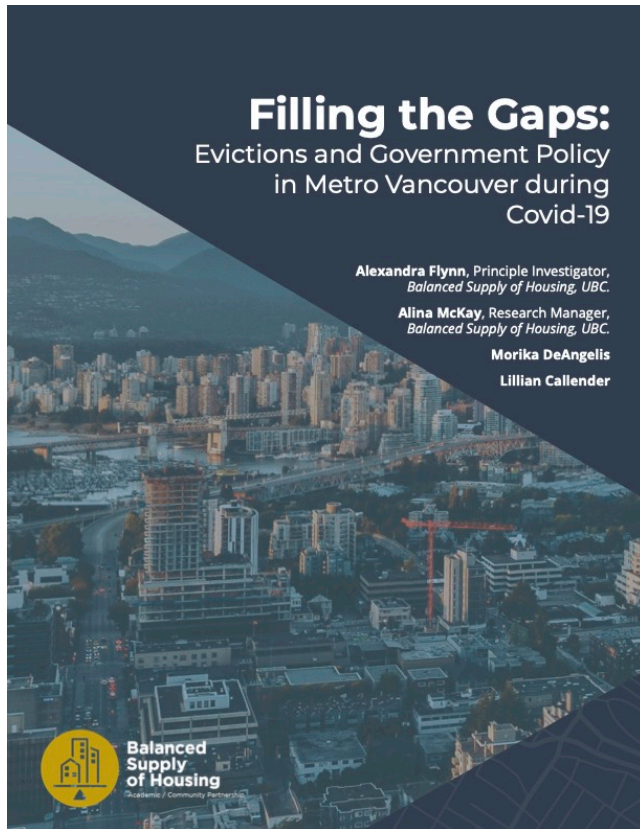




# 2024 Spring Newsletter

## Balanced Supply of Housing Updates



### Filling the Gaps Report:

We just launched our first report of 2024!

Filling the Gaps – Evictions and Government Policy in Vancouver During COVID-19 explores eviction filing data from 2010-2022. This report examines the extent to which government programs implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic were successful in protecting tenants’ from displacement amidst a housing crisis and public health emergency. The analysis draws on eviction, census, and COVID-19 data, in the Metro Vancouver area, as well as government programs and tribunal decisions, to assess how effective governments were at stopping evictions and displacement. We look at this data to consider whether and how governments filled the gap of affordable housing during the pandemic.

[Read the Report](#)

[Listen to the Podcast](#)

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## First United Law Reform:

First United just launched their Residential Tenancy Act Law Reform Platform, aimed at easing housing burdens for vulnerable households across British Columbia. This comprehensive platform offers evidence-based recommendations grounded in thorough research, statistical analysis, case law, and legislation from various Canadian jurisdictions. Drawing insights from datasets such as the Residential Tenancy Branch and the BC Eviction Mapping dataset, this platform seeks to enact meaningful change within the Residential Tenancy Act.

Use the link below to read the summary of their platform and the full platform. Then, take action and sign the petition calling on Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing, to implement these pressing amendments.

[Read the Report](#)



## A Message from the BSH Communications Coordinator

Tara Fernando has been the Knowledge Communications Coordinator for BSH since May 2022. Her final day at BSH will be on March 15th before she embarks on some travels!

It has been such a fun and exciting experience to take on the Knowledge Communications Coordinator role at the Balanced Supply of Housing for the past 2 years! Thank you for making my time here so fulfilling. As I move onto my next big adventure, I look back and feel humbled by how much this position has helped me grow and learn- so thank you, again, to everyone who supported me and guided me as I navigated this role! Through this role I have had the pleasure of meeting so many wonderful, brilliant people, and learning so much about the incredible work that everyone within the housing sector is engaged in. I am so excited to see how BSH grows in the next couple of months/years!

Wishing you all the best for the year ahead!

Tara



## Research in Progress Webinars:

Our Research in Progress webinar series is back!



**A crisis has emerged in housing across Canada**, and we're trying to learn why. The Balanced Supply of Housing (BSH) brings together academic and non-profit community organizations based in Montreal Quebec, Toronto Ontario, and Vancouver British Columbia. Together, we're taking a deep dive into topics like the financialization of housing, Indigenous housing policy, community land trusts, evictions, confronting systemic racism in redevelopment, and so much more. In our continued webinar series, we want to give you an insider look into 4 different housing studies.



## Past Webinars:

Don't worry if you missed it! The first two webinars from our continued Research in Progress webinar are up on our website. In our first webinar, Dimitri Panou presented his work with Nemoy Lewis looking at Above Rent Increases (ARI) in Vancouver. BSH Research Manager, Alina McKay, also presented the "Filling the Gaps" report. In our second webinar, Cheryl Case from CP Planning presents the Roadmap for Redevelopment Plans to confront systemic racism.

## Upcoming Webinars:

We have two more amazing webinars planned for April and May so try not to miss them! First up on April 8th we have an incredible presentation, with 3 speakers lined up, to present a holistic overview of Community Land Trusts. To wrap it all up, on May 13th we have a presentation from Aboriginal Housing Management Association and some of our BSH Team researchers on Indigenous Housing Policy. Each webinar has a Q&A at the end, so don't miss out on attending live!

[Watch Here](#)

[Register Here](#)

## Evictions Workshops:

We have some exciting things planned!



In anticipation of our May 2024 Spring Workshop for a Balanced Supply of Housing, we have two hybrid workshops on Evictions planned for March and April. These workshops will bring together scholars and practitioners from across Canada to look into eviction data in British Columbia and Ontario.

**Here are the dates:**

March 20th – Ottawa | April 25th – Vancouver

Let us know if you're interested by contacting [hrc.coordinator@ubc.ca](mailto:hrc.coordinator@ubc.ca)

# HART Updates



### We're award winners!

HART was pleased to receive the **Gold Roof Award for Housing Research Excellence** from the CMHC. This award recognizes the work of the HART project providing critical data and mapping tools for governments and housing providers to understand and respond to housing needs in their communities. We look forward to using the award to further advance our research in cities across Canada.

[Read more](#)

### Breaking Ground: a panel on public land for community housing

Public land has become a lightning rod in the housing conversation in Canada. With millions of units to build, and rising costs of land, construction, and labour, why aren't we using land that is already in the public trust? In this panel, experts discussed what public land exists, how we currently use it, and what's stopping us from leveraging this resource to it's full extent.

**Breaking Ground**  
 A panel on public land for community housing  
**Wednesday 17 January**  
 10am PST / 1pm EST  
 Online

[Register now](#)




[Watch Recording](#)



## In-depth Housing Needs Assessments

We continue to provide custom housing needs reports and data for communities that have received funding for the **Housing Accelerator Fund**, or who are hoping to apply for other funding through the government, including the **Permanent Transit Fund**.

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