

Municipal Update: Emergency Accommodations

For the period of February 15 – February 21, 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.**

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 be able to accommodate 38 individuals, based on single occupancy.
- The civil work within Cogswell Street (installation of water and sanitary to the site) as well as civil work on the site, is expected to be completed by February 28. All construction permits have been received.
- Seven modular units have been delivered and stored at Bird Construction's equipment yard. The two remaining modular units will be delivered to the site at the time of installation.
- The municipality continues to work with partners to complete the work as quickly as possible.

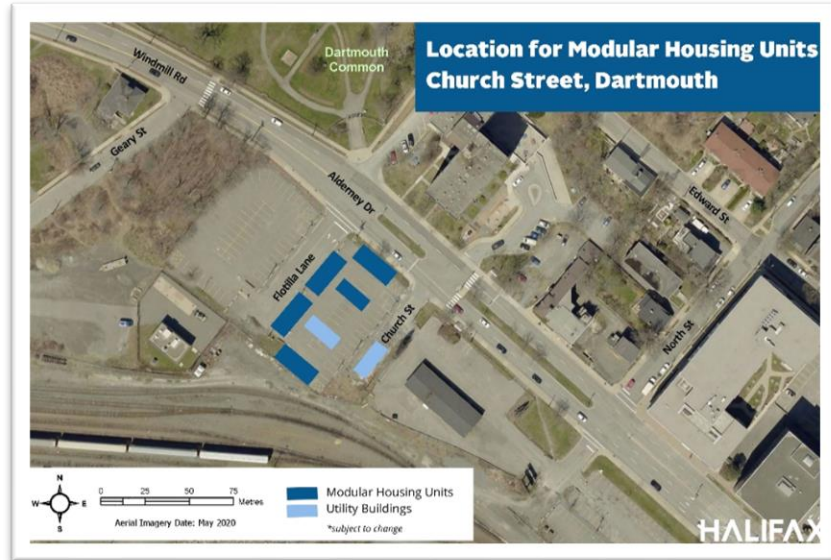


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Dartmouth site

- All five modular bedroom units, including the unit with two barrier-free bedrooms, have now received occupancy (total capacity of 26 individuals).
- The provincial service provider (Out of the Cold) is facilitating the placement of individuals and managing the facility.
- 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.



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