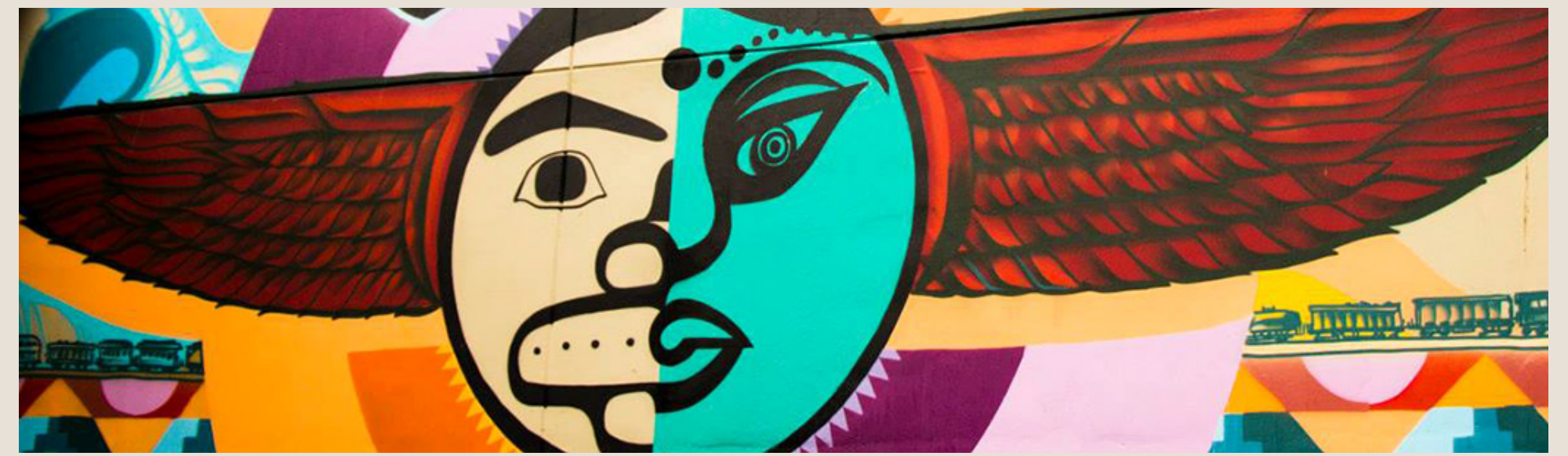


CREATING SPACE

Housing and community solutions for future North Vancouverites

What is it?

Throughout the semester we have grappled with the question of how we can make space for future generations. With at risk communities, such as climate refugees, at the top of our minds, we focused our solutions into three main categories: Short-term, Mid-term and Long-term. In doing this we were able to put focus on plans that would help to foster and build communities in the now, that will last well into the future of the city.



Short-Term

Cooperative Housing: We note the potential of cooperative housing communities as a diverse and affordable housing option, we suggest funding for expanding and updating existing cooperative housing complexes to accommodate more residents.

Temporary Modular Housing (TMH): We propose the implementation of TMH placed in empty lots or parking spaces to provide short-term housing solutions for residents. It is important to integrate these temporary housing structures into the larger community dynamic.



Conclusion

Implementing our solutions will provide community spaces for at risk communities while making them wanted and welcomed members of the already thriving City of North Vancouver community. Creating space solutions that will create lasting community as well as places for rest from financial burdens is paramount for a growing city like North Vancouver

Mid-Term

Our mid-term solutions focus on the continued importance of **partnering with Indigenous communities** in the creation of housing and communities for at-risk individuals. There is the importance of cultural competency training for all support staff and other housing employees.

We also connect to the importance for supporting all at risk communities [including LGBTQIA+ youth, and women fleeing violence] in their search for safe spaces to build lasting community.

Long-Term

Federal and Provincial Funding: we have outlined the availability of funding from both federal and provincial governments for affordable housing initiatives. The Housing Accelerator Fund and the Building B.C. and the Community Housing Fund provide significant financial support for municipalities like the City of North Vancouver to address housing needs in the long term.

Long term communities: We express the importance of locating low-income housing options near the city center and essential amenities to promote inclusion and accessibility for vulnerable populations. Equitable distribution can help reduce isolation and ensure that individuals have access to necessary resources.



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