

Opening of Phoenix Pathways creates 49 homes and 42 shelter spaces for people in Chilliwack

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Chilliwack, B.C, June 17, 2026: People currently unhoused, and others at risk of homelessness, can now access shelter, supportive housing, and enhanced care at Phoenix Pathways, located at 45867 Trethewey Avenue in Chilliwack, B.C.

After several years of planning, construction and community engagement, residents, partners, neighbours and Phoenix staff celebrated the opening of the building at the corner of Rowat Avenue and Trethewey Avenue at a community barbecue on June 12, 2026.

The building features 49 studio-sized supportive homes, each with a kitchen, bathroom, and basic furniture. Residents can access daily meals, life skills and employment training, while they navigate health supports and connections to community services.



“Housing is foundational to well-being,” said **Justine Patterson, Chief Executive Officer of Phoenix Society**. “Housing allows people to build stability, strengthen their well-being, and pursue the goals that matter most to them. With continuity of care and strong community connections, people can move from temporary shelter to permanent housing, and from stabilization to greater independence.”

Among the 49 permanent homes are 22 complex care units, offering on-site access to essential health and social supports for people with diverse health needs. By offering tailored services under one roof, complex care helps people improve their health and well-being, while reducing reliance on emergency services. To support residents in complex care units, Fraser Health staff will be on site seven days a week.



“By embedding enhanced health services right where people live, we can make sure that care needs are being met with in a timely way with compassion and respect,” said **Natalie McCarthy, Vice President, Clinical Operations, Integrated Health Services Area East, Fraser Health**. “Bringing a dedicated team of nurses, social workers and other health care providers together to support people close to home will reduce barriers to care and better assist individuals on their path to improved health and well-being.”

In addition to these permanent housing units, Phoenix Pathways also features 42 shelter spaces for people already experiencing homelessness. The long-stay shelter allows

residents to stay as long as they need, while they work with case managers to transition into more permanent housing.



“Helping more people experiencing homelessness come indoors and have services is essential to their health and well-being,” said **Christine Boyle, B.C.’s Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs**. “We know communities need our support, and we are continuing to build safe places for people to go during vulnerable times. Our communities are safer and stronger when we work together to care for one another. We will continue to deliver effective solutions to support people experiencing homelessness.”

Phoenix Pathways is operated by Phoenix Society, an organization with over 35 years of experience supporting people in accessing housing, mental health care, substance-use supports, and inclusive social programs. In May 2026, Phoenix Society opened Bentley Place at 13559 Bentley Road in Surrey, featuring 60 units of supportive housing. With Phoenix Pathways now open in Chilliwack, the Society has brought more than 100 new supportive homes and shelter spaces online in less than 100 days, a pace that reflects both the urgency of the need and the organization’s proven ability to deliver.



We are committed to working across governments, and across sectors, to offer housing help for those who need it most. The Phoenix Pathways project will provide safe, secure homes for some of Chilliwack’s most vulnerable residents – people whose need is greatest, and urgent. Our government is proud to be one of the partners making this development happen,” said **Ernie Klassen, Member of Parliament for South Surrey-White Rock, on behalf of the Honourable Gregor Robertson, Minister of Housing and Infrastructure and Minister responsible for Pacific Economic Development Canada**.

Support services at Phoenix Pathways will include:

- 24/7 staffing
- Daily meals
- Support with life skills and employment
- Access to health care
- Connections to community services

Quick facts:

- Phoenix Society operates a total of 244 temporary, permanent and recovery-based transitional housing units across [Phoenix Centre](#), [Rising Sun](#), [The Nest](#), [Bentley Place](#) and [Phoenix Pathways](#).
- Since 2017, the Province has nearly 9,800 supportive homes delivered or underway.

- The Province has nearly 600 homes delivered or underway in Chilliwack since 2017, including 281 supportive homes.

Learn more:

- To learn about Phoenix Society, visit <https://phoenixsociety.com> or <https://phoenixsociety.com/programs-services/housing/>
- To learn how B.C. is working to deliver more homes for people, visit: <https://gov.bc.ca/homesforpeople>
- A map showing the location of all announced provincially-funded housing projects in B.C. is available online: <https://www.bchousing.org/homes-for-BC>
- For the most-requested Government of Canada housing information, visit: canada.ca/housing
- To learn more about the Build Canada Homes portal, visit: <https://housing-infrastructure.canada.ca/bch-mc/approach-invest-approche-eng.html#how-to-submit>

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About Phoenix: Phoenix Pathways is operated by Phoenix Society, an organization with over 35 years of experience providing accessible, person-centred programs and services. Phoenix Pathways expands the Society's continuum of care, which spans mental health and substance use services, comprehensive health care, housing, employment and education support, and community inclusion programs, located in Surrey and the Fraser Valley. Accredited by CARF and guided by evidence-based, trauma-informed approaches, Phoenix supports people in building on their strengths, enhancing their well-being, and forming valuable connections in order to pursue meaningful goals they have set for themselves.

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