOU)

### Current Priorities

- HEART Strategic Working Group and Encampment Response Planning
- HEARTH Temporary Housing
- Coordinated Access Table & Tenancing Plans

### Medium-Term

- Aligning Coordinated Access between BCH and Nanaimo's Community Entity
- Enabling access and broader use of Homeless Individuals and Families Information System (HIFIS)



# Supportive Housing Overview

## Typical Supports and Services

- Studio apartment or single sleeping unit
- Staff onsite 24/7
- Daily meals
- Storage, laundry, washroom and shower facilities
- Life skills training
- Access to culturally informed supports
- Referrals to health care and community supports

## Residents

- Adults (19 +) of all genders including seniors and people with disabilities.
- Experiencing or at risk of homelessness
- In need of supports to maintain housing
- All residents pay rent



## Current Supportive Housing in Nanaimo

Location Name	Address	Operator
Newcastle Place <b>50 Temporary (HEARTH)</b>	250 Terminal Avenue	Island Crisis Care Society (ICCS)
Cornerstone <b>51 Permanent</b>	285 Prideaux Street	Connective
Samaritan Place <b>51 Permanent</b>	702 Nicol Street	Island Crisis Care Society (ICCS)
Nikao <b>66 Temporary (SHF)</b>	2060 Labieux Road	Pacifica
Uplands Walk <b>34 Permanent</b>	6025 Uplands Drive	Pacifica
Wesley St. Housing <b>36 Permanent</b>	437 Wesley Street	CMHA Mid-Island

Total Temporary: **116**  
Total Permanent: **172**  
Grand Total: **288**

### Supportive Housing Residents

294 people currently live in supportive homes in Nanaimo (permanent and temporary) as of March 31, 2025

112 people moved out of supportive housing in fiscal year 2024-25

*\*Note that for many people with various needs, supportive housing is a permanent home.*



## Future Supportive Housing in Nanaimo

Location Name	Address	Operator
Sparrow <b>78 Temporary (HEARTH)</b>	1298 Nelson Street	Pacifica
1300 Island Highway South <b>50 Temporary (HEARTH)</b>	1300 Island Highway South	Connective
1030 Old Victoria Rd <b>59 Temporary (HEARTH)</b>	1030 Old Victoria Road	VIMHS
McKenzie <b>50 Permanent (proposed)</b>	McKenzie Avenue	TBD
Complex Care Housing <b>20 Permanent (proposed)</b>	1850 Boxwood Road	BCH
355 Nicol St <b>35 Permanent (proposed)</b>	355 Nicol Street	Snuneymuxw First Nations
250 Terminal Avenue <b>50 Permanent (proposed)</b>	250 Terminal Avenue	TBD

Total Temporary: **187**  
Total Permanent: **155**  
Grand Total: **242**



# CAA HEARTH Tenanting Strategy

Location Name	Operator	Tenanting Plan	Coordinated Access Update	Projected Opening Dates
Sparrow 78 Temporary (HEARTH)	Pacifica	Individuals who are on a path of wellness and stabilization with health and housing needs.	Referrals Paused – meetings expected to start again in early June	Occupancy expected in June 2025
1300 Island Highway South 50 Temporary (HEARTH)	Connective	Long term shelter guests or, where appropriate, currently unhoused individuals	22 Prospective residents have been identified Next CAA meeting May 20th	May 15, 2025
1030 Old Victoria Rd 59 Temporary (HEARTH)	VIMHS	Long term shelter guests or, where appropriate, currently unhoused individuals	12 Prospective residents have been identified Next CAA meeting May 15th	June 2, 2025



## Nanaimo CAA Update

### Active CAA Table Members



### Current Activity

- Meeting monthly
  - 9 Additional meetings April to June to tenant HEARTH sites
- SPO and BCH CAA By Name List Review May 21st

### Supportive Housing Registry

345 applicant households in Nanaimo as of March 31, 2025

#### Of these:

- 30% identify as Indigenous
- 28% are over the age 55
- 70% reported substance use issues
- 75% reported a mental health condition
- 32% reported having stayed at a shelter in the past

# Shelters in Nanaimo

Location Name	Address	Operator
Salvation Army New Hope Centre <b>24 spaces + 10 transition</b>	19 Nicol Street	Salvation Army
Samaritan Place <b>14 spaces</b>	702 Nicol Street	Island Crisis Care Society (ICCS)
Unitarian Shelter <b>25 spaces + 2 emergency</b>	595 Townsite Road	Nanaimo Family Life Association (NFLA)
The Hub Shelter <b>20 spaces (Temporary)</b>	55 Victoria Street	Nanaimo Family Life Association (NFLA)

Total Spaces: 95

### Shelter Guests

919 unique people accessed shelters in Nanaimo in fiscal year 2024-25  
127 people have transitioned from shelters into housing in fiscal year 2024-25



# Thank you