

North Shore Shelter and Transitional Housing Opens

The new North Shore Shelter & Transitional Housing, which combines longer stay transitional housing and overnight emergency shelter, opened today on Vancouver's North Shore at 705 West 2nd Avenue.



Tenants moved into the 25 units of transitional housing on April 4, 2005. The full-service shelter, open since January, offers 25 single or double occupancy rooms and during winter can expand to house additional 20 individuals in a dorm style setting.

The shelter provides basic services free of charge such as room and board, showers, laundry clothing as well as access to a phone, a computer for internet access, resume writing and job searches. Staff work with

individuals to develop case plans and referrals to give shelter users opportunities to resolve the issues that made them homeless.

"The shelter and transitional housing will provide local residents living on the streets or couch surfing with the services they need, right in their own community," said Lookout Emergency Aid Society president Jonathan Meadows. "The blended model of emergency shelter and transitional housing builds on our successes in helping people make healthier decisions, respectful of their lifestyles, as seen in other housing projects in the Vancouver area. We thank our funders and our wide range of community partners: working together has created this significant community response to local homelessness."