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**HOUSING THAT CONNECTS US** *A conversation with UK innovators*

I am privileged as a settler to live and work  
on the unceded territories of the  
**x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əy̓əm** (Musqueam),  
**S<sup>k</sup>w<sup>x</sup>wú7mesh** (Squamish), and  
**səlilwətał** (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

***Where are you joining us from?***

# Today's agenda

9:30 –  
9:45



**Michelle Hoar &  
Madeleine Hebert**  
(Hey Neighbour  
Collective & Happy Cities)

- Co-moderators

10:25 – 10:45

**Question Period PART  
ONE**

- **William Azaroff**, Brightside & BCNPHA
- **Leigh Bursey**, CHRA
- **Emily McDonald**, City of North Vancouver

9:45 –  
10:05



**Natasha Reid**  
Design Consultant  
**Matter. Space. Soul**

10:45 – 11:10

**Question Period PART  
TWO**

- Questions gleaned from chat

10:05 –  
10:25



**Paul Quinn**  
VP, Regeneration  
**Clarion Housing Group**

11:10 – 11:15

- Thank yous, next steps and closing

POLL:

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CENTRE FOR DIALOGUE



- Brightside Community Homes Foundation
- Concert Properties
- Catalyst Community Developments Society

- BC Non-Profit Housing Association
- LandlordBC

- Building Resilient Neighbourhoods
- West End Seniors' Network
- Seniors Services Society of BC

- City of Vancouver
- City of North Vancouver
- City of New Westminster
- Metro Vancouver (regional government)

- Simon Fraser University  
(Urban Studies, Gerontology & Health Sciences)
- Happy Cities

- Vancouver Coastal Health



**VISION:**

A future where more of Canada's multi-unit housing communities are *socially connected, neighbourly, health-promoting and resilient*

**What supports these changes?**

- ✓ Engaged, Safe & Empowered Residents
- ✓ Pro-Active Housing Operators
- ✓ Improved Housing Design
- ✓ Supportive Policy



# Influencing Systems Change through Engaging the Housing Sector and Policy Makers

**December 2020** →

Six major recommendations, including:

**Foster design education and dialogue for social connectedness in multi-unit housing**





# Influencing Systems Change through Engaging the Housing Sector and Policy Makers

## February 2023



**4.1.8 Member jurisdictions will adopt regional context statements that...**

c) Identify policies and actions that contribute to the following outcomes:

**vi) Increased social connectedness in multi-unit housing**

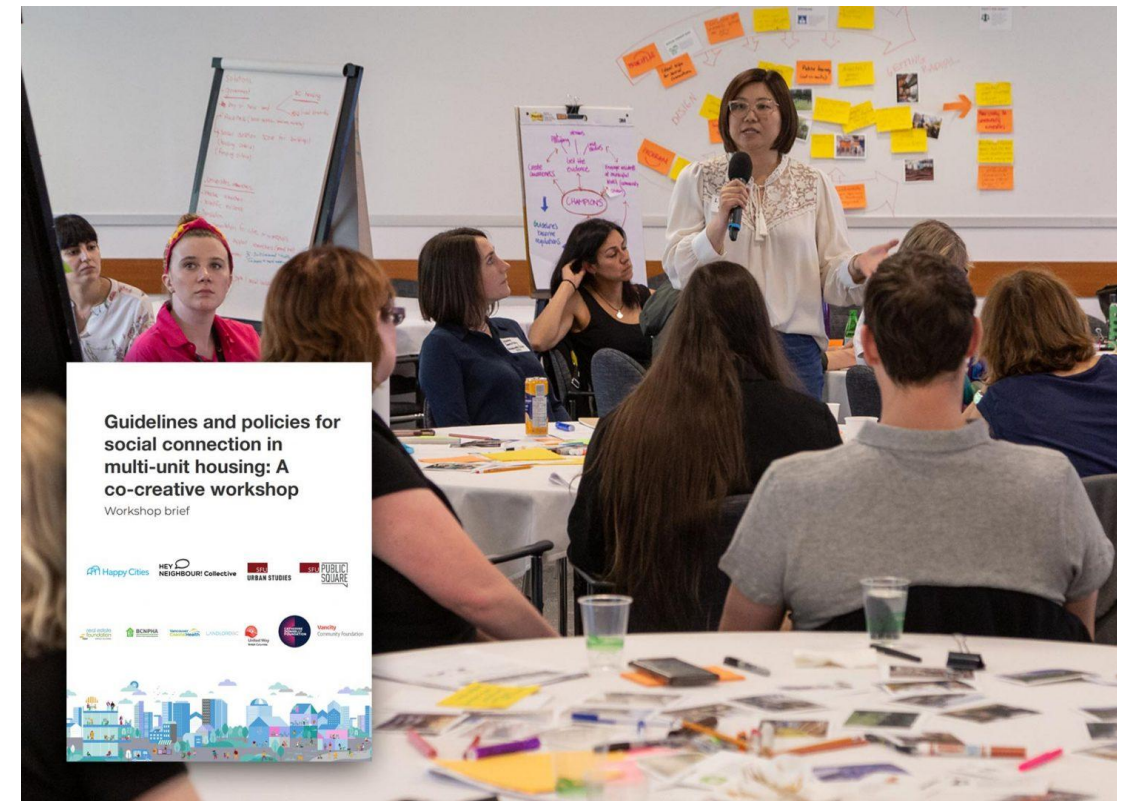


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## Sept 2021



## June 2022





# Influencing Systems Change through Engaging the Housing Sector and Policy Makers

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## Summer 2023 – Summer 2024

- **Phase 1:** Measuring the impact of the City of North Vancouver's *Active Design Guidelines*
- **Phase 2:** Co-creating housing design policies to support wellbeing in multi-unit housing
- **Phase 3:** Developing the *Building Social Connections* policy and design toolkit

## Core participants:

**Burnaby, New Westminister, North Vancouver, Surrey, Vancouver, Tsawwassen First Nation**

## Other funders / sponsors:

CMHC, Vancity Community Foundation, BC Healthy Communities (PlanH), SFU Community Engaged Research Initiative, BC Non-Profit Housing Association, Metro Vancouver

What if we start **thinking about our homes as catalysts for social connection** that can positively impact all aspects our daily lives?



# Core Needs

Without **affordable** housing choices that provide **secure tenure**, all of these other wellbeing goals cannot be achieved.

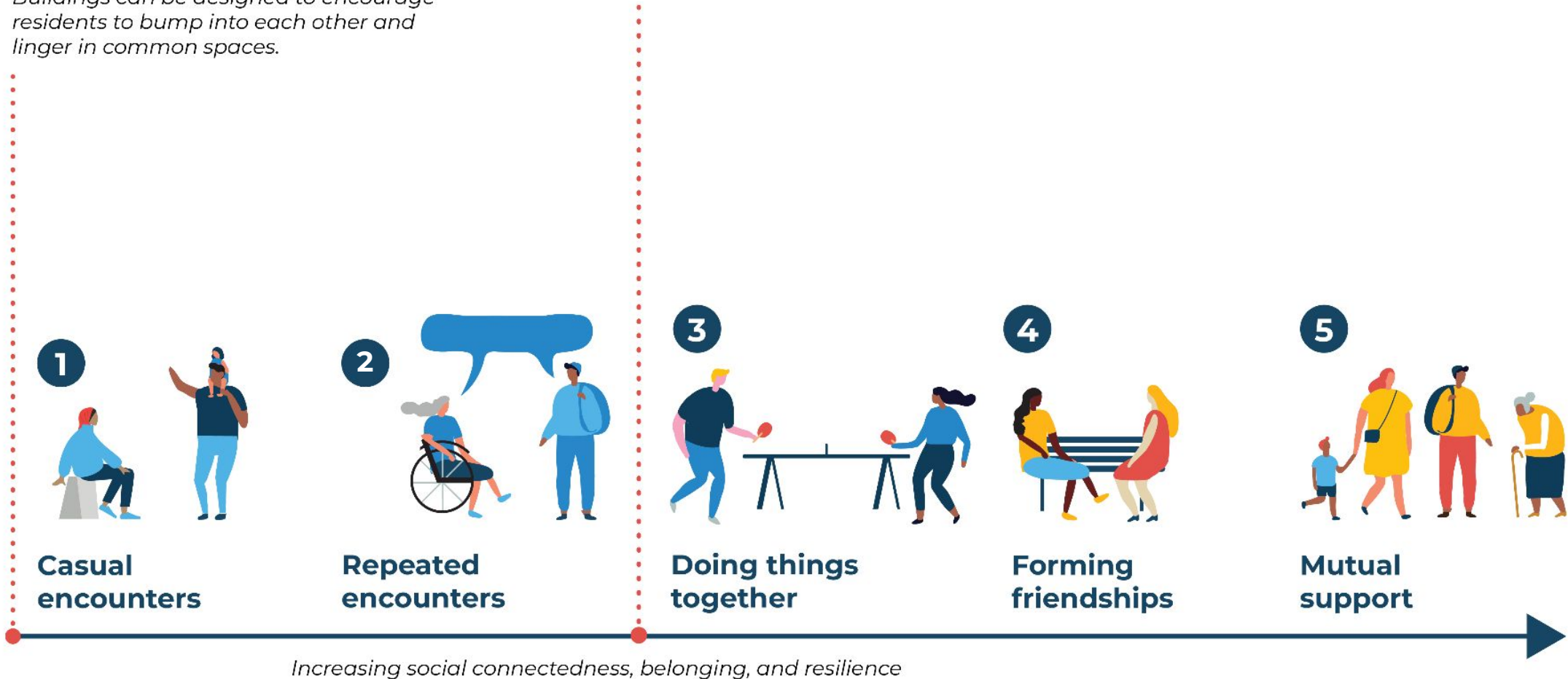


## Building design

Buildings can be designed to encourage residents to bump into each other and linger in common spaces.

## Building design & programming

Social programming can help residents make the jump from casual encounters to meaningful relationships. The design of physical spaces facilitates successful programming.



## Webinar tips & requests

- **Technical questions:** Ryan Cope
- Please stay muted but we'd love to see your face!
- Please be respectful in the chat

## CHAT question

**What was the friendliest place you've lived to date?**

**What do you think made it that way?**

*Please feel free to share examples of how relationships with neighbours have impacted you.*

Moving right along....

**Ryan – please fire up our poll!**