



Place-based Permanent Supportive Housing **Parkside Pilot**

What is the Parkside Pilot?

The Parkside Pilot is a 35-unit place-based permanent supportive housing program located at 10437-100th avenue in the former Parkside Inn. The pilot will be operated for two years by the Canadian Mental Health Association and started full operation on January 1st 2019. During the

Parkside Pilot, the program will be monitored and evaluated to determine whether the location is a good fit for the program. A community-based committee has also been established to help steer and provide feedback on the Parkside Pilot.

What is Place-Based Permanent Supportive Housing?

Place-based permanent supportive housing offers people who have experienced homelessness along with other issues full time on-site support to achieve housing and personal stability. This type of housing can end the

experience of chronic homelessness for people who face barriers due to mental/physical health problems or addiction. Supportive housing services can include case management, advocacy and employment assistance.

Why do we need Place-Based Permanent Supportive Housing in Grande Prairie?

Making the right housing available for people who have experienced homelessness is key to ending homelessness in Grande Prairie

The City and local service providers have identified a need for permanent supportive housing units for people experiencing chronic homelessness, and the Parkside Pilot is the start of filling this need. All of Alberta's largest

seven cities, with the exception of Grande Prairie, have this type of housing and consider it an essential component of their work toward ending homelessness.

Benefits of Place-Based Permanent Supportive Housing

- Improved effectiveness of other programs that address homelessness
- Reduced number of people experiencing chronic homelessness
- Improved physical and mental wellbeing for residents
- Increased social inclusion and independence for residents
- Reduced costs to public systems related to chronic homelessness, including shelter use, hospital visits, involvement with police and corrections, and involvement in courts

As of March 2019 the Parkside Pilot had 40 residents, the majority of whom were experiencing chronic homelessness prior to living there.

Features of the Parkside Pilot

- Housing support workers are on site 24 hours per day – 7 days per week to provide intensive, focused support to residents
- Security cameras and staff-monitored access
- Mental health and addiction workers are on site daily
- Community-based advisory committee assists with neighbourhood integration

Get Involved

We need feedback and involvement from the whole neighbourhood during the Parkside Pilot. Be informed and have your say. Sign up for our newsletter by emailing **parkside@cityofgp.com**

Why sign up for the newsletter?

- Receive regular updates on the Parkside Pilot and how it relates to your neighbourhood
- Receive invitations to information sessions and Parkside Pilot open houses hosted by the City and Canadian Mental Health Association
- Provide input into the Parkside Pilot evaluation via online neighbourhood surveys
- Be on the leading edge of supportive housing in Grande Prairie

Share your questions, concerns and ideas

Email **parkside@cityofgp.com** at any time. We will respond to you as soon as we can.

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