



## DAWSON HEIGHTS

### **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) January 25, 2018 Community Open House**

#### **Q: How is Dawson Heights Housing Ltd. helping tenants of the cottages with relocation? What will happen to existing tenants?**

A: Existing residents are aware of the project and participated in a consultation event in the fall. We will be supporting tenants throughout the relocation process and are actively reaching out to organizations that specialize in seniors affordable housing to find vacant units for existing tenants to move into. Tenants will also have the option of moving into one of the adjacent buildings owned and operated by Dawson Heights Housing Ltd. depending on existing vacancies. Financial compensation, assistance with rental application forms, compensation for moving costs will also be offered.

#### **Q: Will the building contain an intergenerational mix of tenants?**

A: At this time, our intention is to target tenants aged 55+, to help address the strong need for affordable seniors-oriented housing in Saanich. Additionally, when the Cottages were built in 1949 by the founder of Dawson Heights Housing Ltd., the District of Saanich registered a restrictive covenant on the property limiting the type of tenants who could occupy the new building to those aged 55 and over. We are exploring options for this covenant, however our intention, as stated, is to target tenants aged 55+.

#### **Q: When will the neighbourhood be able to make comments to the City?**

A: An application for a zoning by-law amendment will be submitted in late February 2018. After the application is submitted, nearby residents can submit comments on the proposal to District planning staff at any time. A public consultation meeting will also be held where District planning staff and members of the Dawson Heights Housing Ltd. team will be

#### **Q: What will the rents be? What is the maximum income limit?**

A: Rents in the building will be below market rates for the area. The exact rates will be set after all project costs are tallied close to the end of the development process.

#### **Q: When will construction begin?**

A: Construction could proceed in early 2019 if the zoning by-law amendment application and development applications are approved.



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**Q: Is this project related to the Trillium Communities project?**

Trillium Communities is a separate organization. The two projects are unrelated and proceeding on different timelines

**Q: Are there areas for wheelchairs/scooters?**

The building will be accessible to persons with disabilities and up to 10% of units will be fully accessible.

**Q: How will we be kept informed of updates?**

Updates will be posted on the Dawson Heights website (<http://www.dawsonheights.ca/accommodation/redevelopment-of-the-cottages-site>) as soon as available. You may also sign up to receive updates via – please email [khope@dawsonheights.ca](mailto:khope@dawsonheights.ca) to request email updates.