

STRATEGIC PRIORITY #5 - Build capacity with Non-Profit Housing and Service Providers

Non-profit organizations are essential in addressing the housing needs of groups or households that face significant barriers to securing housing. These non-profit housing providers bring expertise in development, tenant selection, and continuing occupancy management. Additionally, they can integrate wraparound services such as employment training, education, addiction recovery, and immigration services into their housing projects.

While the City does not manage or operate affordable housing units, it plays a crucial role in supporting non-profit housing and service providers to meet the needs of White Rock residents effectively. The City engages regularly with various partners to raise awareness, provide updates on affordable housing requirements, ensure policy compliance, and gather feedback to refine and improve City policies and programs.

By fostering and maintaining key relationships and building community capacity, the City ensures that non-profit housing and social service providers are well-supported and equipped with the necessary tools and resources to serve their clients effectively.

ACTION 1: Partner with Non-Profit organizations*Initiatives*

- 1.1. Foster partnerships between Non-Profit agencies with Governments and Developers for Affordable Housing and improve local Non-Profit capacity - **medium-term**
- 1.2. Support non-profit partners in the housing sector to develop a system to make adaptable and accessible units identifiable to renters by making building data available. **medium-term**
- 1.3. Explore partnerships with non-profit housing providers to facilitate the development of new housing as part of municipal halls, community centres, fire halls, libraries or other civic facilities - **medium-term**
- 1.4. Consult with non-profit housing providers on how to successfully integrate below-market affordable housing into new rental and strata condominium projects and what level of financial assistance would be needed - **medium-term**
- 1.5. Support partnership opportunities between developers and non-profit housing providers to ensure a proportion of units secured through the development approvals process are operated by non-profit housing providers - **medium-term**

ACTION 2: Explore the feasibility of establishing a housing authority – long-term**ACTION 3: Facilitate Stakeholder Partnerships***Initiatives*

- 3.1. Continue to work in partnership with BC Housing, CMHC, non-profit housing providers and others to increase the supply of purpose-built non-market rental housing units in White Rock – **long-term**
- 3.2. Convene and sustain regular dialogue sessions with a broad range of stakeholders – **medium-term**

- 3.3. Explore partnership opportunities to expand shelter and short-term supportive housing for individuals experiencing homelessness – *long-term*
- 3.4. Work with partners to advocate to increase investment in housing in White Rock and collaborate on solutions – *long-term*
- 3.5. Create an inventory of non-profit housing providers available to operate affordable units secured in new developments - *medium-term*

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