

Municipal Update: Emergency Accommodations

For the period of December 16, 2021 – January 9, 2022

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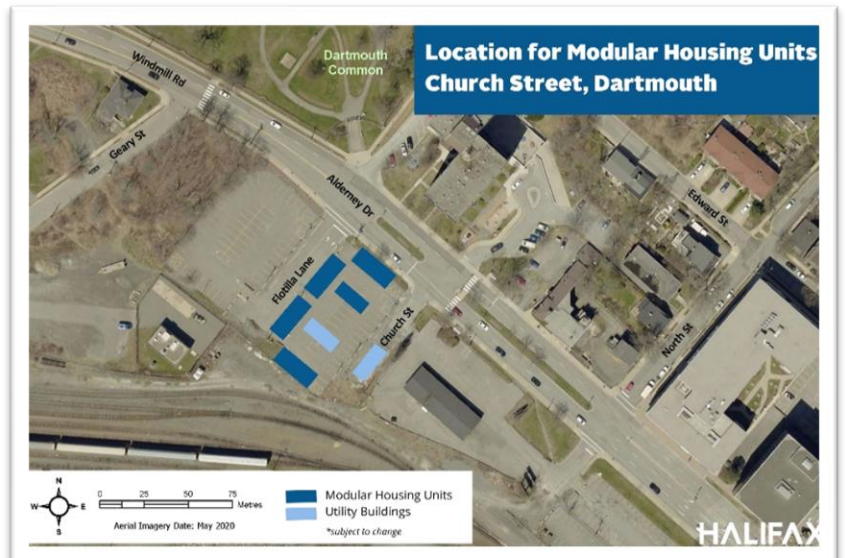
Municipal updates will be issued on a weekly basis to provide progress reports on efforts to establish emergency accommodations sites in Dartmouth and Halifax. These updates will be provided until modular units have been installed at both sites by the municipality and the Province of Nova Scotia has begun to place individuals at the sites and provide wrap around services. Depending upon the status of progress, frequency of updates may vary.

Topline update

- **NOTE: Exact timing for occupancy at both the emergency accommodations sites is dependent upon the Province of Nova Scotia, which is responsible for determining placement of individuals and providing wrap-around services onsite through its service provider (Out of the Cold).**

Dartmouth site

- Installation of site (including building electrical/mechanical services, as well as power and water connections) is anticipated to be completed Tuesday, Jan. 11.
- Pending completion of installation, the four modular bedroom units (with total capacity for 24 individuals) will have approved occupancy Tuesday, Jan. 11.
- Modification of the modular unit to accommodate the two barrier-free bedrooms (with total capacity for two individuals) and single washroom is ongoing and is anticipated to be ready for occupancy by late January.
- Modification of the modular unit to accommodate the commercial kitchen is impacted by supply chain issues. Completion of this work is expected by late February.
- Gray Arena will remain operational until alternate accommodations have been offered by the province to all individuals currently at that location.



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Halifax site

- Six modular units, an accessible modular unit and a number of support units, for a total of nine (9) units, will be installed on a portion of the Centennial Pool parking lot accessed from Cogswell Street.
- This site will be able to accommodate 38 individuals, based on single occupancy.
- The construction team is proceeding with design and construction documents; lessons learned from efforts at the Dartmouth site will be of benefit to expedite completion of the Halifax site.
- Once the Dartmouth site is complete, the municipality will shift its focus on completing the Halifax modular unit site.
- The municipality continues to work with partners to complete the work as quickly as possible.



Service providers

- The municipality has provided \$70,000 to a coalition of community service providers for use as crisis funding to support those experiencing homelessness. Municipal staff are working on a detailed plan to provide further funding to this group, which will support this activity until the end of the 2021/22 fiscal year.