
BACKGROUND

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Human Resources and Social Development Canada
Ministry of Forests and Range and Minister responsible for Housing
Vancouver Coastal Health

5616 FRASER STREET

The development at 5616 Fraser Street in Vancouver provides 30 self-contained studio apartments of supportive housing.

The new housing creates safe, affordable homes where people with a mental illness who want to live without consuming alcohol or illegal drugs can achieve long term health and stability and grow towards their maximum potential. The building is alcohol and drug free and staffed 24 hours per day, seven days a week. The staff provide the tenants with a full range of support services, including support in achieving their treatment goals, life skills assistance, social and recreational opportunities and support in finding and maintaining employment. The 24-hour staff presence also ensures that the building remains a safe haven for the tenants.

A Community Advisory Committee has been established to liaise with surrounding residents and businesses. Vancouver City Council approved a Supportive Housing Strategy in June to provide the framework for developing supportive housing for people with mental illness and addictions throughout the city.

The three-storey concrete building opened to residents in August 2007.

Partners and Funding

Capital cost of this project is \$7 million.

Partners and Funding:

- Human Resources and Social Development Canada, through the Homelessness Partnering Strategy, provided an approximate \$3,326,040 grant.
- The Province provided a one-time grant of \$1.35 million.
- Vancouver Coastal Health provided a capital grant of \$1.6 million.
- The City of Vancouver provided a grant of \$575,000 and approximately \$149,000 in municipal reductions of levies.

Triage Emergency Services & Care Society

For more than 20 years, Triage has endeavoured to provide a continuum of housing and support opportunities for people with mental health, substance use and other challenges. Their vision is ‘A home for every person.’

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