

# Orwell Non-Market Housing

Presentation to NVCAN on November 21, 2019

Note: The proposed design and associated numbers have not yet been finalized and are still subject to change. Public engagement is planned to commence in January 2020.

# Hello my name is

# Please share your:

- The Community Association you represent



Introductions

7:00 – 7:10 p.m.

Presentation:

Overview of project plans and timeline

7:10 - 7:25

Q+A

7:25 - 8:00

Discuss concerns and perceptions about the project

8:00 - 8:15

Discuss how NVCAN wants to be engaged

8:15 - 8:25

Discuss recommendations for community engagement

8:25 - 8:35

Wrap up and next steps 8:3

8:35 – 8:45 p.m.



### Project Partners

LAND DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER



**FUNDING** 

BUILDING OWNER OPERATOR





SELECTING TENANTS FOR 20 UNITS

### Project Partners



- 30-year history operating non-profit, non-market housing in the Lower Mainland
- 23 buildings, over 500 units
- Group homes, townhomes, apartment buildings



- Providing social services on the North Shore since 2004
- Serving families, seniors, youth
- Addressing poverty, homelessness and housing instability



# What do we mean by non-market housing?

- All units rented at belowmarket rents
- Some units will be far below market (for people on social assistance)
- Some for working low-to-moderate income earners
- Some for moderate earners

## Orwell building by the numbers

- 6 storeys
- 90 units
  - 52 one-bedroom
  - 27 two-bedroom
  - 11 three-bedroom
- ~71 parking stalls
- 100+ bicycle stalls

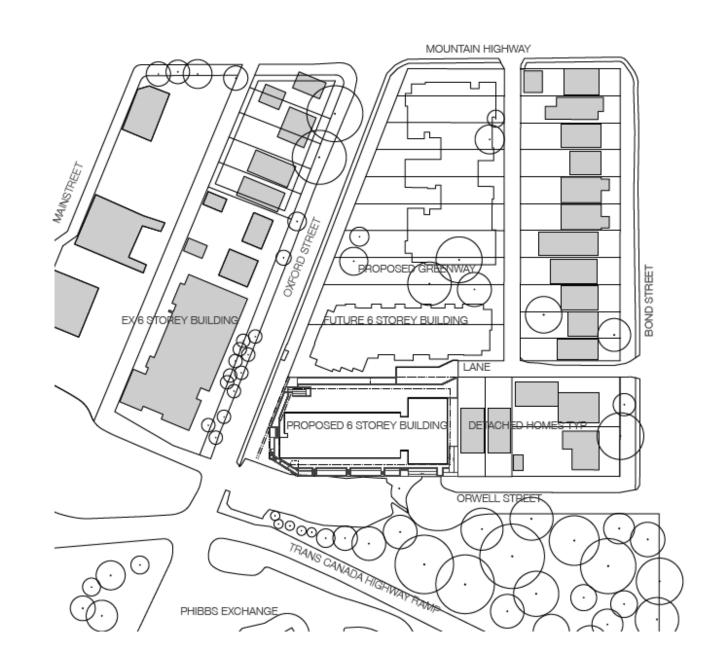






#### **DESIGN PROPOSAL**

CONTEXT PLAN



#### **DESIGN PROPOSAL**

#### BALCONY EXPRESSIONS



#### **DESIGN PROPOSAL**

**GROUND FLOOR PLAN** 



## Project Milestones

- Community engagement January-February 2020
- Submit detailed application to District April 2020
  - District review and approval process



### *If approved:*

- Construction start Spring 2021
- Occupancy Fall 2022

# Who would live at Orwell?

- Priority to people living and/or working on North Shore
- Diverse mix of:
  - Singles
  - Couples
  - Families
- All ages children to seniors
- 20 units for clients of Hollyburn











### Rent Amounts

Three different rent levels / calculations:

- Rent levels and maximum incomes set by BC Housing
- Numbers provided are 2019 levels these will change by the time the building would open in 2022
- 1. 18 units = shelter rates
  - \$375 \$660 / month
  - Variable rate based on family size

### **Rent Amounts**

Three different rent levels / calculations:

- 2. 45 units = below housing income limits
  - Rent = 30% of income
- 3. 27 units = below-market rents
  - Maximum income levels to qualify i.e. not eligible for building if household income is above \$104,440
  - Rent amounts range from \$1,650 to \$2,450 / month based on unit size

## Tenant example 1: Melissa



- Melissa is a single mother with a 5year-old son
  - Currently on social assistance
    - Would rent at shelter rate of \$570/month for a 2-bedroom
  - In school to obtain care aide diploma
    - Once she gets diploma and a job, her rent would be calculated based on income
    - Rent = 30% of income
    - If she makes \$35,000 / year, her monthly rent would be \$875







# Tenant example 2: Inesa

Inesa is a retired teacher



- She would pay \$1,238.50 / month for a 1-bedroom unit
- Rent = 30% of income











# Tenant example 3: Rahman & Rebecca



• Rahman and Rebecca have 2 children, ages 12 and 14



 Rahman makes \$40,000 / year and Rebecca makes \$60,000



- Combined income = \$100,000
- They would rent a 3-bedroom unit for \$2,450 / month









# Questions?



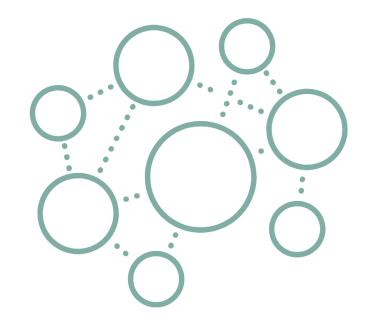
## Concerns & Perceptions

- Do you have any specific concerns about the project?
- How do you think the project will be perceived by the North Van community?



# **Engaging NVCAN**

- What are the best ways to share information with you moving forward?
- How do you want to be engaged?



## Community Engagement

- What is your advice to us about how to engage the community on this project?
- Who needs to be engaged?
- Are there any specific engagement activities or approaches that would be effective?
- How can we make sure the engagement is meaningful?





Thank you for your participation!