

Homes and Schools: Relationships between Supportive Housing and Elementary Schools

Supportive Housing Building Name: Mole Hill

Housing Operator: Mole Hill Community Housing (<https://www.mole-hill.ca>)

Residents: 170 apartments, with a range of subsidized housing and supportive housing, including units designated for those living with HIV, mental illness and those who are designated as the hardest to house. The Mole Hill complex includes:

- Watson House (8 units of licensed mental health housing for adults referred through Early Psychosis Intervention program, operated by Coast Mental Health)
- 10 units of supportive independent living (a mental health housing program)
- 10 units for MacLaren Housing Society (supportive housing for adults with HIV/AIDS)

Also, separate from Mole Hill is the Dr. Peter Centre, providing 22 permanent supported housing units for adults living with HIV/AIDS (many of whom have also struggled with homelessness and addiction), as well as two, short-stay units, and a day health program for adults living with HIV/AIDS. The Dr. Peter Centre is also home to Vancouver's first safe injection site, operating since 2002.

Also located directly across the street from the Lord Roberts Annex elementary school, on the other side, is Nicholson Tower (1115 Nelson Street) a low cost (subsidized) housing building operated by BC Housing. It's a 233-unit building and through BC Housing's Housing Outreach Program has a number of units reserved for some of Vancouver's hardest to house and most vulnerable (without on-site supports).

In total, 52 supported or licensed housing units (with some supports on site) and 233 subsidized units (without supports on site) located across the street (on both sides) from an elementary school.

Building Details: Support services for residents onsite, onsite staff 24/7

Housing Address: 1169 Pendrell St, Vancouver, BC V6E 1L3

Nearby School: Lord Roberts School Annex

Principal: Maria Donovan, Vice-Principal

Students: 151, grades K to 3

School Address: 1150 Nelson St., Vancouver, BC, V6E 1J2

"In two years at Lord Roberts Annex I have experienced no impact from Mole Hill or its residents. We are more concerned about the people who do not have supportive housing."

- Maria Donovan, Vice-Principal

