

Municipal Update: Emergency Accommodations

For the period of Nov 29 – Dec 5, 2021

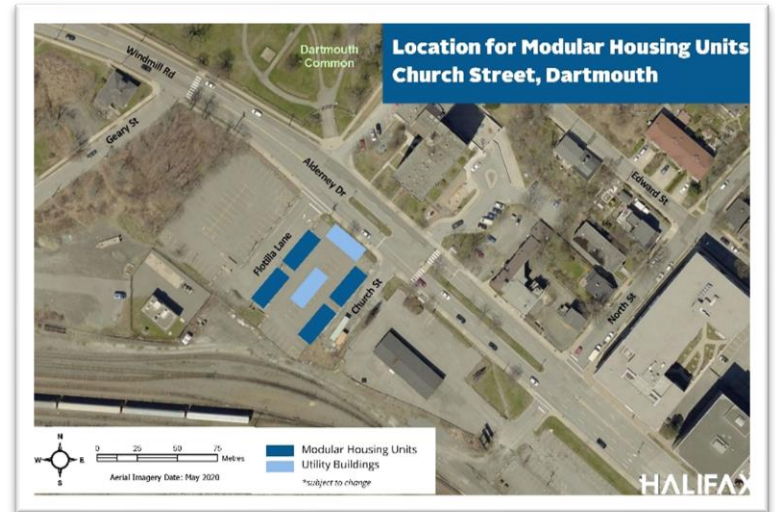
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Municipal updates will be issued on a weekly basis to provide progress reports on efforts to establish emergency accommodations sites in Dartmouth and Halifax. These updates will be provided until modular units have been installed at both sites by the municipality and the Province of Nova Scotia has begun to place individuals at the sites and provide wrap around services. Depending upon the status of progress, frequency of updates may vary.

Topline update

Dartmouth site

- Four modular units, an accessible unit and two support units, for a total seven (7) units, will be installed at the Dartmouth site on Alderney Drive, near Church Street. Installation is now scheduled for Friday, Dec. 10.
- This site will be able to accommodate 26 individuals, based on single occupancy.
- Based on the current rate of progress, installation of the modular units is expected to be completed by Dec. 20. Exact timing for occupancy is dependent upon the Province of Nova Scotia, which is responsible for determining placement of individuals and providing wrap-around services onsite through its service provider (Out of the Cold).



Halifax site

- Six modular units, an accessible unit and a number of support units, for a total of nine (9) units, will be installed on a portion of the Centennial Pool parking lot.
- This site will be able to accommodate 38 individuals, based on single occupancy.
- The timeline for the installation of the modular units will become clearer as we complete the Dartmouth site.



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Communications efforts

- Information continues to be updated on the [halifax.ca website](https://www.halifax.ca), shared via social media and posted to the municipal digital screen network at numerous municipal facilities (including bus and ferry terminals, recreation centres, etc.).
- Councillors continue to host meetings with constituents and share information through their communications networks, including social media.

Status of encampments

There has been an increase in outreach and in public reporting of encampments. The municipality is currently aware of thirteen (13) encampments within municipal boundaries. Staff from the municipality and partner organizations are visiting each of these sites daily. Due to the transitory nature of the occupants of homeless encampments the number of individuals onsite can vary daily.

As of Sunday, Dec. 5, there were 35 individuals, 54 tents, and six (6) shelters at various homeless encampment locations throughout the municipality. Number of individuals transitioned from living rough to alternative accommodations (Nov. 29 - Dec. 5): 16