

Municipal Update: Emergency Accommodations

For the period of April 22 – May 2, 2022

Date of issue: May 2, 2022

Municipal updates will be issued on a regular 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: The Halifax emergency accommodations site will be ready to accommodate individuals by May 3. Exact timing for occupancy 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.
- An occupancy permit was issued on April 14 for 36 of the residential rooms. Timing for placement of individuals is determined by the province’s service provider, Out of the Cold.
- The following work was completed between April 22 and May 2:
 - renovation of the commercial kitchen was substantially completed and ready for handover as of May 2;
 - as cabinetry for the commercial kitchen is not yet delivered, alternatives (temporary shelving, tables e.g.) are being looked at;
 - all work on the barrier-free unit (two bedrooms & washroom) has been completed; and
 - Occupancy permit for the barrier-free bedrooms and commercial kitchen is expected for May 3.



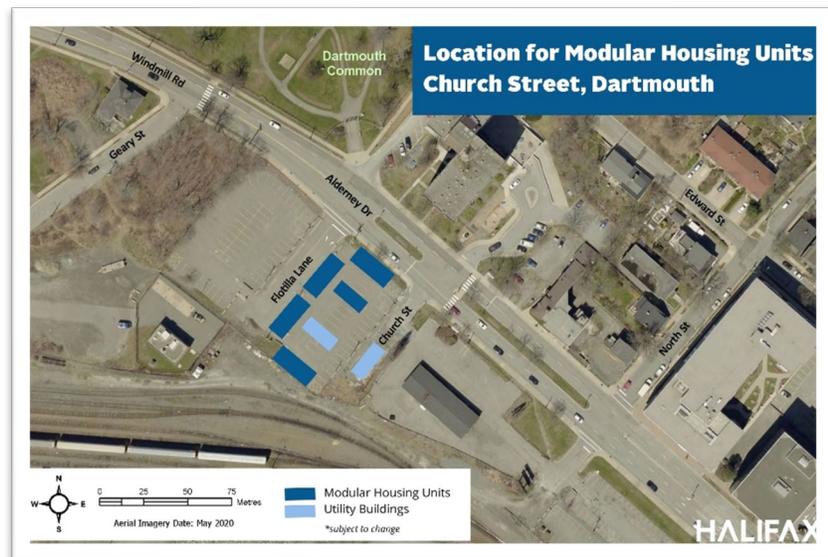
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- The municipality continues to work with partners to achieve occupancy as quickly as possible.

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.



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.
- Since September 2021, 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 were 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