

1909 Prosser Road

Frequently Asked Questions

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What is being built at 1909 Prosser Road?

The Capital Regional District (CRD) is acquiring a 51-unit affordable housing building at 1909 Prosser Road in Central Saanich which will be leased to the Capital Region Housing Corporation (CRHC). The building will be operated by CRHC and will include 41 units for tenants with low to moderate incomes. Ten units will be rented at provincial income assistance rates under the Regional Housing First Program (RHFP). The provincial income assistance units will be offered to individuals who have experienced homelessness and are ready to live independently. The rent for these units will be set at the provincial income assistance rate (\$375 per month).

Building features include:

- 8 studio units
- 31 1-bedroom units
- 12 2-bedroom units
- Underground parking
- Close to Centennial Park and Saanichton Village
- Public transportation adjacent to the property
- Designed and constructed to achieve BC Energy Step Code – Step 2
- Anticipated occupancy in March 2022

How is this project funded?

The project budget is \$16,981,555. Grant funding has been approved for the Prosser Road project to ensure units can be rented at affordable rates based on income.

- BC Housing Investment in Housing Innovation \$3.25M
- Regional Housing First Program \$3M
- Regional Housing Trust Fund \$615,000

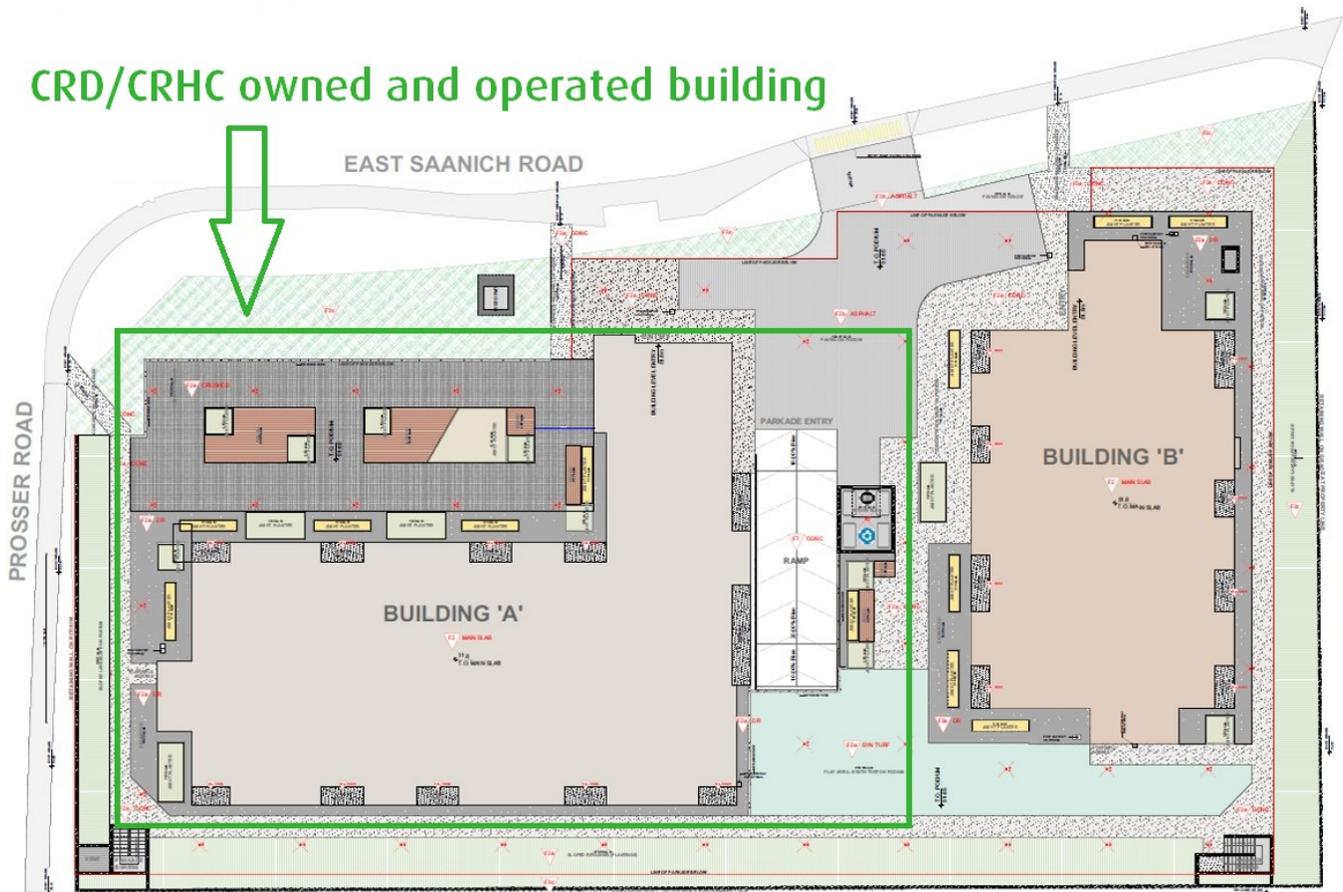
Is this going to add even more supportive housing to the area?

No, this building aims to provide increased rental options for individuals across the housing spectrum, with a range of unit types available to those who are ready and/or able to live independently. It will be adjacent to another development on the same site led by BC Housing, which provides supportive housing with dedicated

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on-site support services. The combined development will provide a significant contribution to support the diverse housing needs of the Saanichton community.

Site Layout & Ground Level Plan



How are the projects different from each other?

Building A is a 51-unit affordable residential rental building acquired by the CRD through the Regional Housing First Program (RHFP) and will be operated by the CRHC. Properties funded by the RHFP provide a mix of rental options including units for people who can live independently. The RHFP equity contribution of \$3 million will result in the creation of 10 units that will rent at the provincial income assistance rate of \$375/month.

Building B is a 39-unit supportive housing building acquired by BC Housing through the Rapid Housing Initiative and will be operated by a non-profit organization with dedicated on-site supports. More information on this project is available at <https://letstalkhousingbc.ca/central-saanich-1909-prosser>.

What is the Regional Housing First Program?

The Regional Housing First Program (RHFP) is an equal partnership agreement between the CRD, the Government of BC through BC Housing, and the Government of Canada through the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC). The program will see a direct investment of \$120 million to create up to 2,000

units of affordable housing as part of the \$600 million program, including 400 units renting at the current provincial income assistance rate to address the needs of people experiencing homelessness on southern Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands.

What makes the RHFP unique?

BC Housing, Island Health and the CRD will work with community partners to create a coordinated and more efficient system to address homelessness in the region.

Unlike supportive housing, the mixed-market model does not require dedicated support programs in fixed locations. Instead, flexible, mobile services may be delivered by Island Health and/or community partners for individuals located in units throughout the region.

Decentralization helps empower individuals, reduce stigmatization and creates more options for individuals seeking housing. Greater efficiencies will also increase the flow of clients through the overall system and thereby support more stable housing outcomes. Residents benefit through increased quality of life.

Who can be helped by this program?

People living in the region with a variety of housing needs. There will be units rented at the provincial income assistance rate with a range of affordable rental options.

What supports are available to people living there?

The RHFP model avoids the need for dedicated support programs in specific locations. Instead, where required, flexible, mobile services may be delivered to individuals located throughout the region.

The CRHC strives to be a good neighbor in the communities in which we operate. Each property has a dedicated caretaker as well as landscaping services and a 24/7 call line for emergencies and after hour tenant support.

How and when can I apply for a housing unit?

Information regarding approved RHFP projects is available on the [CRD website](#) and is updated as work progresses.

Affordable rental unit applications will be processed by the CRHC directly. Rental opportunities for CRHC operated buildings is available at <https://capitalregionhousing.ca/>.

Applications for the provincial income assistance units will be processed through a coordinated access and assessment process based on individual needs.

How do I learn more about the RHFP?

More information on the RHFP is available on the CRD website <https://www.crd.bc.ca/project/regional-housing-first-program>. Additional FAQs about the program are available [here](#).