

## Building affordable housing

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Families and individuals with low incomes will soon have access to more affordable housing options when construction is complete on a new apartment-style building in central Penticton.

The Penticton & District Community Resources Society and the Catalyst Community Development Society, have been selected as the successful proponents to build and operate a 67-unit building at 284 Brunswick St., providing more families with a safe place to call home.

"We are grateful that the province partnered with us on a significant step forward on this serious issue for many in our community," said Mayor Andrew Jakubeit. "The task force we created to focus on housing for young families and the working poor has been invaluable. I am confident the partnership with these two great societies will be as well."

The building will include wheelchair-accessible units and its location will provide residents with easy access to the downtown and park amenities at nearby Okanagan Lake.

The project is the result of a partnership between the government and the city to create new affordable rental housing in the community.

The province will provide construction financing and work with the societies to develop the plan for construction, estimated to start in mid-2017.

A second site at 260 Brunswick St. will be developed at a later date.