

Transitional & Supportive Housing



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In Newfoundland & Labrador there is currently a need for transitional housing services

There are 12 transition houses in the province that house women and children affected by violence

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There is a strong need for transitional housing for families and vulnerable persons

Currently there is no transitional housing in the province for single fathers

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In order to receive income support benefits an applicant needs to supply an address

Housing is one of the leading causes of stress for vulnerable individuals and families

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Addiction and homelessness are both on the rise in Newfoundland & Labrador

There are very few supportive housing options available to those who need them

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“Hard to House” individuals are often bounced around different group homes and have difficulty finding practical housing options

Many end up in prison

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Nobody in Government is talking about the steady rise in drug related crime, both in St. John's and other areas

Many people do not understand the truth about addictions that lead so many into a criminal lifestyle



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In the 1990's Vancouver was dealing with many of the same problems

The Downtown Eastside Residents Association founded the Portland Hotel Society to address the housing needs

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The program is co-funded by BC housing and the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority

Initial funding came from federal, provincial, and municipal funding, in addition to fundraising from several foundations



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1999 the new Portland Hotel opened accommodations for 86 adults with mental health, addictions, and other problems

The facility included professional supports to assist residents with their needs

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8 mental health workers provide 24 hour support to residents

Doctors meet with residents 4 days a week

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They also opened
Canada's first safe
injection site

“Insite”



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For most residents, rent is based on a percentage of their income support or pension benefits

Working residents pay less than \$500 per month for rent

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40% of residents stay for over 10 years. The rest stay an average of 6-8 years

Residents have a home where they feel accepted and respected

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The program has been a great success and has drastically improved the lives of thousands of people

It has kept many people off the streets and out hospitals and jails



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We need an “East Portland Hotel”

In BC they realize that this program is cheaper and produces better outcomes than living on the street and being constantly in and out of hospitals and the justice system

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Together we can start the shift towards a better future for all Newfoundlanders and Labradorians!

Thank You!