



# The Right Fit celebrates 8!

## We're celebrating!

Our hard-working navigators have now helped 8 wheelchair users find an affordable accessible home in Metro Vancouver that was the right fit for their needs.

Eight doesn't sound like much, but it's a victory to find any subsidized accessible housing in Vancouver's crazy housing market, where the available inventory and turnover of these scarce units is especially limited.

Our navigators celebrate each of these hard-fought individual success stories. But even more valuable is what they teach us about the barriers facing wheelchair users and housing providers trying to match needs to housing supply — and how we can make things easier for everyone.

Key lessons so far include that the shortage of accessible social housing in Metro Vancouver is far greater than previously understood. This gap is the major reason why wheelchair users — especially those with low income or living on disability benefits — may wait years and endure great hardship before they can find an accessible home.

- Read our [Housing Roundtable report](#) for more on challenges and solutions.

We're also learning that more support and flexibility is essential to match our very limited stock of accessible social housing units with wheelchair users — when and where they need them. Some 60 wheelchair users in our pilot are currently waiting for accessible housing. But in some cases, none are eligible when a rare accessible vacancy comes up. Such units may sit empty for months or go to a non-wheelchair user, further aggravating the accessible supply shortage.

As we continue to work with our project partners, housing providers and wheelchair users, we hope to learn more about how to overcome these challenges so that everyone can find the right home and every social housing provider can fill their accessible units with individuals and families who urgently need accessibility.

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