

Liberty Housing: Selected Affordable Housing Provider through The City's Non-Market Land Disposition Program

Media Release

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Calgary, AB — Following an application review through The City's non-market housing land disposition program, we're delighted to announce that Liberty Housing Organization has been selected as the preferred proponent to lead the planning, design, development and construction of Village Block, a mixed-use affordable housing development in the inner-city community of Parkdale at 3416 3 AV NW.

This neighbourhood-scaled project will provide much-needed affordable rental housing in Calgary. In partnership with The City, Liberty Housing Organization is committed to creating a high-quality, accessible and climate resilient development that aligns with The City's recently approved housing strategy — Home is Here: The City of Calgary's Housing Strategy 2024-2030.

Liberty Housing Organization is a non-profit committed to creating socially, financially, and environmentally responsible homes. Since our inception in 2015, we have developed nearly 500 affordable homes in the Calgary area, and our goal is to be on our way to delivering 2,500 units within the next 5 years through our innovative Ownership and affordable Rental programs.

To realize this affordable housing project, Liberty Housing Organization has partnered with industry leaders who bring together several decades of combined experience in the design, development, and construction of mixed use and affordable housing projects. We are thrilled to be working with a multi-disciplinary local team of builders, planners, and architects, including Truman, CivicWorks, and Metafor. Truman is an early seed funder and organization that serves as the dedicated builder for all Liberty projects, significantly contributing to our achievements. Liberty and Truman also have a dynamic partnership that allows Liberty to acquire affordable housing units directly through Truman-led projects. Our team believes that everyone deserves a safe, comfortable, and affordable place to call home, and we are proud to be making a difference in the lives of Calgarians.

Concurrent Land Use and Development Permit applications, enabling the vision for Village Block, will be initiated by the end of 2023 and will undergo a comprehensive application review process by The City Administration before going forward for decision of Council anticipated in mid-2024. The construction completion and occupancy is anticipated by the end of 2025.

Liberty Housing Organization will be undertaking best practice community outreach in late 2023 and there will be multiple opportunities for community members and groups to learn about the project vision early-on, share their thoughts, and engage in meaningful dialogue that will help inform all phases of the planning and development process.

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