

## DRAFT RESOLUTION

Re: Transitional Housing with Supports

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WHEREAS there is a lack of publicly funded, evidence-based and accredited treatment options and outpatient services, including managed withdrawal (detox) and aftercare supports, while ensuring a variety of treatment options to support individual and family needs:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia urgently provide a substantial increase and investment into affordable, accessible on demand withdrawal management and substance use treatment programs with diverse, culturally sensitive, recovery driven transitional housing options (including abstinence and faith based) to support their commitment to wellness;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that residents committed to a path to recovery, be eligible to participate in an provincially wide expanded version of the Addiction Recovery Program and/or the 'Single Parent Initiative' while being connected with the program coordinators who encourage optimal recovery by assisting with counselling, life skills, job training and more to help individuals to build confidence, hope as well as a sense of purpose, all while living in safe, affordable transitional housing.

### BACKGROUND:

The Select Standing Committee on Health produced a [report on November 1st, 2022](#) recommending the BC Government urgently invest a substantial increase in treatment options and outpatient services. The Province of British Columbia is making investments in low barrier housing that still require a higher degree of on-site 'wrap around' supports for people suffering from mental health and substance mis-use challenges. These individuals are at a higher risk of experiencing homelessness. Think we all can agree that the status quo is not working and doing more of the same is not going to produce better results. Time is of the essence. We need to urgently provide all supports possible to people trying to overcome addiction and give them every opportunity to get better when they want treatment. Those wanting treatment can no longer be kept waiting for days, weeks or months.

People on a path to recovery, engaged in withdrawal management and recovery programs, require a better choice in supported housing models. Stable, short-term supportive housing will assist in their journey to wellness and improve their success rate. Diverse '[transitional housing](#)' options reduce relapse triggers. People on a path to recovery are much more successful when enrolled in an addiction recovery programs like the [Single Parent Employment Initiative - Province of British Columbia](#) or [Addiction Recovery Program](#) where program coordinators help those in treatment obtain counselling, build life skills and job training up to two years while the person lives in safe, affordable housing.

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