

Municipal Update: Emergency Accommodations

For the period of February 7 – February 14, 2022

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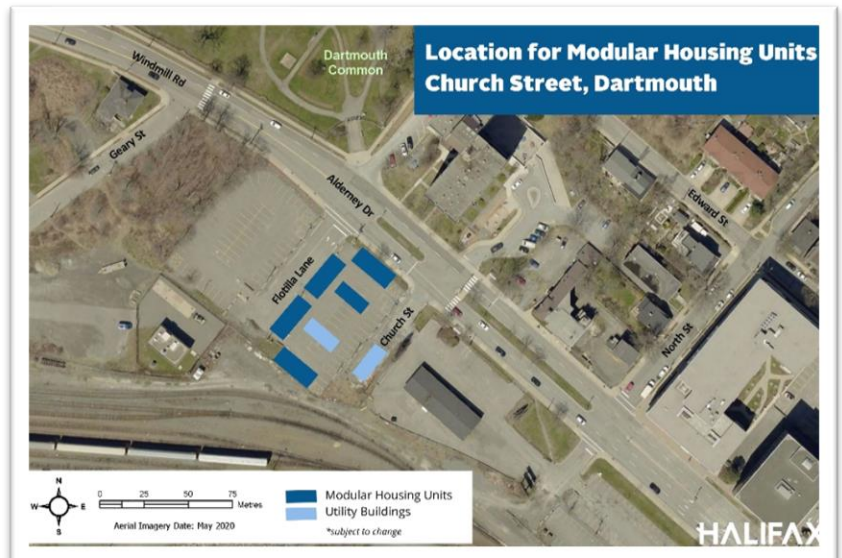
Municipal updates will be issued on a weekly basis to provide progress reports on efforts to establish emergency accommodations sites in Dartmouth and Halifax. These updates will be provided until modular units have been installed at both sites by the municipality and the Province of Nova Scotia has 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 a service provider.**

Dartmouth site

- Occupancy was approved for the four modular bedroom units (total capacity 24 persons) on January 13; the provincial service provider (Out of the Cold) facilitated placement of individuals on January 16.
- Occupancy of the modular unit to accommodate the two barrier-free bedrooms (with total capacity for two individuals) and single washroom was received on February 8 and turned over to the service provider.
- Modification of the modular unit to accommodate the commercial kitchen has been impacted by supply chain issues. Completion of this work is expected in late March. Out of the Cold staff are using alternative solutions until the full kitchen is available.
- Most individuals who were accommodated at the Gray Arena have moved to the Dartmouth modular site. Alternate accommodations have been provided by the province to those individuals at the arena who did not relocate to the modular units. The Gray Arena is again accepting bookings from the general public.



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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 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 surveyed layout and construction of the structural support system for the modular units is ongoing. The civil site work (installation of water, sanitary and electrical infrastructure) within Cogswell Street is expected to start on February 15. All construction permits have been received.
- Six modular units have been delivered and stored at Bird Construction's equipment yard. The three remaining modular units will be delivered to site at the time of installation.
- The municipality continues to work with partners to complete the work as quickly as possible.



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 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.
- 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