

# Municipal Update: Emergency Accommodations

*For the period of March 5 – March 18, 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 the Halifax emergency accommodations site is dependent upon the Province of Nova Scotia, which is responsible for determining placement of individuals and providing wrap-around services onsite through a service provider.**

### Halifax site

- Six modular units, an accessible modular unit and a number of support units, for a total of nine units, have been installed on the western portion of the Centennial Pool parking lot accessed from Cogswell Street.
- This site will accommodate 38 individuals, based on single occupancy.
- The onsite trenching work for site services (water, sanitary, electrical) is complete.
- Installation of the modular units on to building foundations is complete.
- The following work was initiated on March 14: (1) installation of sanitary, water and electrical systems underside modular units; (2) construction of electrical and mechanical building structures to accommodate Halifax Water and NSPI services; (3) renovation of three modular units to accommodate the commercial kitchen and barrier free bedroom(s)/washroom; (4) construction of wood skirting to enclose the modular units; and (5) construction of wood stairs and ramps to all modular units.
- The municipality continues to work with partners to achieve occupancy as quickly as possible.



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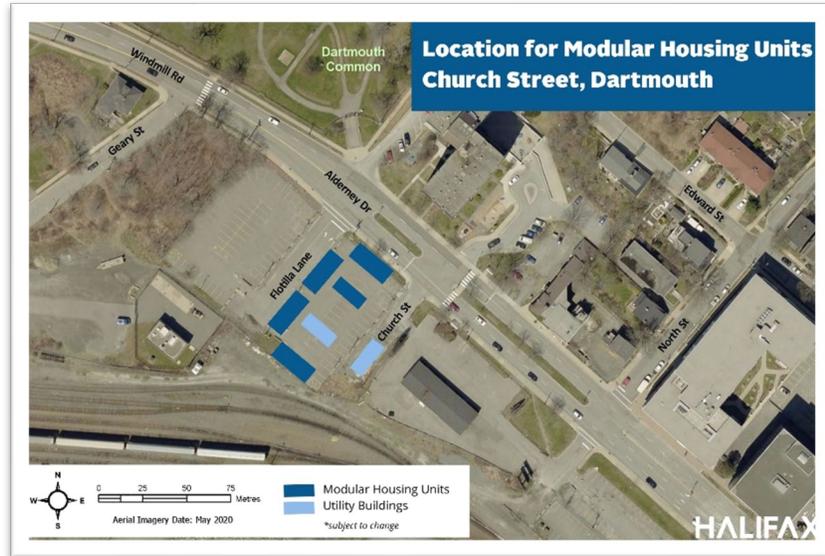
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## Dartmouth site

- All five modular bedroom units, including the unit with two barrier-free bedrooms, have received occupancy (total capacity of 26 persons) and are being managed by Out of the Cold.
- The commercial kitchen was completed on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

## Crisis Accommodations funding

- The municipality has provided a small portion of the crisis accommodation funding approved by Regional Council to a coalition of 11 community service providers (COPSO) for hotel stays to support those experiencing homelessness. In conjunction with service providers, the municipality has also directly covered the cost of hotel rooms for some individuals.
- Between September 2021 and the end of February 2022, approximately 140 people have accessed hotel rooms via this funding, for a total of approximately 5,200 nights.
- As of March 31, all individuals in hotels will be transitioned to provincial programming and costs will be assumed by the province.



For more information about ongoing efforts by the municipality to support the province in its efforts to help address homelessness in our region visit [halifax.ca/addressinghomelessness](https://halifax.ca/addressinghomelessness)