

# Supportive Housing & Shelter Proposal

## Information on the Proposal, Process and Community Conversation

### The Situation

In 2015, about 50-60 people formed a camp on Cliff Avenue as they had no access to housing. For a successful decampment, people had to be provided with a place to live. The City worked with BC Housing to form an Emergency Shelter while seeking a longer term solution.

The longer term solution will need to consider:

1. Minimal barriers that encourage accessibility
2. Access to individual assessments and corresponding health and treatment services
3. Access to housing

### The Proposal

BC Housing has offered to invest approximately \$15 million, plus the ongoing operating costs, to build and operate a housing project that will contribute to a long-term solution. Fraser Health has indicated their commitment to provide health and treatment services that will meet the needs of the individuals who will reside in this facility.

The goal is to assist people into recovery and independent living.

### The Process

BC Housing has offered to fund the project if the City provides the land. A site on Lougheed Highway was recently purchased by the City that could meet this need.

The City has a legislative role regarding the Development Application that BC Housing will submit for this project.

The same process that is applied to all Development Applications will be applied to this proposal, which will provide the community with ample opportunity to provide feedback before a final decision is made on whether or not to zone the property for this use.

### Public Engagement

Once a Development Application is submitted for this project, it will be brought forward to a number of public Council meetings that everyone is welcome to attend. Dates for these meetings will be advertised in advance in the local newspaper and on the City's website.

The Development Application process requires four readings before final approval is considered. As part of this process BC Housing and the City will host a Development Information Meeting to present project details to the public once they are prepared.

As part of the Development Application process a Public Hearing is required to gather citizen's feedback.

In addition to the public processes that are part of the Development Application process Council has tasked the Maple Ridge Social Policy Advisory Committee to host a community dialogue on homelessness so that the public has the opportunity to learn and engage in a dialogue on this topic. The dates, topics and speakers will be announced once the details have been finalized.

For more detailed information go to [www.mapleridge.ca/1489](http://www.mapleridge.ca/1489)

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