



ABORIGINAL COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS



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SONGHEES ESQUIMALT



OUR
MISSION

To *lovingly* provide culturally supportive, affordable housing and services that end Aboriginal homelessness on Vancouver Island.





YEAR IN REVIEW

**CONTRACT
DELIVERABLES**



CONTINUE THE INDIGENOUS ALCOHOL HARM REDUCTION PROGRAM

- Began with 3-year design and evaluation funded by the **Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)** in partnership with the **University of Victoria**
- Renewed contract with **Island Health (VIHA)** for 2 additional years
- Expansion in demand but on pause due to fiscal realities
- Has prevented evictions related to substance use and mental health challenges

458 DAYS IS AVERAGE RESIDENCY FOR FYE 2026

*I want to stay sober
before I go swim because
my teachings are coming
back to me now that I am
on the land*



The opposite of addiction is connection, so if you feel connected to the land that you're on, it can give you the strength to reach out and connect to your own culture and community





LOBBYING CORE-FUNDING

Chief Executive Officer and Board Chair presented a Federal Funding Request (\$2.5M annually, 3 years):

- **Office of the Prime Minister** | Yash Nanda, Senior Policy Advisor
- **Office of the Minister of Health** | Jibril Hussein, Senior Policy Advisor
- **Office of the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure** | Diane Chieng, Senior Regional Advisor (British Columbia); and Eamonn Schwartz, Senior Policy Advisor
- **Indigenous Services Canada, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch** | Celine Hurtubise, Director General
- **Indigenous Services Canada** | Andrea Yellow Horn, Senior Legal & Policy Advisor
- **Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada** | Janet Goulding, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Cheri Reddin, Director General, Intergovernmental and External Partnerships Directorate
- **Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation** | Nadine LeBlanc, Senior Vice-President, Housing Policies and Programs, Benjamin Williams, Director, Indigenous and Northern Housing Solutions
- **Members of Parliament (Ottawa)**: Elizabeth May (Saanich–Gulf Islands), Jeff Kibble (Cowichan-Langford-Malahat), Jenny Kwan (Vancouver East), Taleeb Noorohamed (Vancouver Granville)
- **Members of Parliament (Local)**: Will Greaves (Victoria), Gord Johns (Courtenay–Alberni), Tamara Kronis (Nanaimo–Ladysmith) Stephanie McLean (Esquimalt–Saanich–Sooke)



REPRESENT AT KEY COMMUNITY TABLES

- Homelessness Response Leadership Table (HRLT)
- Coordinated Access and Assessment (CAA)
- Indigenous Reaching Home (IRH)
- Downtown Service Providers (DSP)
- Victoria Community Action Team (VCAT)
- Victoria Primary Care Network (VPCN)
- Vancouver Island Housing Leadership Network (VIHLN)
- Circle of Advisors, Representative for Children and Youth (RCY)
- Supportive Housing Providers



ENGAGE ON COORDINATED ACCESS AND HIFIS DEPLOYMENT

- Coordinated Access and Assessment: Advocacy and vacancy management
- Engaged in HIFIS dialogue through the Homelessness Response Leadership Table (HRLT) and Indigenous Reaching Home group

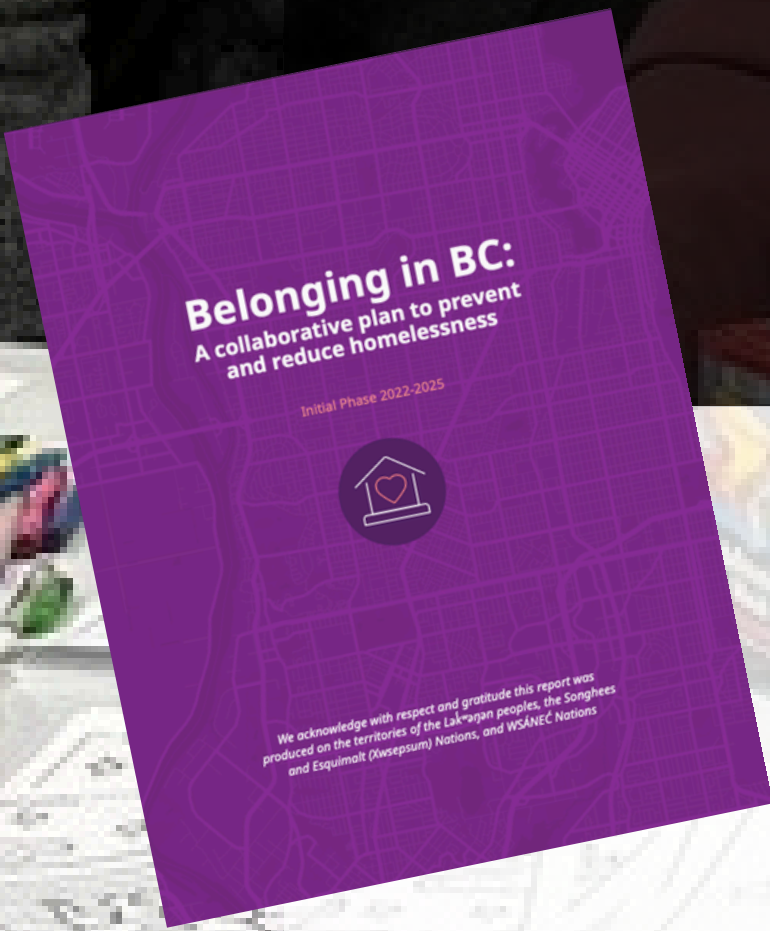


ACHIEVE TARGETS IN THE 5-YEAR HOUSING STRATEGY

- Culturally Supportive Housing for at-risk youth | Jan 2024
- Xexe pahlatsis'lelum (Sacred Cradle House) | Jan 2025
- Culturally Aligned Integrated Support Island-Wide | 2024-2026
- Family Reunification expansion plan | Ongoing
- Wellness House underway | Opening 2028



COMPLETE



DESIGN, DELIVER AND EVALUATE THE CULTURALLY ALIGNED INTEGRATED SUPPORT PROGRAM

- Developed Indigenous-led model to prevent and reduce Indigenous homelessness across urban, rural, and remote sites.
- **\$1,860,109.37** in Rental Supplements to support **328 Family Members**
- **93% continue to be housed** in private market OR are housed and no longer eligible for a positive reason (i.e., income increase, moved home)

 **COMPLETE**



DEVELOP A 10-YEAR HOUSING STRATEGY

- Deferred to 2026
- Island-wide engagements ongoing to assess needs across the region



EXPAND ON PROGRESS MADE IN DEVELOPING YEK_ÁUTW

- Celebration of Chief of Police, Del Manak and continued relationship building
- Post-incarceration transitions with Vancouver Island Community Corrections
- Department of Justice contract until March 2027
- 2026 priority: Developing a restorative justice model based in traditional ways to being healing, prevent evictions, and build community



CULTURALLY SUPPORTIVE HOUSING CONTINUUM

- Culturally supportive models of care from homelessness through to private market as of 2024-25, with addition of Wellness House scheduled for 2028
- Integrated, Indigenous-led service model in downtown core

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Hishuk ish tsawalk
Our way is to care
for all of our people,
from the youngest
to the oldest.
We are all one.
Some of our people living
away from home
are suffering, isolated,
and homeless.
We stand together to
end homelessness.

Nuts'a maat
Na'minu't
All My Relations
NETOLNEMETE

OTHER UPDATES

**10 YEAR
MILESTONE**



OTHER UPDATES

NEW LOCATION

 *1809 Douglas Street*



OTHER UPDATES

WELLNESS HOUSE



Mason Street



OTHER UPDATES

**EXECUTIVE
TRANSITION**