

The Need for Harmony

- According to Metro Vancouver, Surrey was short 15000 below market rental homes in 2020.
- An additional 20K need to be built in the next 10 years (15K + 20K = 35K)
- This type of housing is not being built in Surrey - UNITI one of the few housing providers building this housing
- South Surrey residents are being priced out of their neighbourhood
- We hear daily from Surrey citizens who are in desperate need of quality affordable rental housing:
 - People being evicted from basement suites when homes are sold in hot market
 - People being evicted from trailer parks, co-op housing, and anywhere that redevelopment is happening (we found homes for some in Chorus)
 - Young people, workers, families and seniors who are being forced out of their South Surrey neighbourhood.
- People with intellectual disabilities do not have the same housing options as everyone else
- UNITI created Chorus in 2016 to address this, and Harmony is modelled on Chorus
- Many people with intellectual disabilities were not able to get into Chorus (over 144 expressed an interest)
- Currently over 80 people with disabilities who have expressed an interest in Harmony (for 25 of the 91 rental homes)