



Burnaby Task Force On Homelessness

Working Together to END Homelessness in Burnaby

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Members of the Burnaby Task Force On Homelessness recently read the press release "City of Burnaby and Province Partner to Develop 180 New Social Housing Units in Burnaby" which will provide a net gain of 90 units of new, non-market seniors housing should the development proceed as proposed.

The Burnaby Task Force On Homelessness wishes to take this opportunity to commend the City of Burnaby's collaborative work with BC Housing and Ledingham McAllister, to develop this plan for non-market housing that will benefit the existing 90 families at Cedar Place as well as house 90 Burnaby seniors.

The proposed project would see the development of 90 units of new, non-market family housing, to be owned and operated by BC Housing, on the Southgate site being developed by Ledingham McAllister.

We are very pleased that the existing Cedar Place residents will be given first opportunity to tenant the new family housing at the same rental rate, with a minimum of disruption to their lives. This decision is very respectful of the current Cedar place residents.

We ask that the City request BC Housing to develop policy for the new seniors housing with language that ensures Burnaby seniors have priority access to the housing. There are too many Burnaby seniors who are currently being forced from this, their home community, because of financial constraints and the loss of local affordable housing.

Again, on behalf of the homeless and homeless at risk, thank you for investing in creating more affordable housing units to meet the needs of the residents of Burnaby.

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Thank you
Sincerely,

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