

Orca Place Supportive Housing Now Open

The new long-term supportive housing building at 222 Corfield Street South in Parksville was officially opened today. The opening of Orca Place represents the culmination of efforts by the Oceanside Task Force on Homelessness, the City of Parksville and the province, through BC Housing, to provide supportive housing for the homeless and vulnerable members of the community.

The modular style apartment building consists of 52 studio and one bedroom self-contained suites, including six accessible units. Each home includes a private bathroom and kitchen. Residents of the facility were selected by BC Housing and the Island Crisis Care Society from more than 100 applications.

Island Crisis Care Society will operate and maintain Orca Place, providing on-site 24/7 staffing and support to residents as well as security and management.

QUOTE:

Mayor Ed Mayne said, “Congratulations to BC Housing and the organizations who have seen this project to completion. This is now an opportunity for the community to move forward and look for other alternate forms of attainable housing. We wish the residents of Orca Place all the best and hope with this new home and with the necessary supports being provided, they will have the opportunity to successfully integrate into our community.”

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