

Vancouver's Provincial Homeless Initiative moves forward on six of twelve sites

Financing has been arranged to begin construction for the first six housing sites being developed through a partnership with the Province and the City of Vancouver to break the cycle of homelessness and boost the economy.



Minister of Finance, Hon. Colin Hansen; Premier, Gordon Campbell; Executive Director of More Than a Roof Housing, Lorne Epp; and Mayor, Gregor Robertson review NSDA Drawings for PHI project.

The Province is investing more than \$172 million in housing projects on six sites in Vancouver which will provide a total of 569 units to be managed by Non-profit societies as part of the \$14-billion capital infrastructure program that will create an estimated 88,000 jobs and build vital public infrastructure in every region of B.C.

NSDA Architects is responsible for two of the six projects, 1338 Seymour

Street and 1005 Station Street, scheduled to begin construction June 2009. Additional PHI projects to be completed by NSDA Architects – 1607-1615 West 7th Ave, 606 Powell Street and 675-691 East Broadway – are scheduled to begin construction early 2010.

The new units will be social and supportive housing to accommodate the homeless and those at risk of homelessness who are living on the streets or in shelters, and those living in inadequate single room occupancy hotels.