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## **NG to operate new HVGB Hub**

The Nunatsiavut Government has agreed in principle to act as the operator of the new purpose built facility to be constructed in Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

“With our vast experience in administering support programs in both Nunatsiavut and Upper Lake Melville, it’s only fitting to use our expertise in managing the new Happy Valley-Goose Bay Hub,” said Johannes Lampe, President of Nunatsiavut.

NG currently operates the Happy Valley-Goose Bay Emergency shelter (Housing Hub) and the Supportive Living Program on behalf of the provincial government. The building is open during the day to allow individuals to access laundry facilities, shower facilities and lunches when required. It has become a communication center for those homeless in the community, and for family and service providers trying to maintain contact. The initial location of the shelter was meant to be temporary as it was not an ideal space and was quickly outgrown. There are currently 12 individuals at the shelter on a regular basis and approximately 20 individuals placed at the Labrador Inn (overflow). This shelter has been recognized as the most progressive and barrier free shelter in the province.

In addition to the Hub, NG operates seven supportive living units in Happy Valley-Goose Bay with 3-4 individuals in each unit supported by 24/7 staff. The program also supports seven apartments with one or two residents in each as well as drop-in supports. There are generally spaces within the program for 31 individuals at any given time with funding provided by the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation. An additional two units are operated on behalf of Labrador Grenfell Health for individuals with special needs.

Supportive Housing units in Nain and Hopedale continue to run fairly smoothly with several long-term clients. The Hopedale unit houses three individuals and the Nain unit houses four. In August 2020, an Emergency Shelter in Nain was opened with funding from Reaching Home (federal funding). More recently, in December 2022, a shelter was opened in the community of Hopedale under the same funding initiative.

“Although there have been many challenges we have established good relationships with Indigenous partners, the community, other agencies and the program has evolved greatly,” added President Lampe. “Our expertise in harm reduction and trauma informed practice has greatly impacted the lives of many vulnerable individuals”

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