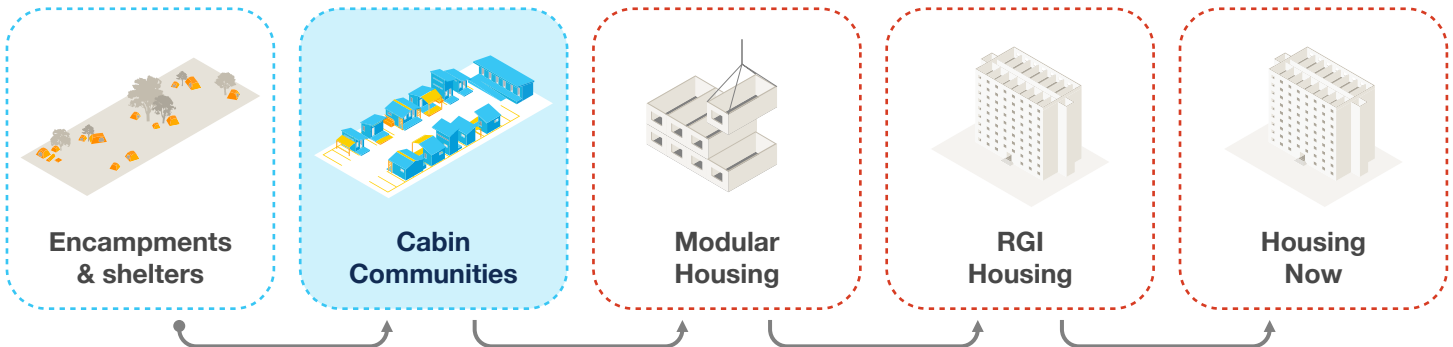


Non-Profit seeking City approval to contribute to housing solutions

The idea:

A temporary Cabin Community supportive pilot project, using vacant city land, to help transition unsheltered people to permanent housing once it is available.

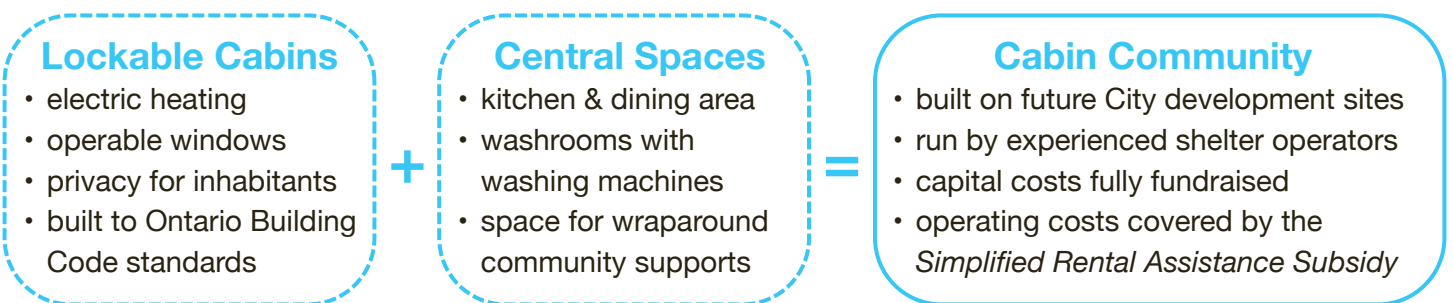
Filling a gap in the housing continuum:



The problem:

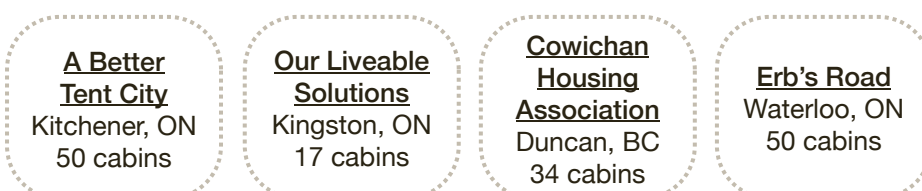
There is a gap in available options for people trying to survive, due to a growing population of unhoused people, an overburdened shelter system that provides limited agency to its users, and an increase in the supply of permanent housing being years into the future. We aim to fill that gap by helping unhoused people go from living in **tents to cabins to permanent housing**.

The model:



Successful precedents:

Successful cabin communities already operate in cities across North America. Canadian examples include:



When 2SH presented this model to encampment residents in Toronto, **85.2%** said they would be interested in a solution like this.

How people move on:

Cabin Communities are transitional, low-capital / high-speed housing. They will not be permanent dwellings or interrupt modular, supportive, or RGI housing construction. As those units are built, Community residents would have an opportunity to move in, freeing Cabin space for the next person. Once the site is ready for construction, the Community can be relocated to another site or removed if it is no longer necessary.

Who we are:

Two Steps Home (2SH) is a nonprofit corporation made up of architects, engineers, carpenters, and retired public servants volunteering their time and expertise to help resolve the unsheltered crisis, at no financial benefit. 2SH is prepared to assemble partner agencies, advocate, and fundraise the capital cost of Cabin Communities.

How we compare:

	Cabin Communities	Modular Housing	Housing Now
Provides access to basic needs (shelter, water, sanitation)	✓	✓	✓
Decreases strain on city services (SSHA, TTC, Parks, Police)	✓	✓	✓
Has appropriate housing supports on-site	✓	✓	X
Accessible to currently-unhoused people	✓	✓	X
Can be built by this winter (2023)	✓	X	X
Temporarily uses land and can be easily relocated once housing is built on the site	✓	X	X
Capital costs fully fundraised by non-profit	✓	X	X

Candidate sites:

Three vacant *Housing Now* sites have been identified as candidates for an initial Cabin Community pilot:

150 Queen's Wharf Rd (downtown)

251 Esther Shiner Blvd (industrial)

770 Don Mills Rd (suburban)

Each site is currently underutilized and pending permanent housing.

Our ask:

To roll out these Cabin Communities before winter 2023, 2SH is seeking:

1

Approval to temporarily use city-owned land

2

Approval to connect to water, sewer, and hydro

3

Emergency services approval (fire, police, EMS)

4

Access to the Simplified Rental Assistance Subsidy, which is \$1,024/resident