

BC Rental Housing Survey FAQ

1. What is the purpose of this survey?

The goals of the survey are two-fold:

- a. To identify and better understand the housing needs of the Jamat in BC;
- b. The Council for Canada is considering a rental housing development at Richards and Drake in downtown Vancouver consisting of units available for rent at market rates and social housing units based on household income eligibility. This survey is to assess the need and demand from the Jamat in this rental housing development and the units available.

2. Can you provide details of the project?

The project is a rental housing development situated in downtown Vancouver at Richards and Drake. The development will consist of units available for rent at market rates and social housing units based on household income eligibility. Additionally, the development will include prayer facilities, a cultural and educational space.

3. Who can / should complete the survey?

The audience for this survey is **all** Jamati members to better understand the Jamat's needs and preferences for housing and interest in this development. The Jamat is asked to complete only one survey per household as the information is captured at the household level.

4. How do I access the survey and how when will it be available?

The survey is available on the iiCanada Portal and can be accessed using the following link – <https://iicanada.org/british-columbia/bc-rental-housing-survey>. The survey will be widely available as of **Friday, November 6, 2020** and will remain open (24 hours a day) until **Sunday, January 10, 2021**.

5. How will the information collected be used?

The information collected through the survey will be used to support the analysis for this development project but will also be used by the Councils for Canada and BC to better understand the needs of the Jamat with respect to housing across BC. Note that any personal identifiable information will not be included in the summary results shared with external stakeholders.

6. Why do you need to know how much I currently pay for rent or my household income?

As part of the demand analysis, the information collected aids in the understanding of the current state as well as to support the project's plans. This information will be used to support future Council initiatives and programs and is needed to better understand the Jamat's needs across BC.

7. When will the units be available?

The project is currently in the planning phase and is in the process of obtaining the necessary approvals. It is expected that project will be completed in about 5 years.

8. What does "affordable housing" mean?

The term "affordable housing" means that the rent charged for these units will be below the average market rate in the area.

9. What does "social housing" mean?

The term "social housing" is a category of affordable housing and refers to rental housing subsidized by the government.

10. By completing this survey, am I guaranteed a unit in the new development?

This survey is intended to better understand the demand and needs of the Jamat and **is not an application process**. Once the project is approved, details regarding how to apply for the social housing units in the complex will be provided to the Jamat.