

# Addiction Recovery Community Housing (ARCH)

A Culturally Grounded Continuum of Care  
Bringing Healing Home to Northeast BC



ARCH is the first model in Canada to bring a complete continuum of culturally grounded care, recovery, housing, and community involvement under one roof.

# Recovery Should Not Require Separation

“You walk out of detox without any tools and then you’re trying to figure out where to go. That’s how people go back to the streets. You feel lost.”

Dean’s experience is not unique. It reflects a system where people are expected to move through recovery in stages, but without the continuity needed to hold them there.

For many Indigenous individuals in Northern British Columbia, the journey to recovery begins with leaving home.

To access addiction treatment, people travel hundreds of kilometres to Vancouver – away from their children, their Elders, their language, and their land.

What should be a step toward healing often becomes another layer of trauma.

They arrive in an unfamiliar city – **alone, disconnected, and forced to navigate complex systems without support.** They wait. They struggle to secure housing. They lose connection.

The system was never designed for long-term healing, especially not for Indigenous communities in the North. Without continuity of care, many move between treatment programs, temporary housing, shelters, and crisis services. Momentum is lost. Hope weakens.

What Dean describes ‘that moment of leaving one service without a clear path to the next’ is where recovery most often breaks down. What begins as a search for healing can become a pathway into homelessness and desperation.



*Recovery requires more than a bed.  
It requires time, structure, culture, and community.*

A LONG-TERM SOLUTION

# Healing Belongs at Home

(ARCH)

ARCH is a permanent recovery community in Pouce Coupe designed to close the gaps that undermine long term healing. Developed in partnership with the **North Wind Wellness Centre**, ARCH will be the first model in Canada to provide a complete continuum of addiction recovery housing under one roof – integrating Traditional Healing and Western medicine in a trauma informed environment.



ARCH is not a shelter. It is not a short-term treatment episode. It replaces fragmented, episodic care with a continuous, culturally grounded pathway that supports individuals from stabilization to independence, without requiring them to leave their home region. With **time, structure, and cultural connection** built in, recovery is supported over the long-term.

Where that continuity exists, the difference is clear. Individuals who have accessed sustained, culturally grounded support through North Wind's programs have gone on to rebuild stable, independent lives. Clayton and Dean, both participants in North Wind's recovery programs, reflect this. Clayton completed his Bachelor of Social Work and now works with Indigenous communities in the North, while Dean returned to work and rebuilt his contracting business in the Edmonton area. These outcomes reflect what becomes possible when recovery is supported over time.

## First in Canada

A complete continuum of Indigenous led recovery housing under one roof.

# A Complete Pathway to Stability and Independence

ARCH eliminates the gaps where people most often fall out of care. This continued connection, to culture, peers, and the care system, is what changes outcomes.

## 1 Early Recovery Housing (ERH)

A structured landing zone for individuals waiting for treatment. Residents receive peer mentorship, stabilization support, and preparation for the next stage of care.

## 2 Addiction Treatment Housing (ATH)

A 12 week, holistic program combining Traditional Healing practices, Western clinical care, physical wellness, spiritual grounding, and vocational training in a trauma- and gender-informed setting.

## 3 Recovery Supportive Housing (RSH)

Two years or longer of stable housing focused on employment readiness, education, financial literacy, and building “recovery capital” – the internal and external resources needed to sustain sobriety.

## 4 Recovery Community Centre (RCC)

The social heart of ARCH – a peer-led space offering mentorship, mutual aid groups, cultural programming, and long term community connection.

No more discharge into disconnection, isolation, and uncertainty.

# Time. Structure. Belonging.

Lasting recovery is not built in a few days. It is built through repetition, responsibility, and relationship.

ARCH is built on four principles proven to support long term recovery.



## Culture as Foundation

Ceremony, land-based practices (such as time on the land with Elders), language, and cultural identity are not add ons – they are central to healing.



## Community as Method

Recovery happens in relationship. Peer leadership and shared accountability create belonging and rebuild trust.



## Structure and Accountability

Daily routines, clear expectations, and graduated responsibility provide predictability and safety.



## Skills for Independence

Residents build practical life skills – education, employment readiness, financial literacy, and vocational training – preparing for sustainable reintegration.

Recovery is not only clinical – it is cultural, relational, and practical.

# A Project Ready to Launch

ARCH has secured binding commitments from government, health, and housing partners at every level. This is not a proposal seeking approval – it is a fully authorised project ready to open.

## Key Partners in the Project:

### Streethome Foundation

Fundraising lead, committed to raising \$800,000 for program launch and operational readiness

### North Wind Wellness Centre

Project proponent and operator, providing culturally grounded programming and community relationships built over 30 years in Northeast BC

### BC Housing and CMHC

Primary funder of the 40 supportive housing units, with a signed Contribution Agreement for capital and operating funding

### First Nations Health Authority

Committed to funding culturally grounded health programming and Traditional Healing services within the facility

### Northern Health

Committed to funding clinical addiction treatment services and integrated health programming by providing capital funding and staffing resources

### The Provincial Government

Supporting through health and housing policy alignment

With Streethome's commitment, ARCH is fully funded for construction and operations and is now entering the final phase before opening in the fall.

Construction completion is anticipated for July/August 2026, with commissioning in September and a fall ribbon cutting.



## WHY NOW?

Every month ARCH remains unopened, approximately 55 individuals in Northeast BC who need structured recovery support have nowhere to go without leaving their home, their family, and their community.

The programming, staff, and peer leadership that will determine whether those 55 individuals succeed, or fall through the gaps, must be in place from day one. That is what the final \$175,000 funds.

# Investment Opportunity



Streethome has committed to raising **\$800,000** to support the ARCH development in Pouce Coupe. The project is entering the final phase before opening in the fall of 2026.

## Funding Status

Total Project Commitment: **\$800,000**

Fundraised to Date: **\$625,000**

**Remaining to Raise: \$175,000**

When ARCH opens, it will be the only place in Canada where an Indigenous person from Northeast BC can move from crisis stabilization through treatment and into long term housing – **without ever leaving home**. Your gift closes the final gap of \$175,000. This is the final bridge to opening – every dollar directly accelerates launch. Your investment unlocks a fully funded, ready to operate recovery community.

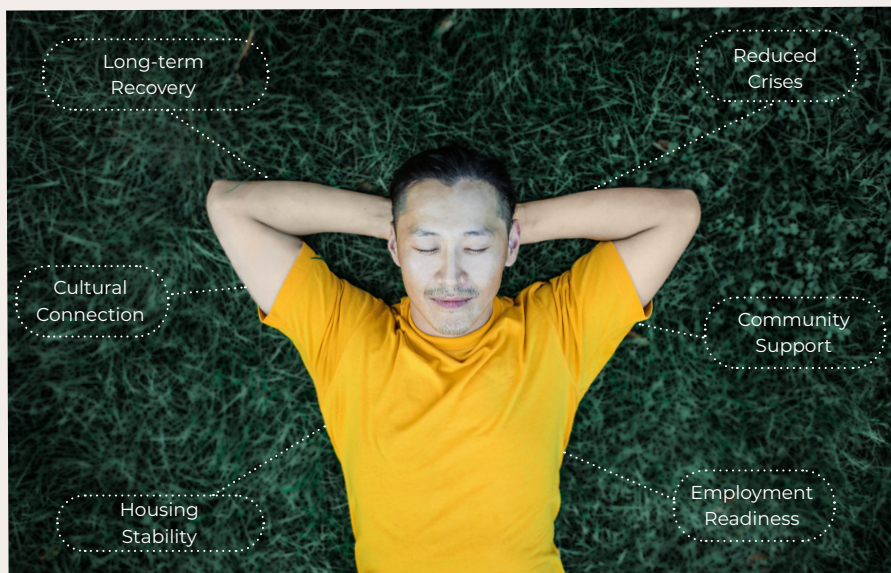
## Your contribution will support:

- ▶ Recruiting and training the peer leadership team
- ▶ Establishing the cultural programming calendar
- ▶ Equipping resident spaces and common areas
- ▶ Covering the operational bridge period between opening and activation of government funding



# An Invitation

This is a chance to invest in a model that brings recovery home, closes the gaps between care, and proves that long-term healing is not only possible, but achievable, scalable and built to last.



ARCH is designed to deliver meaningful, long-term impact, showing how culturally grounded, continuous recovery can transform lives and futures. It also offers a proven, replicable model, with its business case, design, programming, and partnerships ready to be shared across BC and Canada, demonstrating what becomes possible when the system is built to support recovery.

Help us bridge the final \$175,000 gap and bring ARCH to life.



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