



# Affordable Housing Guide

The City of Quesnel recognizes that a range of housing choices is essential in supporting a healthy, livable community. The City remains committed to playing a leadership role in the affordable housing sector by forming partnerships to increase the supply of housing, creating housing policies and strategies, and advocating to the provincial and federal government.

The Affordable Housing Guide includes contact information and resources to help your housing search. If you are looking to purchase a property, the local realtors in the City have an array of information to assist you. This guide is divided into four sections based on different types of housing available in Quesnel and includes the following:

- Emergency housing and/or support services;
- Non-market/subsidized housing;
- Seniors Housing; and
- Market rental housing

The City of Quesnel Affordable Housing Guide is available online at:

- [www.quesnel.ca/building-development/housing-initiatives/affordable-housing](http://www.quesnel.ca/building-development/housing-initiatives/affordable-housing)

The City of Quesnel Relocation Guide and Package is available online at:

- [www.quesnel.ca/our-community/moving-quesnel](http://www.quesnel.ca/our-community/moving-quesnel)



## Emergency Housing and/or Support Services

*Emergency Housing* is an immediate, short-term option for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Transition homes are temporary housing for women and children fleeing violence. Typically, stays for both of these options do not exceed 30 days. Other provisions such as programming, food, and support are provided.

*Transition housing* is temporary housing for women and children fleeing violence. Transition houses provide housing, food, crisis intervention and referrals. All provincially-funded transition houses have around-the-clock staff coverage. Typically, stays do not exceed 30 days.

Name & Address	Services Offered	Who to Contact
Seasons House – Nawkuzut Koo  Quesnel Shelter & Support Society  146 Carson Ave, Quesnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Homelessness Prevention Program and Outreach Worker</li> <li>15 Emergency shelter beds</li> <li>8 Transitional housing units</li> <li>4 Support and Recovery beds</li> <li>Emergency weather response</li> <li>Day Program (showers, laundry, etc.)</li> <li>Take Home Naloxone Program</li> </ul>	Phone: 250-991-0222  On-site staff.  Web: <a href="http://www.seasonshouse.org/">www.seasonshouse.org/</a>
Amata Transition House Society  24-hour Crisis Line: 250.992.3385	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15 Emergency beds</li> <li>Support Worker 24/7</li> <li>Sexual assault response line</li> <li>Outreach Worker</li> <li>Family Childcare Worker</li> <li>Housing Coordinator</li> <li>PEACE Program (Prevention, Education, Advocacy, Counselling, Empowerment)</li> <li>Accountant</li> </ul>	24-hour Crisis Line: 250-992-3385  Phone: 250-992-7321  Web: <a href="http://www.amata.ca/">www.amata.ca/</a>

Support Services include a variety of organizations that help people get back on their feet, whether it be through emotional support, financial assistance, assistance in finding housing, and/or advocacy. View the Resources and Links menu from on the City’s [Affordable Housing webpage](#) for additional resources.

Some Support Services specifically related to housing in Quesnel include:

Name & Address	Services Offered	Who to Contact
Quesnel Women’s Resource Centre  690 McLean Street, Quesnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information and support to secure housing</li> <li>Respectful Relations Program</li> <li>Health/wellness clinic</li> <li>Drop-in crisis support</li> <li>Violence counselling</li> </ul>	Phone: 250-992-8472  Email: <a href="mailto:qwrc@shawcable.com">qwrc@shawcable.com</a>  Web: <a href="http://www.qwrc.ca/">www.qwrc.ca/</a>
Better at Home,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Friendly visiting</li> <li>Transportation</li> <li>Light housekeeping</li> </ul>	Phone: 250-992-9156  Fax 250-992-9157

<p>run by North Cariboo Aboriginal Family Program Society</p> <p>324 Hoy Street, Quesnel</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grocery shopping</li> <li>• Minor home repairs</li> <li>• Light yard work</li> <li>• Snow shoveling</li> </ul>	<p>Email: <a href="mailto:bgardiner@longname.ca">bgardiner@longname.ca</a></p> <p>Web: <a href="http://longname.ca/">longname.ca/</a></p>
<p>Seniors Advocacy Service</p> <p>West Park Mall, 155 Malcolm Dr., Quesnel</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accessibility parking permit program</li> <li>• Courtesy transportation to medical appointments</li> <li>• Vital information program</li> <li>• Health promotion workshops</li> <li>• Hospital visitation</li> <li>• Handyman services and snow remove</li> <li>• Touchscreen computer training</li> <li>• Mediation services</li> <li>• Forums/seminars</li> <li>• Consultation for seniors issues</li> <li>• Friendly visits and hello phone calls</li> </ul>	<p>Phone: 250-992-9330</p> <p>Emergencies: Susan at 250-992-9664 or Ruth 250-992-1567</p>
<p>The Salvation Army</p> <p>374 McLean St, Quesnel</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food Bank</li> <li>• Food hamper available upon appointment request</li> </ul>	<p>Phone: 250-992-8784</p>
<p>Quesnel Tillicum Society, Native Friendship Centre</p> <p>319 N Fraser Dr, Quesnel</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family Support Worker</li> <li>• Employment Coordinator</li> <li>• Drug and Alcohol Counselor</li> <li>• Fetal Alcohol &amp; Drug Effects Worker</li> <li>• Cultural Programmer</li> <li>• Family Law Advocate</li> <li>• Mom's for Recovery Group</li> <li>• STI Nurse</li> <li>• Mental Health Clinician</li> <li>• Youth Outreach</li> <li>• Legal Law Advocate</li> <li>• Program Coordinator</li> <li>• Kith &amp; Kin Family Finder</li> <li>• Young Eagles Project</li> </ul>	<p>Phone: -250-992-8347</p> <p>Fax: 250-992-5708</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:ellen.brown@qnfc.bc.ca">ellen.brown@qnfc.bc.ca</a> <a href="mailto:tony.goulet@qnfc.bc.ca">tony.goulet@qnfc.bc.ca</a></p> <p>Web: <a href="http://quesnefriendshipcentre.com/">quesnefriendshipcentre.com/</a></p>
<p>Axis Family Resources Ltd</p> <p>2 - 160 Barlow Avenue, Quesnel</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family Based Interventions Program</li> <li>• Specialized Residential Services</li> <li>• Stopping the Violence Programs</li> <li>• Addictions services</li> <li>• CLBC Crisis Support Program</li> <li>• Community Living Services</li> </ul>	<p>Phone: 250-992-2759</p> <p>Fax: 250-992-2769</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:quesnel.admin@axis.bc.ca">quesnel.admin@axis.bc.ca</a></p> <p>Web: <a href="http://axis.bc.ca/">axis.bc.ca/</a></p>

## Non-market/Subsidized Housing

*Non-market housing* is a type of housing that is protected from market forces, and is able to offer on-going affordable rents. This is often done with Housing Agreements and placing legal rules (covenants) on the Land Title (the official record of who owns the piece of land), which legally restricts rent.

*Subsidized housing* is a type of housing for which the provincial government provides financial support and/or rent assistance.

*Supportive housing* provides ongoing assistance so residents can live independently. It's available for people who are homeless or at risk-of-homelessness and who may have barriers to housing such as mental illness or substance use. It can be housing for seniors and others who require services such as meals, housekeeping, 24-hour response system and social and recreational activities. It does not include personal assistance services such as bathing, dressing, or medication assistance.

Non-market and subsidized housing properties are owned by government bodies such as BC Housing or community organizations. Some non-profit housing providers offer both subsidized rental units and non-market rental units.

### How to Apply

**Subsidized units:** To apply for subsidized rental units from the list below, apply to the non-profit directly or apply to the *BC Housing Registry for BC Housing Properties*. There are two ways to apply to the BC Housing Registry:

1. Online at [bchousing.org](http://bchousing.org)
2. Obtain and fill out a paper application by:
  - Downloading and printing a paper application online at [bchousing.org](http://bchousing.org).
  - Completing the online request form to receive a paper application.
  - Calling BC Housing toll-free at 1-800-257-7756 or calling 604-433-2218 in the Lower Mainland to have the form mailed to you.
  - Going to any BC Housing office. A list of BC Housing offices is available online at [www.bchousing.org/contact](http://www.bchousing.org/contact).

For non-market units that are not subsidized directly by the province, contact the non-profit housing provider. For non-market housing specifically for seniors, please read the following Seniors Housing section.

Name & Address	Total # of Units	Services Offered	Who to Contact
Dakelh & Quesnel Community Housing Society  #100-744 Front Street, Quesnel	32 units under the Urban Native Housing Program  31 units under BC Housing Affordable Housing Programs  37 units under Rural and Native Housing Program, and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tenant counseling, support and advocacy</li> <li>• Community Store</li> <li>• Tax Return support</li> <li>• Personal budgeting program for tenants</li> </ul>	Phone: 250-992-3306  General inquiries: <a href="mailto:reception@dqchs.org">reception@dqchs.org</a>  Web Application: <a href="http://www.dqchs.org/apply">www.dqchs.org/apply</a>

	38 units of Affordable Housing		
<p>Quesnel Lions Housing Society, Silver Manor, Independent Living</p> <p>#100 - 255 MacNaughton Ave, Quesnel</p> <p><i>**** Seniors Housing Only</i></p>	30 one-bedroom units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Independent seniors living (subsidized housing)</li> </ul>	<p>Operated through Dakelh &amp; Quesnel Community Housing Society at #100-744 Front Street, Quesnel. Apply through them in-person.</p> <p>Phone: 250-992-3306 or 250-991-0235</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:quesnellions@shaw.ca">quesnellions@shaw.ca</a></p>
<p>Quesnel Community Living Association</p> <p>658 Doherty Drive, Quesnel</p>	<p>5 private bedrooms in one home (Racing Road Residence)</p> <p>4 two-bedroom apartments (Apartment Cluster)</p> <p><i>Applications referred through Community Living B.C.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developing and maintaining life skills</li> <li>Vocational training/support</li> <li>Self help skills</li> <li>Emotional support</li> <li>Banking and budgeting</li> <li>Programming and events</li> </ul>	<p>Phone: 250-992-7774</p> <p>Web: <a href="http://www.qcla.ca/">www.qcla.ca/</a></p>
<p>Bridges Supportive Housing (opening 2020)</p> <p>Operated by Quesnel Shelter &amp; Support Society</p> <p>355 Elliott Street, Quesnel</p>	28 Independent Supportive Housing Units ( <i>residents pay rent</i> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opening Est. Summer 2020</li> <li>Common dining area, commercial kitchen</li> <li>Programming space</li> <li>On-site staff and supports to ensure people maintain housing stability</li> </ul>	<p>Phone: 250-991-0222</p> <p>Operated by Quesnel Shelter &amp; Support Society</p>

## Seniors Housing

As we age, our housing needs may change. Our homes often need renovations and adaptations, such as ramps instead of stairs and handles to help us get up and down in the restroom, allowing seniors to “age in place” as long as possible. As part of the Age-Friendly Cities Initiative started by the World Health Organization (WHO), the City of Quesnel completed an Age-Friendly Assessment Action Plan in 2018 to help us better prepare for our future. You can view the plan on our website [here](#).

BC Housing offers a program called SAFER (Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters), which helps make rents affordable for BC seniors with low to moderate income. It provides monthly cash payments to subsidize rents for eligible seniors. To learn more and apply for the SAFER program:

- Call 1-800-257-7756, or
- Visit the webpage <https://www.bchousing.org/housing-assistance/rental-assistance/SAFER>

In Quesnel, there are several options for seniors in need of below-market rentals, listed in the table below.

*Independent Living* residents are self-directed, manage activities of daily living, maintain their own mobility, and seek help as needed.

*Supportive Living* residents are mainly independent, mobile and live in their own space, but may require some help with daily activities. Supportive Living is a better fit for a person who is not fit for Assisted Living and able to maintain greater independence, but may still need some assistance in order to maintain independence.

*Assisted Living* residents are mainly independent, mobile and live in their own apartment unit but require some help with daily activities. Housing includes hospitality services and personal assistance services. It is subject to registration by the Assisted Living Registrar.

*Nursing Homes / Long-Term Care* residents require 24/7 care either in the short-term (due to rehabilitation) or long-term due to a chronic medical condition.

Name & Address	Total # of Units	Services Offered	Who to Contact
Fraser Village Homes Society, Independent Living 401 Front Street, Quesnel	41 Bachelor units 5 one-bedroom units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Independent seniors living (rent-geared-to-income)</li> </ul>	Phone: 250-991-5054  Email: <a href="mailto:fraservl@telus.net">fraservl@telus.net</a>
Quesnel Lions Housing Society, Silver Manor, Independent Living #100 - 255 MacNaughton Ave, Quesnel	30 one-bedroom units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Independent seniors living (subsidized housing)</li> </ul>	Operated through Dakelh & Quesnel Community Housing Society at #100-744 Front Street, Quesnel. Apply through them in-person.  Phone: 250-992-3306 or 250-991-0235  Email: <a href="mailto:quesnellions@shaw.ca">quesnellions@shaw.ca</a>

<p>Abbott Heights Seniors Home, Supportive Living</p> <p>1346 Abbott Drive, Quesnel</p>	<p>6 private bedrooms (one for on-site manager) in one home</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three meals a day</li> <li>• On-site staff member</li> <li>• Housekeeping</li> <li>• Laundry</li> <li>• Programming</li> </ul>	<p>Phone: 250-992-7707</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:touchinglive@abbottheights.com">touchinglive@abbottheights.com</a></p> <p>Web: <a href="http://abbottheights.com/">abbottheights.com/</a></p>
<p>Maeford Place, Assisted Living</p> <p>574 Kinchant Street, Quesnel</p>	<p>35 one-bedroom units</p> <p>1 private pay one-bedroom unit</p> <p><i>Seniors assessed for tenancy by the Northern Health Authority</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal care and assistance</li> <li>• 24-hour staffing</li> <li>• Lunch and Dinner</li> <li>• Housekeeping</li> <li>• Laundry</li> <li>• Programming</li> </ul>	<p>Phone: 250-992-8342</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:mappenrodt@vantageliving.ca">mappenrodt@vantageliving.ca</a></p> <p>Web: <a href="http://vantageliving.ca/community/maeford-place/">vantageliving.ca/community/maeford-place/</a></p>
<p>Redwood Residences, Assisted Living</p> <p>1903 Alder Road</p>	<p>10 private bedrooms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24-hour on-site care</li> <li>• Three meals a day</li> <li>• Laundry</li> <li>• Housekeeping</li> <li>• Programming</li> </ul>	<p>Phone: 250-747-1626</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:redwoodresidences@shaw.ca">redwoodresidences@shaw.ca</a></p>
<p>Dunrovin Park Lodge Nursing Home, Long Term Care</p> <p>900 St. Laurent Ave, Quesnel</p>	<p>117 Complex Care beds</p> <p><i>Seniors assessed for tenancy by the Northern Health Authority Home Health Assessment</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24/7 on-site medical care</li> <li>• Three meals a day</li> <li>• Housekeeping</li> <li>• Library</li> <li>• Board Room</li> <li>• Sensory Therapy</li> <li>• Nail/Foot care, hair salon</li> <li>• Elder Kitchen</li> <li>• Programming</li> </ul>	<p>Phone: 250-985-5800</p> <p>Fax: 250-992-5277</p>

## Market Rental Housing

Market housing does not receive any rental subsidies or discounts, and is subject to the changing economy. Market rental housing (or private rentals) includes units such as secondary suites, a home you rent by an individual in the community, an apartment managed by a for-profit management company, etc. Finding market housing that fits your budget and lifestyle can be tricky, especially in Quesnel where we have a lack of rental supply.

To learn about your rights and responsibilities as a tenant and/or landlord, be sure to investigate the [B.C. Residential Tenancy Branch](#). The Residential Tenancy Branch has example Tenancy agreements, tips and forms for landlords and renters, and is your go-to location to apply for Dispute Resolutions. For more assistance and legal information about tenancy, check out the [Tenant Resource and Advisory Centre \(TRAC\)](#).

*Watch for rental scams!* To avoid potentially falling for a scam, be sure to view the unit in-person and sign a legally binding contract before sending over any money. If you send over a damage deposit before signing a lease, you have no legal record of what the money was for, which unfortunately means you may lose out on it.

The following lists recommend where you can investigate when searching for a market rental unit, as well as rental apartment buildings in Quesnel. It is important to note that many of our rentals are private secondary suites or houses, and we do not have an on-going inventory of which homes are rentals or not. As well, local hotels and motels often rent out their rooms at weekly or monthly rates, especially during the winter months when there are fewer workers in the area.

List of Local Real Estate Agencies with Tenant Services:

Company and Location	Services	Contact
North Cariboo Realty Ltd. 441 Kinchant Street, Quesnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Handles over 175 rentals</li> <li>Call their office to see what rentals are available</li> <li>Fill out a <a href="#">Rental Request Form</a></li> </ul>	Phone: 250-992-2207 or 1-888-992-2207  Web: <a href="http://www.northcariboorealty.com/">www.northcariboorealty.com/</a>
MaxSave Real Estate Services Ltd. 792 Avison Ave, Quesnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operates a Facebook page advertising their available rentals.</li> <li>Please note that this company handles rentals in Prince George as well – contact them to see what is available in Quesnel.</li> </ul>	Phone: 250-255-2503  Web: <a href="http://www.maxsave.bc.ca/">www.maxsave.bc.ca/</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:propertymanager@maxsave.bc.ca">propertymanager@maxsave.bc.ca</a>

List of Apartment Buildings in Quesnel:

Name & Address	Who to Contact
Cedar Court Apartments 776 Vaughan St, Quesnel	Phone: 236-424-4227



Cariboo Place Apartments 625 Reid St, Quesnel	Phone: 250-992-3036
Fircrest Apartments 110 Bowron Ave, Quesnel	Phone: 250-992-6593
Centennial Court 275 Boyd St, Quesnel	Phone: 250-992-3883
Wilkinson Apartments 398 Roddis Dr, Quesnel	Phone: 250-992-8949
Aspen Heights 5J2, 951 Abbott Dr, Quesnel	Phone: 250-991-1765
Renaissance Apartments 951 Abbott Street, Quesnel	Phone: 250-992-2806

List of Common Websites used to find a Private Rental:

Website	Information on how to find Housing on it
<a href="http://www.facebook.com">www.facebook.com</a>	You will need to create a Facebook Account. View the " <a href="#">Quesnel Homes for Sale and Rent</a> " and " <a href="#">Quesnel and area Rentals</a> " Facebook Groups – search for them in the Facebook Search bar. Various people post in the group when they are renting a suite/house/bedroom.
<a href="http://www.kijiji.ca">www.kijiji.ca</a>	Register an account. Set your location to Quesnel. Search bar up top. You can edit your ad for distance, price, area, etc. You can make your own "Wanted" ads for Landlords to find you.
<a href="http://www.padmapper.com">www.padmapper.com</a>	Search "Quesnel, British Columbia" in the search bar. Scroll around a Google-maps like application to view properties. Please note Airbnb and short stays are also advertised here.
<a href="http://www.freerentads.com">www.freerentads.com</a>	Search "Quesnel, BC, Canada" in the search bar. Scroll down the list for various options.