

New affordable, supportive housing in Maple Ridge

A new development that will create 45 units of supportive housing for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness is now under construction in Maple Ridge.



Alouette Heights, at 22207 Brown Avenue in Maple Ridge, is a partnership between the Province and the District of Maple Ridge. The Province provided a grant of approximately \$8 million and will also provide annual operating funding of \$335,864 once the building is complete. The District provided the land valued at approximately \$1 million.

Alouette Home Start Society (AHSS) will manage and operate the development and provide staffing 24 hours per day, seven days per week. Since 2005, AHSS has been committed to providing safe,

secure and affordable housing and access to support services to Maple Ridge residents in need.

District of Maple Ridge Mayor, Ernie Daykin was quoted in a BC government news release: "In Maple Ridge we identified a need for safe, supportive housing for those people at risk in our community... this project will make a permanent and positive impact on the lives of our fellow citizens who are in need."

President of Alouette Home Start Society, Sheila McLaughlin agrees: "Our society believes that at-risk Maple Ridge residents should have access to safe, secure and affordable housing. When complete, these homes, along with the 24/7 onsite support services, will ensure tenants have the proper environment they need to bring structure and stability back into their lives."

The building is designed to achieve LEED Gold certification. Construction is expected to be complete by spring 2012.