

# Municipal Update: Emergency Accommodations

*For the period of February 22 – March 4, 2022*

**Date of issue: March 4, 2022**

*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 a service provider.**

### Halifax site

- Six modular units, an accessible modular unit and a number of support units, for a total of nine units, will be 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 the site services (water, sanitary, electrical) will be completed on March 7. All construction permits have been received. Some delays were experienced due to the amount of rock breaking required and time needed to address deteriorated piping infrastructure.
- The nine modular units will be installed on the site on March 9 and March 10. All transportation permits have been received.
- The anticipated occupancy date is May 6. Unlike with the Dartmouth location, the intention is to occupy the Halifax site when the kitchen unit is operational. This is due to the occupancy numbers of the Halifax site and the ability of the service provider to provide food.
- The municipality continues to work with partners to complete the work as quickly as possible.

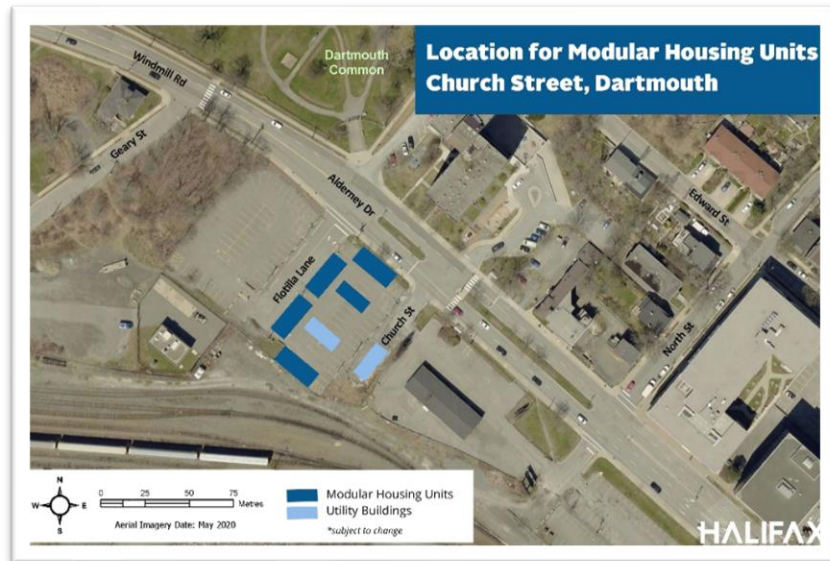


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## Dartmouth site

- 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.
- Completion of the commercial kitchen has been impacted by supply chain issues. The renovation is scheduled to be completed on March 18. Out of the Cold staff are using alternative solutions until the full kitchen is available.



## Crisis Accommodations funding

- The municipality has provided some 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 is also directly covering the cost of hotel rooms for some individuals.
- Currently, there are 49 people in 41 hotel rooms being paid for by the municipality, either directly or through COPSO funding.
- Between September 2021 and the end of January 2022, 133 people accessed hotel rooms via this funding, for a total of 4,153 nights. This is equivalent to 27 shelter beds being added to the system each night.

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)