

Getting Our Ducks in a Row

A shared winter plan for Oceanside

10 spaces

24-hour site

15 Oct 2027 – 15 Apr 2028



A regional need, a Parksville site

People cross boundaries to reach services

The site search is limited to Parksville city limits. The people it serves may come from Parksville, Qualicum Beach, Errington, Coombs and other Oceanside communities. Parksville is the proposed service hub.

What the numbers mean

Estimates need definitions and a date

40–50 people living unsheltered with no fixed address: operator working estimate. 150–200 in the broader group living rough or seeking access: operator working estimate. These groups may overlap and must not be added together.

Why ten spaces still matter

Small capacity, sustained support

Ten occupied spaces provide 1,830 bed-nights over 183 nights, using an October 15 opening and April 15 closure. This is maximum capacity, not a predicted outcome. Daytime access is part of the model.

The day matters too

Seeking a site that operates around the clock

Participants can remain indoors during the day. Proposed provisions include meals, hygiene, rest, appointments, life skills and housing navigation. Community meal and indoor-access gaps require a verified weekly service inventory.

Booked intake and planned placement

Staff manage every admission

Booked intake only. Ten-space maximum. No first-come, first-served admission. Referrals, assessment, participant agreement and a documented placement decision. Admission and substance-use procedures remain under review.

Inside the facility

The existing blueprint becomes site specific

Retain the modular facility concept: sleeping space, staffed intake, daytime common area, washrooms and hygiene, food service, storage and utilities. Final placement depends on the selected site and technical reviews.

Staffing and everyday accountability

Two staff on site is the proposed baseline

Proposed two-person coverage at all times, supervisor oversight, shift handovers, incident records and property checks. Staffing schedule and funded hours require recalculation for the new six-month season.

Safety and being a good neighbour

A concern has a clear route to a response

Proposed controlled access, property checks, Good Neighbour Agreement, designated smoking arrangements, complaint log and direct contact line.

Urgent danger goes to emergency services. Operational concerns go to the shelter lead.

Who leads and who contributes

Clear roles before opening

DayHomes Society is the proposed operator. The task force provides collaboration and proposed backing, with renewed endorsement sought in November. RCMP, Fire Rescue, health partners and churches are invited to review relevant provisions; operational commitments need confirmation.

Where could it fit?

Help identify a Parksville property

Consider church premises, existing institutional or community buildings, suitable private buildings and land capable of supporting modular units. These are search categories, not available or approved sites. Check boundary, owner interest, 24-hour use, access and servicing.

Funding and approvals

The new pilot needs its own confirmed agreements

A new six-month budget must include staff, site costs, modular units, utilities, food, insurance, administration and closure. Previous figures are historical references. Site permission, municipal review, technical approvals and funding must align before opening.

How we will judge the pilot

Evidence, feedback and a planned closure

Track occupancy, referrals, service connections, housing outcomes, incidents and complaints. Review at three months. Publish aggregate results. Plan participant transitions and site restoration before April 15.

The next steps belong to all of us

November begins the coordinated review

November 2026: task force review and partner data request. Winter and spring 2027: site screening and municipal discussions. Before October 2027: confirmed site, funding, operating procedures, recruitment and readiness checks.