



Maple Ridge Supportive Housing and Shelter Proposal  
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Fraser Health is the largest and fastest-growing health authority in British Columbia, serving 1.7 million people from Burnaby to Hope. We are committed to providing excellent health care to those in our care, whether they are in our hospitals, in their homes or in our communities.

## **Supporting care in partnership with City of Maple Ridge and BC Housing**

Fraser Health is working with the City of Maple Ridge and BC Housing on the Maple Ridge Supportive Housing and Shelter Proposal to identify and meet the health care needs of the individuals who are to be supported by this project.

Homelessness is a complex issue that requires a collaborative approach. Government, community service providers and health care professionals must work together to support vulnerable members of our communities.

A common stereotype of the homeless population is that they all suffer from mental health and/or substance use issues. It is important to note that not all people who are homeless report a mental illness or addiction.

Services proposed by Fraser Health in support of the Maple Ridge Supportive Housing and Shelter Proposal include:

- Providing access to all health care services, including primary care, hospital, home health and public health services.
- Assisting individuals to make successful linkages to community health services, like Home Health services that include support with activities of daily living and nursing care.
- Providing clinical case management through onsite visits.
- Providing individuals with access to mental health and substance use screening, assessments, treatment and referrals, and harm reduction services to those who are seeking support with addiction. These services would be provided by Maple Ridge Mental Health Centre nurses, Psychiatrists, a nurse practitioner, Riverstone Mobile Detox clinicians, and Alouette Addictions clinicians and outreach workers. Services would be coordinated through the service providers and together they would contribute to a joint service plan for each individual.

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