

Dear Senior,

Thank you for expressing an interest in applying to live at Slocan City Suites located in the Village of Slocan at 703, 709, and 713 Hume Street.

This cover letter explains our 4-page application form. Please answer all questions clearly and return it and the income verification documentation by regular mail, or alternatively, you may scan everything and email it to us. Please remember to black out SIN and bank account numbers on supporting documents.

The Slocan Valley Housing Society is a non-profit charitable society that seeks to provide affordable, independent-living housing in the Slocan Valley. One of our priorities is to help Slocan Valley seniors (55+ years) and those with disabilities remain close to their community, families, and friends.

Slocan City Suites has 12 units of housing comprised of: 2 studio (no bedroom) apartments with lofts, 8 one-bedroom apartments with lofts, and 2 two-bedroom apartments without lofts.

Each of the apartments has a bathroom, kitchen, kitchen appliances, energy efficient washer/dryer, and heat pump heating/cooling system. Each unit is self-contained with its own entrance and semi-private patio.

There are no communal hallways or social spaces; the nearby fitness centre, library, community halls and restaurants provide social spaces. Parking is off the street and there are 13 regular spaces and 2 handicapped spots, to accommodate residents and guests.

Rent does not include electricity, but these are energy efficient units. Telephone, internet, and TV are also the tenants' responsibility.

The SAFER program helps make rents affordable for BC seniors with low to moderate income. If you are over 60, you may qualify for SAFER funding from the province. You can find the details at www.bchousing.org or call them at 1-800-257-7756.

Slocan City Suites was built with funding from BC Housing, Columbia Basin Trust, the Village of Slocan, and many businesses and individuals. Part of our agreement with BC Housing is that we will only provide housing to people who have low or moderate incomes.

With respect, SVHS recognizes and acknowledges we work on the unceded traditional territories of the Sinixt (Lakes), Syilx (Okanagan), Ktunaxa (Kootenay) and Secwepernc (Shuswap) peoples - past, present and future.

Mailing Address 3650 Passmore Old Road Winlaw, B.C. V0G 2J0 Phone: 250-226-7136 Email: <u>info@svhousing.ca</u> Website: www.svhousing.ca Physical Address 3650 Passmore Old Road, Passmore, B.C. The questions on the application and the income documentation we require you to provide us will determine which unit(s) you qualify for. Please note your application cannot be processed until it is complete, and we have received it and all your documentation.

All information you provide is kept confidential and will not be distributed or used for any other purpose.

Once we have received your completed application and income verification, personal references and rental history references may be checked. If you are eligible, we will keep your application on file for when an opening occurs. Please let us know if your contact information changes. If we cannot contact you because we don't have the correct contact information, your application will be removed.

Annually, we will contact applicants to see if their circumstances have changed and inquire how soon they are prepared to move. When an apartment comes up for rent, based on the information in applications, our tenant selection committee will shortlist some applicants. If you are on the shortlist, you will be called for an interview.

Slocan City Suites provides housing for seniors capable of living independently. **The ability to care for yourself or have the supports in place to assist you to live independently, is a necessary requirement.**

All our facilities are smoke-free; new residents or their guests may not smoke or vape on the property.

Pets are allowed at Slocan City Suites, provided they meet our pet policy. A pet registration form must be filled out and the particular pet must be approved by management. The pet is also required to be at the tenant selection interview. Please contact us if you have questions about the pet policy.

The Society reserves the right to make subjective decisions regarding tenancy at Slocan City Suites. The date you apply for tenancy does not give you priority when an apartment becomes available. Health, personal safety, connections to the Slocan Valley, and compatibility to live with other tenants are also factors.

If you have questions about completing this form, please don't hesitate to contact us at 250-226-7115 or email us at <u>scs@svhousing.ca</u>. If you have problems writing or reading this, contact a trusted family member or friend to help you.

You may wish to apply to both Slocan City Suites and Passmore Lodge, one application form is good for *both* facilities.

Please keep this covering letter for your future reference and only submit the application form and your income verification documentation. **Send it to us by either:**

- * Scanning everything and emailing it to: housingapplication@svhousing.ca
- * Mailing everything to: Housing Application, 3650 Passmore Old Rd, Winlaw BC VOG 2J0.

Sincerely,

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