

**HOUSING AGREEMENT (225 RUSSELL STREET) BYLAW**  
A BYLAW OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA

The purpose of this Bylaw is to authorize an agreement for supportive housing for the lands known as 225 Russell Street, Victoria, BC.

Under its statutory powers, including section 483 of the *Local Government Act*, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Victoria in an open meeting assembled enacts the following provisions:

**Title**

- 1 This Bylaw may be cited as the "HOUSING AGREEMENT (225 RUSSELL STREET) BYLAW (2023)".

**Agreement authorized**

- 2 The Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development is authorized to execute the Housing Agreement:
  - (a) substantially in the form attached to this Bylaw as Schedule A;
  - (b) between the City and Provincial Rental Housing Corporation, Inc. No. BC0052129, or other registered owners from time to time of the lands described in subsection (c); and
  - (c) that applies to the lands known as 225 Russell Street, Victoria, BC, legally described as:  
PID: 003-846-415, Lot A Section 31 Esquimalt District Plan 17917.

READ A FIRST TIME the **20<sup>th</sup>** day of **April** 2023

READ A SECOND TIME the **20<sup>th</sup>** day of **April** 2023

READ A THIRD TIME the **20<sup>th</sup>** day of **April** 2023

ADOPTED on the day of 2023

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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### HOUSING AGREEMENT

(Pursuant to section 483 of the *Local Government Act*)

BETWEEN:

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA**  
#1 Centennial Square  
Victoria, B.C. V8W 1P6  
  
(the "City")

AND:

**PROVINCIAL RENTAL HOUSING CORPORATION**  
(Inc. No. BC0052129)  
1701-4555 Kingsway  
Burnaby, BC V5H 4V8  
  
(the "Owner")

WHEREAS:

- A. Capitalized terms used herein will have the respective meanings ascribed to them in section 1.1 of this Agreement, unless the context otherwise clearly requires or they are elsewhere defined herein.
- B. Under section 483 of the *Local Government Act* the City may, by bylaw, enter into a housing agreement with an owner regarding the occupancy of the housing units identified in the agreement, including but not limited to terms and conditions referred to in section 483(2) of the *Local Government Act*.
- C. The Owner is the registered owner in fee simple of lands in the City of Victoria, British Columbia, with a civic address of 225 Russell Street, Victoria, B.C. and legally described as:  
  
PID: 003-846-415  
Lot A Section 31 Esquimalt District Plan 17917  
  
(collectively, the "Lands").
- D. The Owner made application to the City to rezone the Lands to permit the Development upon the Lands and has agreed to enter into this housing agreement with the City;
- E. The Owner also intends to enter into an operating agreement with BC Housing as a condition of receiving funding from BC Housing, for the lesser of a 60 year term, or the life of the building, to operate the Development as supportive housing in accordance with that agreement;

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- F. The City and the Owner wish to enter into this Agreement, as a housing agreement pursuant to section 483 of the *Local Government Act*, to secure the agreement of the Owner to provide supportive housing units, including at least four accessible units, as well as accessory support services for the supportive housing units;

**NOW THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSES** that pursuant to section 483 of the *Local Government Act*, and in consideration of the premises and covenants contained in this agreement (the "Agreement"), the parties agree each with the other as follows:

### 1.0 DEFINITIONS

#### 1.1 In this Agreement:

"**Accessibility Features**" means construction and design features included in a residential building, including a Dwelling Unit, to ensure that a person with disabilities is, without assistance, able to approach, enter, pass to and from, and make use of an area and its facilities and the Accessible Unit, as set out in the Accessibility Standards;

"**Accessibility Standards**" means section 3.8.2 and 3.8.4 Design Standards of the BCBC and BC Accessibility Handbook as the same are in effect on the date when the first building permit is issued by the City for the Development;

"**Accessible Unit**" means a Dwelling Unit designed and constructed for use by persons with disabilities and which meets the Accessibility Standards and contains the design features set out in Schedule "A", all to the satisfaction of the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development;

"**Accessory Support Services**" means \ administrative services including an office, staff room, reception, medical room, lounge, and common laundry room ancillary to the Dwelling Units;

"**BCBC**" means the British Columbia Building Code (2018);

"**BC Accessibility Handbook**" means the Building Accessibility Handbook 2020 published by the provincial government Office of Housing and Construction Standards;

"**BC Housing**" means the British Columbia Housing Management Commission;

"**Business Day**" means Monday to Friday, other than any such day which is a statutory holiday in Victoria, British Columbia;

"**Deep Subsidy Income**" means the household income threshold established for Deep Subsidy Units as determined by BC Housing from time to time based on Income Assistance amounts or similar very low income thresholds;

"**Development**" means the retrofitted 40-unit building consisting of residential housing and related facilities to be renovated on the Lands;

"**Director**" means the City's Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development or their designate;

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"**Dwelling Units**" means any or all, as the context may require, of the 40 self-contained residential dwelling units within the Development and includes any dwelling unit that is developed on the Lands in future, whether as part of the Development or otherwise, and "Dwelling Unit" means any of such residential dwelling units located on the Lands;

"**Effective Date**" means the date as of which the City executes this Agreement;

"**Immediate Family**" includes a person's spouse, child, grandchild, parent, grandparent, sibling, niece and nephew, and includes the Immediate Family of the person's spouse;

"**Income**" means the total income before tax from all sources for each Non-owner;

"**Income Assistance**" means financial assistance for shelter and support provided under the *Employment and Assistance Act* or *Employment and Assistance for Persons with Disabilities Act* to a person in financial need who has no other resources and meets other specified criteria, which assistance is administered and paid by the Government of British Columbia;

"**Non-owner**" means a person other than a Related Person or the Owner;

"**Owner**" includes a person who acquires an interest in the Lands or any part of the Lands or the Development and is thereby bound by this Agreement, as referred to in section 11.3;

"**Public Housing Body**" means a public housing body as prescribed in the *Residential Tenancy Act*;

"**Related Person**" includes, where the registered or beneficial owner of the Lands or Dwelling Unit, as applicable, is:

- (a) a corporation or society:
  - (i) an officer, director, shareholder, or member of such corporation or society, or of another entity which is a shareholder or member of such corporation or society; or
  - (ii) an Immediate Family of a person to whom paragraph (i) applies, or
- (b) an individual, an Immediate Family of the registered or beneficial owner; and

"**Strata Plan**" means a strata plan filed in respect of the Lands or any subdivide portion thereof pursuant to the *Strata Property Act*;

"**Subdivided Parcel**" has the meaning ascribed to that term in section 7.3;

"**Supportive Housing Unit**" means any Dwelling Units in the Development that will be rented for no more than the Deep Subsidy Income and includes any dwelling unit that is developed on the Lands in future, whether as part of the Development or otherwise;

"**Tenancy Agreement**" means a tenancy agreement pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act* that is regulated by that Act; and

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“Zoning Amendment Bylaw” has the meaning ascribed in Recital D.

### 2.0 TERM

2.1 Subject to section 2.2, the term of this Agreement shall begin from the Effective Date and continue in perpetuity.

2.2 The obligations in section 3, 4 and 5 shall begin on the date the City issues an occupancy permit for the Development and continue for a term of the lesser of 1) 60 years; or 2) the life of the Development.

### 3.0 DWELLING UNITS TO BE USED AND OCCUPIED ONLY AS SUPPORTIVE HOUSING UNITS

3.1 The Owner covenants and agrees that the Dwelling Units shall only be used as Supportive Housing Units, and for that purpose shall only be occupied by a Non-owner under the terms of a Tenancy Agreement between the Owner and the Non-owner who occupies the Dwelling Unit.

### 4.0 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

4.1 The Owner covenants and agrees that a total of:

(a) 40 Dwelling Units shall be designated as Supportive Housing Units and shall only be occupied and used as Supportive Housing Units.

4.2 The Owner further covenants and agrees that:

(a) the Supportive Housing Units shall be operated by the Owner or a Public Housing Body;

(b) each of the Supportive Housing Units shall be rented to a Non-owner or Non-owners with an Income that does not exceed the Deep Subsidy Income;

### 5.0 ACCESSIBLE HOUSING

5.1 The Owner shall include Accessibility Features in the design and construction of all common areas included on the main floor as part of the Development and shall construct all exterior doors on the main floor of the Development with a minimum of 915mm clear opening. Notwithstanding anything else contained herein, an elevator is not being installed and no part of the second floor will contain Accessibility Features.. All Accessory Support Services will be contained on the main floor of the Development.

5.2 The Owner shall construct and maintain a minimum of four (4) Dwelling Units in the

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Development as Accessible Units.

5.3 The Owner shall design and construct all driveways for use by Accessible Unit occupants.

### 6.0 RENT ADJUSTMENTS

6.1 During the term of the tenancy, the monthly rent payable by the Non-owner(s) of the Dwelling Units may be increased only by the amount permitted under the *Residential Tenancy Act* and any other applicable legislation.

### 7.0 SUBDIVISION

7.1 **Subdivision Generally.** If the Lands are subdivided at any time hereafter either under the provisions of the *Land Title Act* or under the *Strata Property Act*, or under other similar legislation enacted from time to time, then upon the deposit of a plan of subdivision, a Strata Plan, or similar plan as the case may be, subject to section 7.2 :

- (a) the rights and benefits of this Agreement herein granted will be annexed to and run with each of the new parcels, lots or other subdivided parcels and areas so created; and
- (b) the burdens, obligations, agreements and covenants contained in this Agreement will continue to be noted on each of the new parcels, lots or other subdivided parcels and areas so created.

7.2 **Subdivision by Strata Plan.** If the Lands, or any portion thereof, are subdivided by a Strata Plan:

- (a) the existence of this Agreement and the City bylaw authorizing and enacting it will be noted on the title of each individual strata lot and noted on the common property sheet;
- (b) the Owner will cause the strata corporation or the strata corporations created by the deposit of a Strata Plan to be obliged to perform and observe the Owner's applicable covenants in this Agreement, solely at the expense of the strata lot owners; and
- (c) the liability of each strata lot owner for the performance and observance of the Owner's covenants herein will be in proportion to the unit entitlement of his, her or its strata lot as established by the Strata Plan,

provided that, if the Lands are first subdivided by air space plan and then one or more of these parcels are further subdivided by Strata Plan, the easements and covenants registered concurrently with the air space plan may designate the air space parcel or the remainder, and therefore each strata lot owner and/or the strata corporation, responsible to perform and observe the Owner's covenants in this Agreement.

7.3 **Release of Notice.** For certainty, if the portion of the Lands containing the Development is subdivided and any of the parcels created as a result of such subdivision do not contain any of the Dwelling Units (the "**Subdivided Parcel**"), the owner of such Subdivided Parcel



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may apply to the City to release the Notice (as defined in section 8.1) from title to the Subdivided Parcel. The City agrees to execute and deliver a release of this Housing Agreement from title to the Subdivided Parcel, provided however that: (a) the City will have no obligation to execute any such release until a written request therefor from the owner of the Subdivided Parcel has been received by the City, which request will include the form of release in registerable form; (b) the cost of preparation of such release and the cost of registration of same in the Land Title Office will be paid by the Owner; and (c) the City will have a reasonable time within which to execute such release and return the same to the Owner for registration.

### 8.0 REPORTING

8.1 The Owner covenants and agrees to provide to the Director, within thirty (30) days of the Director's written request, a report in writing confirming that:

- (a) all Dwelling Units are being rented to Non-owners or are vacant;
- (b) rent levels for the Dwelling Units are in accordance with this Agreement; and
- (c) all other requirements of this Agreement are being complied with, along with such other information as may be reasonably requested by the Director from time to time.

8.2 The Owner hereby authorizes the City to make such inquiries as it considers necessary in order to confirm that the Owner is complying with this Agreement.

8.3 The Owner acknowledges that it is within the City's sole discretion to consent or not to consent to modifications of this Agreement and that such consent may be withheld for any reason.

### 9.0 NOTICE TO BE REGISTERED IN LAND TITLE OFFICE

9.1 Notice of this Agreement (the "Notice") will be registered in the Land Title Office by the City in accordance with section 483 of the *Local Government Act*, and this Agreement is binding on the parties to this Agreement as well as all persons who acquire an interest in the Lands after registration of the Notice.

### 10.0 LIABILITY

10.1 The Owner agrees to indemnify and saves harmless the City and each of its elected and appointed officials, employees and agents and their respective administrators, successors and permitted assigns, of and from all claims, demands, actions, damages, costs and liabilities, which all or any of them shall or may be liable for or suffer or incur or be put to by reason of or arising out of failure of the Owner to comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, or otherwise that would not have arisen "but for" this Agreement.

10.2 The Owner hereby releases and forever discharges the City and each of its elected and appointed officials, employees and agents and their respective administrators, successors and permitted assigns, of and from any and all claims, demands, actions, damages,



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economic loss, costs and liabilities which the Owner now has or hereafter may have with respect to or by reason of or arising out of the fact that the Lands are encumbered by and affected by this Agreement, or otherwise that would not have arisen "but for" this Agreement.

10.3 [Intentionally deleted.]

### 11.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS

11.1 The parties agree that notwithstanding anything contained herein, the second floor of the Development will not be accessible and will not be required and may not meet the requirements of Accessibility Standards.

11.2 NOTICE. If sent as follows, notice under this Agreement is considered to be received:

- (a) upon confirmation of delivery by Canada Post if sent by registered mail,
- (b) on the next Business Day if sent by facsimile or email with no notice of failure to deliver being received back by the sender, and
- (c) on the date of delivery if hand-delivered, and

in the case of the City, addressed to:

City of Victoria  
#1 Centennial Square  
Victoria, BC V8W 1P6

Attention: Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development  
Email: [khoese@victoria.ca](mailto:khoese@victoria.ca)  
Fax: 250-361-0386

in the case of the Owner, addressed to:

Provincial Rental Housing Corporation  
1701-4430 Kingsway  
Burnaby, BC V5H 4G7

Attention: Jose Wong  
[joswong@bchousing.org](mailto:joswong@bchousing.org)

If a party identifies alternate contact information in writing to another party, notice is to be given to that alternate address.

If normal mail, email or facsimile service is interrupted by strike, work slowdown, force majeure, or other cause,

- (d) notice sent by the impaired service is considered to be received on the date of delivery, and



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- (e) the sending party must use its best efforts to ensure prompt receipt of a notice by using other uninterrupted services, or by hand-delivering the notice.
- 11.3 **TIME.** Time is of the essence of this Agreement.
- 11.4 **BINDING EFFECT.** This Agreement will enure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective heirs, administrators, executors, successors, and permitted assignees. In accordance with section 483(6) of the *Local Government Act*, this Agreement and all obligations hereunder is binding on all who acquire an interest in the Lands, and the Owner only during the Owner's ownership of any interest in the Lands, and with respect only to that portion of the Lands of which the Owner has an interest.
- 11.5 **WAIVER.** The waiver by a party of any failure on the part of the other party to perform in accordance with any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement is not to be construed as a waiver of any future or continuing failure, whether similar or dissimilar.
- 11.6 **HEADINGS.** The division of this Agreement into articles and sections and the insertion of headings are for the convenience of reference only and will not affect the construction or interpretation of this Agreement.
- 11.7 **LANGUAGE.** Words importing the singular number only will include the plural and vice versa, words importing the masculine gender will include the feminine and neuter genders and vice versa, and words importing persons will include individuals, partnerships, associations, trusts, unincorporated organizations and corporations and vice versa.
- 11.8 **LEGISLATION.** Reference to any enactment includes any regulations, orders or directives made under the authority of that enactment, and is a reference to that enactment as consolidated, revised, amended, re-enacted or replaced, unless otherwise expressly provided.
- 11.9 **EQUITABLE REMEDIES.** The Owner acknowledges and agrees that damages would be an inadequate remedy for the City for breach of this Agreement and that the public interest strongly favours specific performance, injunctive relief (mandatory or otherwise), or other equitable relief, as the only adequate remedy for a default under this Agreement.
- 11.10 **CUMULATIVE REMEDIES.** No remedy under this Agreement is to be deemed exclusive but will, where possible, be cumulative with all other remedies at law or in equity.
- 11.11 **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement when executed will set forth the entire agreement and understanding of the parties as at the date it is made.
- 11.12 **FURTHER ASSURANCES.** Each of the parties will do, execute, and deliver, or cause to be done, executed, and delivered all such further acts, documents and things as may be reasonably required from time to time to give effect to this Agreement.
- 11.13 **AMENDMENT.** This Agreement may be amended from time to time, by consent of the Owner and a bylaw duly passed by the Council of the City and thereafter if it is signed by the City and the Owner.
- 11.14 **LAW APPLICABLE.** This Agreement is to be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws applicable in the Province of British Columbia.

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11.15 NO DEROGATION FROM STATUTORY AUTHORITY. Nothing in this Agreement shall:

- (a) limit, impair, fetter or derogate from the statutory powers of the City all of which powers may be exercised by the City from time to time and at any time to the fullest extent that the City is enabled and no permissive bylaw enacted by the City, or permit, licence or approval, granted, made or issued thereunder, or pursuant to statute, by the City shall estop, limit or impair the City from relying upon and enforcing this Agreement; or
- (b) relieve the Owner from complying with any enactment, including the City's bylaws, or any obligation of the Owner under any other agreement with the City.

11.16 SEVERABILITY. If any section, term or provision of this Agreement is found to be partially or wholly illegal or unenforceable, then such sections or parts will be considered to be separate and severable from this Agreement and the remaining sections or parts of this Agreement, as the case may be, will be unaffected thereby and will remain and be enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law as though the illegal or unenforceable parts or sections had never been included in this Agreement.

11.17 JOINT AND SEVERAL. The Owner, if more than one, are jointly and severally obligated to perform and observe each and every of the covenants, warranties and agreements herein contained by the Owner to be observed and performed.

11.18 COUNTERPARTS. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts and delivered by emailed PDF file, each of which will have the same effect as if all parties had signed the same document. Each counterpart shall be deemed to be an original. All counterparts shall be construed together and shall constitute one and the same Agreement.

11.19 EFFECTIVE DATE. This Agreement is effective as of the date of the signature of the last party to sign.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have set their hands and seals as of the day and year last below written.

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF )  
 VICTORIA by its authorized signatory: )  
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 Karen Hoese, Director of Sustainable )  
 Planning and Community Development )  
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 Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_ )  
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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF )  
VICTORIA by its authorized signatory: )  
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Karen Hoese, Director of Sustainable )  
Planning and Community Development )  
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Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_ )  
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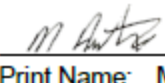
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PROVINCIAL RENTAL HOUSING )  
CORPORATION )

by its authorized signatory(ies): )

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Print Name: John McEown, Director )

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Print Name: Martin Austin, Director )

Date signed: January 24, 2023

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### **Schedule "A" Accessibility Features**

The Accessible Unit shall include the following features in addition to the minimum standards set out in the British Columbia Building Code:

The laundry room will include side-by-side front loading washer and dryer for accessible use, with counters that comply to the accessibility standards in the BC Building Accessibility Handbook.