

# Permitting Solutions for Housing

PERMITTING/AUTHORIZATIONS  
AND STATUTORY DECISION-MAKING  
SOLUTIONS

Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship

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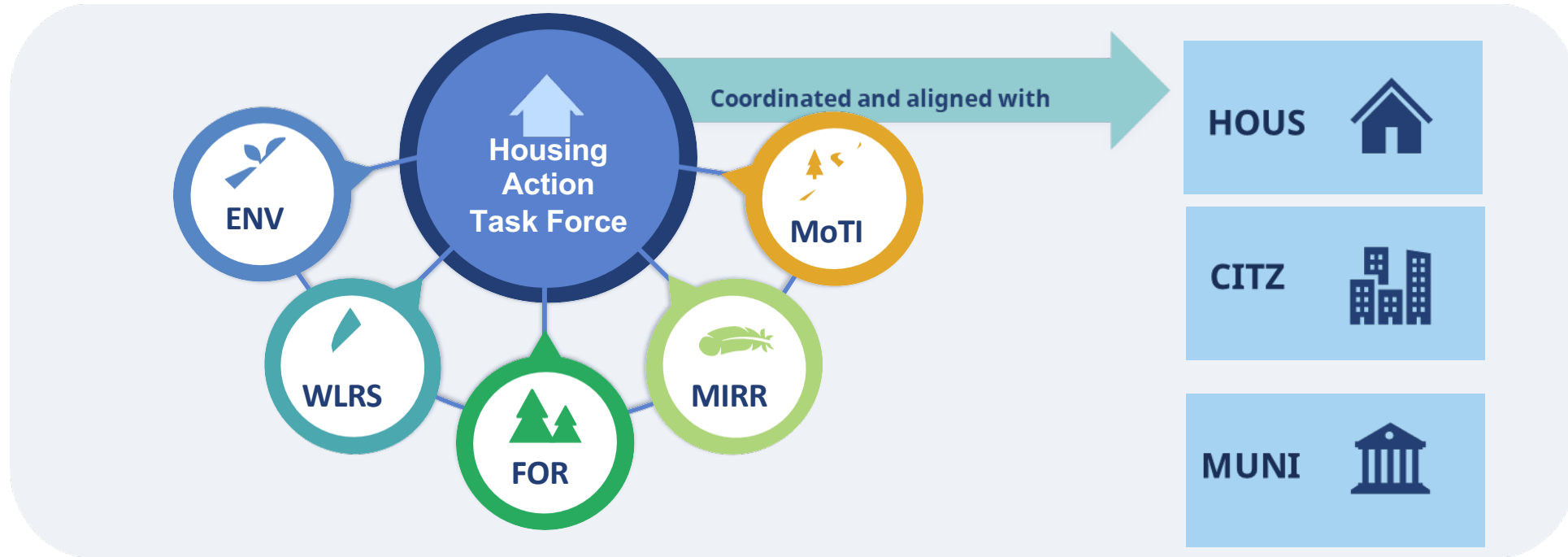




# What you should know

- 📍 **Housing is a priority!**
- 📍 The Housing Action Taskforce has been created;
- 📍 A single window and navigation service for housing proponents went live on March 31<sup>st</sup> – we are moving towards a process that is coordinated, transparent and efficient;
- 📍 Additional resources have (and continue to be) hired to support permitting for housing activities;
- 📍 Dashboard created in government to support improved insight into application backlog.
- 📍 There is more work to be done

# Housing Action Taskforce



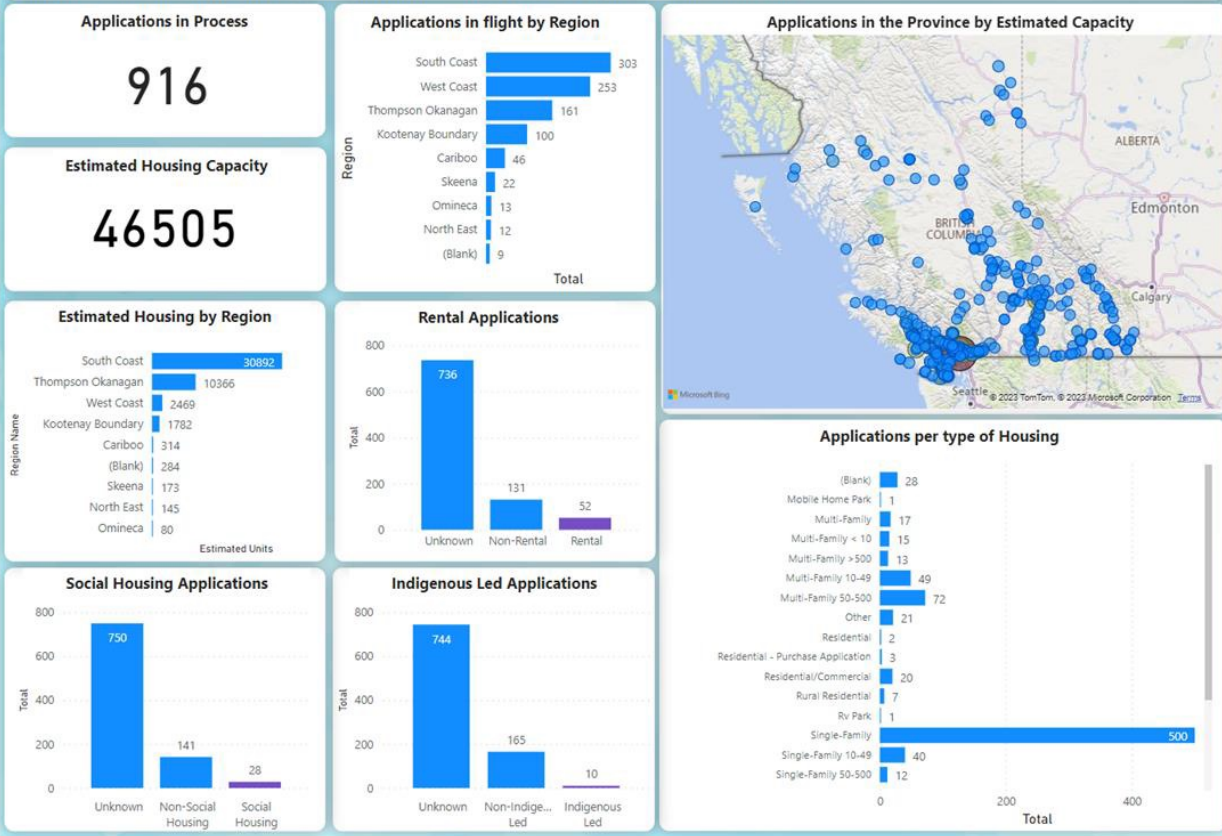
## Purpose

**Provide dedicated and coordinated oversight and solutions for provincial authorizations as it relates to housing navigation service delivery, information technology systems, project management and policy support.**

# Application & Authorizations Insights (AAI)

A single tool that features 'dashboard' views across the housing-authorizations data set for the province.

NOTE: Some applications do not have all attributes identified at this time, such as Social Housing, Indigenous led, Rental, or Housing Capacity. These attributes will be updated as more information is collected and available through the registration and navigator services in conjunction with the business lines.

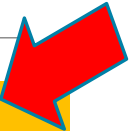


NOTE: The following files from Riparian, Archeology and Transportation business areas are excluded from the current data set but will be included if/when they become active, or an amendment is submitted:

- \* In addition to the 296 active Riparian applications, there are 317 files that have been rejected and returned to the applicant. These files could be reactivated at any time but are not currently active and are awaiting action by the applicant.
- \* Archeology has a further 20 applications over and above the 53 current files that have been permitted and remain open for amendments.
- \* Transportation has approximately 785 additional files (up to March 10th) that have received an APPROVAL decision status over and above the 394 files actively being worked on by Transportation or the applicant (up to March 10th) with an IN PROCESS status. These files are with the applicant to complete deliverables and/or local government process.



# Single Window for Housing



[WWW.PERMITCONNECTBC.GOV.BC.CA](http://www.permitconnectbc.gov.bc.ca)

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Simplifying approvals Faster decisions Single application portal (coming soon) Authorizations process Provincial authorizations Engaging Get help

## B.C. is building more homes, faster

The B.C. government is making housing development projects easier with a new coordinated approach. We are improving how you submit applications, and how they're processed. 42 additional staff are ready to help you in the permitting process. This means **more homes will get built faster throughout B.C.**

Have a current housing development project?

[Find permitting resources →](#)

[Get help with housing permits →](#)

## Get help

### Contact the B.C. Housing Action Taskforce

Taskforce staff can help with questions about provincial permits and authorizations.

[Housing.Authorizations@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Housing.Authorizations@gov.bc.ca)

## Find contacts and resources

For information about municipal permits, zoning and building codes:

- [Contact your local government](#)
- [BC Codes](#)
- [Land Development Toolkit](#)

# Single Application



## WHAT IT IS

Initially the single application will support a "registry" and potential application types will be identified to the user - over time the single application will be built to integrate the existing separate applications into a singular application to complete and submit.

## WHAT IT WILL DO

- ◆ **Initially** – the Single Application will reduce duplication of common fields of information such as name, address, and initially be capable of identifying common application types for housing.
- ◆ **Longer term** – “UPS-like” tracking visible to applicants, with “smart” features built in over time.



# Thank you

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