

Admission

1. Discuss your plans for release with your Institutional Parole Officer.
2. Apply for conditional release with Correctional Service Canada.
3. Introduce yourself: Write a letter addressed to Dick Bell-Irving CRF outlining your upcoming release plans.
4. Request that your Institutional Parole Officer have you screened for Metro Vancouver West Community Corrections Office.



A member of the British Columbia and Yukon Halfway House Association

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DICK BELL - IRVING

Community Living and Support
through the
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"... working to resolve conflict in a spirit of reconciliation"



“A journey of a thousand miles begins with one step...”

Applicants should have an optimistic outlook and a willingness to focus on their personal growth and development. Residents are expected to seek employment opportunities and participate in activities that will benefit their personal and professional progress. Respect for house rules and shared responsibilities are an essential component of every resident’s stay.

Resources for Success



Dick Bell-Irving House

NEIGHBOURHOOD AMENITIES

- King Edward Canada Line Skytrain
- Hillcrest Community Centre
- Douglas Park
- Queen Elizabeth Park
- Steve Nash Fitness World
- Langara College
- Oakridge Mall

HOUSE AMENITIES

- Safe, stable living environment
- 3 floors
- Wifi access & Netflix
- 4 washrooms
- 1 kitchen
- Laundry facility
- Large living room
- Healthy meal options prepared daily
- 5 single-occupancy rooms
- 5 double-occupancy rooms
- Backyard and BBQ area

WELLNESS PROGRAM

At Dick Bell-Irving, we understand that wellness is a process of making decisions that support a balanced lifestyle and reconnection with the community. We offer ongoing programs and activities that focus on all areas of the Wellness Wheel (emotional, physical, environmental, intellectual, occupational, social/cultural, spiritual, and correctional). Our goal is to support reintegration by assisting our residents to achieve fulfillment in all aspects of their life through wellness and balance.

VOLUNTEERS

There are a number of volunteers who work in close proximity with the residents of Dick Bell-Irving House. These volunteers work in groups and one-on-one with the residents to allow for a more tailored transition into the community.

TRAUMA CARE SUPPORT

Borstal remains proactive in addressing those barriers to personal success, including the impacts of trauma. We recognize that the experience of trauma can have a significant impact on a person and that trauma underlies many mental health and substance use issues as well as negative behaviour. If you feel this applies to you, BC Borstal delivers specialized trauma support to parolees and the general community. Our staff operate from a trauma-informed perspective.

PARTNERSHIPS

In order to provide our residents with access to a diverse range of services, we partner with various agencies, service providers, and CRF’s. Our partnership with St. Leonard’s CRF allows residents to partake in their well-known 12-step substance abuse program. For our Aboriginal residents, we are pleased to offer access to services and events at the Naa-na-himiyis Brothers Healing Lodge.