

This proposed supportive and affordable housing apartment building on Wilkinson Avenue will be home to families, those on disability, seniors and women with children. The building has been designed with a selection of one and two bed accommodation with laundry facilities. The building will offer 5% accessible apartments, demonstrating flexibility so it is inclusive to house all tenants.

With regards to apartment rents, 20% will be Deep Subsidy Units, 50% will be RGI and the remaining 30% will be offered to those on low- moderate income – in line with the requirements for BC Housing's Community Housing Fund requirements. Wilkinson Ave will create housing which mixes incomes as well as ages, families and single people. The multi-generational mix has a stable effect on the housing and a variety of relationships and support is developed. A true sense of community is created which benefits all.

As well as apartments at our head office at Tutt Street, NOW currently operates NOW Place Apartments, (21 units) and 1060 Cawston Ave (40 units) of affordable and supportive housing in Kelowna. NOW has over 20 years' experience in operating such accommodation, and while our buildings are designed for independent living, the society recognizes that fact that many people who are on income assistance and living on low income are dealing with additional challenges in their lives and require help to overcome a variety of situations/circumstances so they can maintain their housing and/or employment, and parent effectively – keeping the family together. Therefore operating experience has taught us that on-site staff presence through the Building Manager, other NOW staff and community partners is essential. The plan for Wilkinson Ave will be no different.

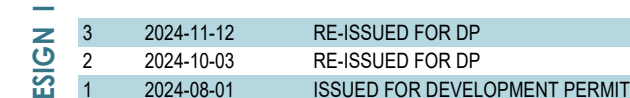
This is where NOW's already established programs come into play. All tenants will have access to tenant support services at NOW Canada, NOW's Mental Wellness Worker and our 24/7 emergency cell service. As funding permits, some may be eligible to receive food cards when the Food Bank isn't enough and their income does not allow them to buy life's essentials. Other tenants may truly benefit from one-on-one trauma therapy – free to tenants and also provided as funding permits. In addition, we can provide child appropriate therapy as needed. Taking into account the demographic of the tenants we expect to live at Wilkinson Ave, it is essential that these services are available, and as such a counselling/community support room will be available for confidential meetings and case planning.

As well, our community partners will be invited to bring their resources to the building so tenants can access a wealth of community services and referrals all on-site. These may include: Y Employment Program, parenting programs, mental wellness support and other resources as determined by tenant requirements.

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