

From: [Shelly Hebert](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Subject: TUP PL2025-10079
Date: Friday, October 24, 2025 5:12:36 PM

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I just wanted to give some feedback on this proposal. I have definite concerns as that intersection is one of the only ways to access the Wiltse neighbourhood. I've definitely lived next to construction before and it involves a lot of road disruption.

Increasing foot traffic at that four way stop intersection which is already very sketchy worries me greatly. It is an industrial area not suited to foot traffic and improving it would bring me back to my first point of closing off one of the two ways in and out of Wiltse.

Lastly that is a busy dog park it's sad to close off the only dog park in our area.

I hope you will consider another location.

Shelly Hebert
655 Wiltse Blvd
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Nicole Lurz](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Cc: [Nicole Lurz](#)
Subject: Absolute Opposition to Temporary Housing Proposal at 616 Okanagan Avenue East (Dartmouth Dog Park)
Date: Friday, October 24, 2025 9:26:39 PM

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Dear Mayor and Members of Penticton City Council,

I am writing to express my complete opposition to the proposed temporary housing project at 616 Okanagan Avenue East (Dartmouth Dog Park).

Our city already has more than enough shelters, wet facilities, and temporary housing projects, and the results speak for themselves. Crime continues to rise, property owners are dealing with theft, vandalism, and break-ins, and RCMP and City enforcement do little to protect residents. The neighborhoods surrounding these projects have suffered for years, with no measurable improvement or accountability from the province or service providers.

Now the non-profit 100 More Homes wants to add yet another “temporary” housing site. These organizations have made this crisis an ongoing career, collecting government funding year after year while failing to help anyone actually recover or rebuild their lives. These projects do not create stability, they enable addiction, dependency, and chaos, and destroy the neighborhoods that surround them.

Dartmouth Dog Park is a valued public space for families, pet owners, and taxpayers who deserve to feel safe in their own community. Turning it into another temporary housing site is completely unacceptable. Residents were never properly consulted, yet we’re expected to live with the fallout and the rising costs of failed provincial and non-profit management.

If the City and Province genuinely want to make a difference, they need to stop enabling the problem and start building dry, treatment-based mental health and addiction recovery centers. Real help means structure, accountability, and measurable results, not more shelters that perpetuate the same cycle.

I demand that City Council reject the Temporary Use Permit and stop allowing outside organizations to dictate what happens in our neighborhoods without accountability or results. Penticton residents have had enough.

Sincerely,
Nicole Lurz
Penticton, BC

From: [Ryan Prouty](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Subject: TUP PL2025-10079
Date: Saturday, October 25, 2025 8:21:05 AM

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Ryan S Prouty
2595 Evergreen Drive
Penticton, BC V2A 8C6

100% No to this TUP planned for the 616 Okanagan Avenue/ Dartmouth Dog Park

We as Wiltse residents are gathering signatures and will make our presence and opinions known, at the upcoming open house at the convention centre this Wednesday October 29 4p-7p.

Each and every city councillor will need to look this community in the eye and explain why Carmi School, Parkway School, Gyro Park, City Hall parking lot are not better options for this matter.

Unacceptable and irresponsible.

Regards
Ryan Prouty

From: [Kim](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Subject: Re: Tup2025-10079
Date: Saturday, October 25, 2025 11:16:14 AM

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Please read below

Kindest regards

Kim

> On Oct 25, 2025, at 11:08 AM, Kim wrote:
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> Good morning
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> I have made aware of the new temporary housing location for our Penticton's homeless.
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> I live in the Wiltse community, and while I support supportive housing, this location of said housing does not take into consideration any of the services that the homeless might need during their stay. The proposed site is utilized daily by folks who have pups and it is also right across the street from businesses that would not benefit from having tiny homes across the street from it. Not to mention years of dog Waste that has been sitting on that property and you're expecting people to live there. Seems to me you're just trying to get the visible impact of the homeless down off the channel and away from people just driving by it. Because you don't see it doesn't mean it doesn't exist.
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> My pints are as follows;
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> 1. There has also been zero community input into this location selection.
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> 2. We were supposed to have received some form of letter, but I have only just found out about this particular site per Facebook .
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> 3. Solution based conversations need to be had. So where would be a more suitable location for temporary homes?
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> 4. I think putting those tiny homes where BC housing has already torn down the smaller hotels on Main Street would be a more viable location. It's going to be years before BC housing puts apartments there so why not utilize that site? If it is in fact, going to be "temporary" then why not utilize the already existing site It is closer to grocery stores services that potentially could be utilized because BC housing is already set up down there.
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> 5. The letter states that it is a government and Penticton Indian band endeavour perhaps maybe looking at land that the PIB own might also be another option
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> 6. The post also stated that the letter was delivered to businesses and homes within 100 m of the enchantment. Forgive me, but I don't know that there are any residential homes in that location just just businesses.
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> If you could please communicate better with the residents that actually will be affected by this change we would appreciate that, but also ensure that this development does not take place anywhere near a quiet community such as Wiltse.
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> Kindest regards
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> Kim Row

From: [Melanie McMurphy](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Subject: Development Variance Permit
Date: Saturday, October 25, 2025 11:35:38 AM

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Attention: Corporate Officer, City of Penticton

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please allow me to start by saying that I am not opposed to providing shelter for the homeless persons in our community, particularly during our coldest months. I am writing this letter because at this time I am unable to speak.

I am concerned that every year this comes down to the last minute where although we are given the opportunity to speak to or against this project, it's really too late to come up with a new plan. This should have been resolved prior to the cold months being upon our doorstep.

I do have some concerns that I would like to voice:

- 1) Number of complaints from the current local shelters in Penticton for the past 12 months, including a breakdown of the types of calls for service. The neighbourhoods around the area deserve to know there will be more sirens and for what particular offences and/or calls for service.
- 2) Are the RCMP committed to maintaining a minimum number of members on the road and what is this number?
- 3) If a member of the homeless community is being asked to leave because they are not following the rules, what will be the process? Will they just be left to their own devices? Will RCMP be called?
- 4) What types of activities will be allowed at the homeless shelter (ie: safe injection sites), who will be responsible for maintaining the streets in the surrounding areas for drug paraphernalia?

I'm sure there are a lot of questions being asked and again I'm not opposed to this project but I do have enough experience to be very aware of the negative possibilities.

--Sincerely,
Melanie McMurphy

Dear Penticton City Council,

My name is Tanya Riznek, and I am reaching out in response to the letter regarding the proposed temporary housing site at 616 Okanagan Avenue East. I reside at 663 Corbitt Drive, and I would like to express some concerns I have with this proposal.

Firstly, the proximity of the proposed site to local schools and childcare facilities is worrying. The location is 1.4 km from a school, 1.1 km from a childcare center, and 1.5 km from another daycare, which raises safety and logistical concerns for the families in these areas.

Secondly, I would appreciate clarification on the funding model for this project. In particular, how much of the financial burden will be supported by the HEARTH program, and to what extent will local taxpayers be responsible? Additionally, the city's FAQ mentions that the Temporary Use Permit (TUP) is typically approved for three years, with the possibility of renewal pending another Council approval. The use of the word "typically" is concerning, and I am curious about the rationale for constructing 50 temporary homes with such an uncertain duration.

You acknowledge that this project causes the neighbourhood to have concerns about community safety. It is evident that these concerns are not limited to just one part of our community; they are shared by many citizens throughout Penticton. With the extensive work already undertaken for this project, it is disappointing to note that a comprehensive safety plan has not been prioritized to address these ongoing concerns.

Finally, I am interested to know why this particular site was chosen and whether there were considerations to use parkland areas for such developments.

Thank you,

Tanya Riznek

From: [Corina Browne](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Subject: Dartmouth dog park changes [Subject: TUP PL2025-10079]
Date: Saturday, October 25, 2025 12:33:45 PM

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Hi there,

I am writing to express my utter dismay at the idea of turning the Dartmouth Dog Park into temporary housing for the homeless. We all are aware that there is a large homeless population here. However we also are all aware of the crime, vagrancy, open drug use, excessive calls to emergency services, and other problems that come along with that population. The Dartmouth Dog Park is located on one of only two entrances to the entire Wiltse community. It is difficult to think how that fact is being ignored. How will we all get our kids to school and ourselves to work when the roads are blocked by not only shopping carts and people all over the roads with heaps of junk, but also by the inevitable ambulances, police, and fire trucks that will be called there very regularly. Crime in the area has increased significantly since the winter shelter was put in on Dawson Avenue and we often hear of crimes in the nearby industrial area as well as neighbors getting sketchy looking people climbing up the cliffs right into their backyards for what have to be unsavoury reasons. Our next door neighbours had their truck ignition destroyed by a would be thief a few weeks ago and the neighbours beside them had a truck stolen that same night.

In addition, this area is FAR too close to a huge residential area, elementary school, and daycares. My own young children (11 and 14 years old) have to walk up (separately due to infrequent bus schedules and different schools) right past the dog park just to get home from school. The city bus drops them off at the corner of Government and Warren and they have to walk up to Wiltse because there is only hourly service to the single Wiltse city bus stop. I certainly would not feel comfortable to have either of them walking past a temporary housing site there and so wonder how they would get home from school safely when both parents are working.

In my opinion, the dog park on Industrial would be a better site due to its proximity to the current encampment on Fairview. Or also the spaces near the Nissan dealership. Please do not consider the Dartmouth Dog park for temporary housing as it is inappropriate for so many reasons.

Thank you for your consideration.

Corina Browne and Eusebio Daniel
155 Stevens Crescent
Penticton, BC
V2A8A5

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From: [Lawrence Isaac](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Subject: TUP PL2025-10079
Date: Saturday, October 25, 2025 3:34:26 PM

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Attention: Corporate Officer , City of Penticton

Regarding the TUP for the dog park at Dartmouth road,
we are NOT in favour of this preposed location.
We do not feel this is an appropriate location for temporary housing.

Fifty temporary homes does not guarantee that the people living at the encampment will want to move to these homes and be willing to sign housing-related agreements and pay rent.
And we are concerned that temporary homes will become permanent homes.

As residents of a nearby neighborhood, we are concerned about the increase in property crime, community safety, personal safety, and added stress on an already busy intersection.

Lawrence and Julie Isaac
641 Corbitt Drive, V2A 8H3
Penticton BC.

Sent from my iPad

From: [Sadie Coulson](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Subject: TUP PL2025 - 10079
Date: Saturday, October 25, 2025 3:52:17 PM

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617 Corbitt dr

Two kids!!

What the heck is actually wrong with you guys on council????! This is disturbing and disgusting you putting a bunch of drug addicts near and in our neighborhood!!!!!!!!!! Most belong in jail and the temp shelter you already put in and made permanent behind everyone's back has created so much crime in the neighborhood!!! Smarten up!!!!

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Ryan Cutler](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Subject: TUP PL2025-10079
Date: Saturday, October 25, 2025 5:37:03 PM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

I'm writing to in regards to the proposed homeless shelter at 2088 Dartmouth drive.

My name is Ryan Cutler. I'm at 2598 Dartmouth Drive. I'm just learning about this proposal on Facebook sadly.

I want to state, I, and all my neighbors are adamantly opposed to this plan.

I have a couple of jobs in town. One being very near the super 8 motel on main street that is now a homeless shelter. Since that has been put in place the amount of crime, garbage, drug paraphernalia, human waste, vandalism and general mess and disruption have increased 1000%. Based on the disaster that we deal with being near there I'm enraged to hear it will be moving up the hill very close to where I live. My kids ride their bikes and scooters past there to get up work. I know what some of the people that will be in this place are like and I don't want kids anywhere near it. The school and new daycare are near by.

My second job involves going to many locations around town. I frequently deal with the homeless. Some are decent and respectful but many are the opposite and I've had situations and altercations that I'd rather not repeat at home. The mess left at these properties night is disgraceful, disgusting and absolutely unacceptable.

There is all that room near the airport just past the underutilized bridge. It's further from homes and as many businesses. It's further for them to walk to get to places they may cause problems so more possibility of them staying at the shelter. That seems to make much more sense and would result in far less uproar from the public as well as maintain the dog park that there is already a serious shortage of.

To summarize and make sure there is no misunderstanding. We do not want this shelter at the Dartmouth location. It's ill planned and not thought through to all the problems it will create.

If there is a letter or anything the city can tell us how to protest this please ad this email to the letter.

Thank you

Ryan

Sent from my iPhone

From: [R.M](#)
To: [corpadmin](#); [Council](#)
Subject: TUP PL2025-10079
Date: Saturday, October 25, 2025 5:53:10 PM

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Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

My husband and I are strongly opposed to the proposed “temporary” homeless shelter project at the bottom of Dartmouth Road — currently home to the dog park.

There is already work being done at that property and there has been absolutely no community engagement in advance. The city must obviously have known about and been discussing this proposal for many, many months. The public is being told this development is *temporary*, but calling it “temporary” is misleading. Three years, with the option to renew for three years is highly permanent.

Sure 24/7 security of the shelter is being discussed but what about neighbourhood security. What exactly is “security”? Security guards sitting in vehicles like at the tent encampment? Who would make sure we’re safe from crime in Wiltse, that our houses are not broken into, and that things are not stolen from our yards, day and night? This will happen! Will neighbourhood security and public safety in Wiltse even be thought about?

Wiltse boasts zero crime and homeowners here have worked all of their lives for their expensive properties, and take great pride in the character of their neighbourhood. Many of us bought in this area due to lack of crime in the neighbourhood, and the character of the neighbourhood as it is now.

There is also Wiltse Elementary just up the street, where many young children walk to school on their own five days a week. Each morning, children wait at the bus stop outside Two Peas in a Pod. Who will be responsible for ensuring their personal safety? Why should these children, standing alone and waiting for the city bus, suddenly be exposed to individuals loitering or pushing shopping carts—something that was not an issue before?

I believe Penticton must support effective solutions for homelessness — but **ruining a zero crime neighbourhood and one of Penticton’s finest neighbourhoods is an outrage**. What have we then to say to new families who want to move here? Don’t bother moving here, because even in a nice crime-free neighborhood full of character, a homeless shelter can go in at any time.

Sustainable solutions require proper consultation with the public, long-term planning, and community support, not rushed “temporary” fixes that become permanent by default. They

should find a different area where there is already crime and lower income brackets, or where it is away from residences who will be at risk of property crimes.

I urge Council to reject this proposal and to work instead toward housing solutions that are appropriately located, and with thoughtfulness to the surrounding community. A notice dropped off at the door one week prior to the hearing of such a proposal does not constitute public engagement.

Rebecca and Darren Marles
399 Adamson Drive
Penticton, BC V2A 7R7

From: [Matt McVeeters](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Subject: Dartmouth temp housing PI2025-10079
Date: Saturday, October 25, 2025 8:33:06 PM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

To whom it may concern, attention corporate officer city of penticton (pl2025-10079)
We are very disappointed to hear about the proposal from city council regarding the use of the dog park for temporary housing at the bottom of Dartmouth. We are even more disappointed that we found out about this proposal on social media; no notice mailed to our house or emailed. That would have been appreciated. We live in the Wiltse area and have 2 young boys that attend Wiltse school, and drive down that road every day, a main access point to our neighbourhood. It is within walking distance to our home and our elementary school. We have already seen an up tick in crime in our area since the warming shelter was put in on Dawson ave. We pay a high premium of property tax to live in the neighborhood we live in. If you feel that you are lacking usable city owned space and you believe that it will be properly maintained and a safe place to be why don't you propose putting it in the parking lot behind city hall or in gyro park. There are other locations that can be considered that are not so close to residential areas with elementary schools (ie other side of the highway by the Nissan dealership, unused Carmi school/field, dog park at the top of Penticton Ave). We are not against supporting people in need but when does this end, when will it ever be enough? By providing more housing, is this only attracting more individuals in need from surrounding communities? We are in opposition to this proposal.

Kind regards,
Matt and Chelsea McVeeters
144 Steven Pl
Penticton, B.C
V2A8a6

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Andria Anderson](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Subject: Dog park housing
Date: Saturday, October 25, 2025 9:54:25 PM

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I like the idea and see the need for this type of housing but not in this location. Finding a place that is away from all the triggers and other homeless people in the industrial area will be more successful. They live with temptations everyday... why would you house them right next to the temptations. The drug dealers are always driving through that industrial area... McDonald's, value village etc.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [TE Jones](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Subject: TUP PL2025-10079
Date: Sunday, October 26, 2025 9:59:35 AM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

This is in regards to the homeless tiny house camp that you want to put in the dog park on Dartmouth. Are you out of your ever loving minds???? We already have the drug addicts coming up Dartmouth into the neighbourhood, already break ins and theft are up, what the hell did my taxes go up hundreds of dollars this year for? To buy the homeless tiny homes so that they have better access to rob me blind? Why on earth do you think it's a good idea to put them at the base of a residential neighbourhood? Do you think that because this is practically the only neighbourhood in town that has so far mostly escaped the theft and break-ins that the rest of the neighbourhoods in town have unfortunately had to experience, so it's time to spread it around to be fair? Honestly what are we paying over inflated taxes for??? The people in charge of this god forsaken town have got to go, this is insane!!

Signed,

A furious Wiltse home owner,

Evelyn Jones

131 Stocks Cres

From: [Rolf Rybak](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Subject: 60 Unit transitional housing
Date: Sunday, October 26, 2025 2:21:14 PM

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Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

I wish to express my support for the City of Penticton's proposal to develop a 60-unit transitional housing project. This initiative represents an important step toward addressing local housing challenges and supporting vulnerable residents.

However, I would like to raise concerns regarding the rezoning process. The public notice for the proposed rezoning to permit temporary housing was issued on October 23, with the Council vote scheduled for November 5. This brief timeline did not allow adequate opportunity for community consultation or meaningful public input prior to the decision. By comparison, other local initiatives—such as the Skaha Park off-leash area—received far greater community engagement.

While the decision now appears to be a *fait accompli*, I believe our focus should shift toward ensuring the project's long-term success. To achieve this, it is vital that the operating contract be awarded to a qualified and proven organization based on merit, capability, and accountability—not political considerations. As this project will be funded through provincial and local tax dollars, residents deserve assurance that these funds will be used to achieve the best possible outcomes.

Disclaimer: I have no affiliation with any non-profit housing providers. However, upon reviewing the performance of several organizations across the Okanagan region, I have observed recurring issues with contract compliance, resident support, and financial transparency. Many operators have struggled to meet even the basic service deliverables required under their agreements, as reflected in community feedback, financial statements, and employee reviews.

By contrast, Connect (formerly the John Howard Society) has demonstrated exemplary results in this field. Their management of Kelowna's first 60-unit tiny transitional homes project successfully transitioned 39 individuals into permanent housing. Their approach included individualized case management, employment and life-skills development, mental health support, and access to treatment services—key elements that should serve as a model for Penticton's initiative.

If the City of Penticton is committed to ensuring the success of this project, I strongly urge Council to adopt a transparent, performance-based process for selecting the managing organization. This will help guarantee that the project achieves meaningful, measurable outcomes for residents and delivers lasting benefits to the community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Rolf Rybak

583 Pineview Road

October 26 2025

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From: [James Jung](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Subject: TUP PL2025-10079
Date: Sunday, October 26, 2025 4:16:22 PM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

To whom it may concern,

I strongly contest the location of temporary housing at the foot of Wiltse neighborhood. It is an absolute no.

There is a daycare, elementary school and unfenced parks within the proximal vicinity of this proposed location. Even without the temporary housing running yet, our neighborhood has seen an increase in crime, vandalism, open drug use and sense of unease due to the homeless criminals that our province will not address.

It is a poor location given that there is a major residential neighborhood that will see the ramifications of increased drug use, crime and disorder. Furthermore, it is also the border of the industrial area where crime from compass court residents has been an ongoing issue.

Council needs to revisit this decision careful and consult the neighborhood before experimenting on us. Temporary can become permanent and change the fabric of this wonderful neighborhood.

Sincerely,

James Jung
152 Penrose Court
Penticton, BC

From: bobsdoorservice@gmail.com
To: [corpadmin](#)
Subject: TUP PL2025-10079
Date: Monday, October 27, 2025 6:15:28 AM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Good Morning,

This temporary project will affect my interest in my property if it is built in this location.

We are directly across the street from where the proposed build site is. This is an industrial area and is zoned for Commercial use not residential. Not only that, the sounds of the industrial area, the dogs barking all day and night and the fumes from the foundry make this a less than desirable location.

I am in agreement with needing to house individuals, however, location is key. There are so many more viable options. If the City is truly partnered with the PIB, then use all the empty band land for temporary housing.

We are in a position to purchase another unit in our complex at 2203 Dartmouth, but I can assure you that if this is pushed through and built at this location, I will not proceed with the purchase.

If the facility is run in the same manner as Compass house or Burdock house, with “24 hour supports” as you call it, then I already know our property values will tank. Look what happened to all the properties around Compass house and the businesses that have been lost. That’s all on the City.

People say don’t put property values before human lives, have compassion. Where is the compassion from the people that are destroying the properties and stealing what belongs to other people?

This has to be a two way street. In order for the City to make this project viable, put it in a location that makes it difficult to steal from people. If you put it on band land, there are not too many unhoused people that will want to walk with all their stolen property across a major highway.

But at the same time, dedicate a transit bus to get people to appointments and grocery stores etc. Like the bus picks up at 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 and drops at 12:00 and 4:00 – but you can’t haul any stolen goods or “found” items on the bus. This will deter some people from stealing and will make the general public more accepting of having a “temporary” project.

I can guarantee that if this building is constructed at this proposed location and my property

values decrease, I will be pursuing legal action to remedy the situation.

Thank-you

Michelle Swetlikoe

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From: [Kerry Gee](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Subject: TUP PL205-10079
Date: Monday, October 27, 2025 8:40:08 AM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Please do not allow this proposed shelter on Dartmouth street !!!! Find another place to build a shelter! They will easier access to steal and cause trouble and maybe start making shelter up Wiltse area!! The homeless steal shopping carts, so many things. Do not allow this please.

The dog park area needs to stay as is.

Thx

Wiltse residents

Kerry Gee

From: [Jan Timmers](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Subject: TUP PL2025-10079
Date: Monday, October 27, 2025 9:51:02 AM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Corporate Officer, City of Penticton
171 Main Street, Penticton, B.C. V2A 5A9
Email: corpadmin@penticton.ca
Subject: TUP PL2025-10079

To Mayor Bloomfield and Members of Council,

I am writing, as a Penticton resident, to express my full support for the proposed temporary housing project at 616 Okanagan Avenue East under the Province's HEARTH program.

This initiative represents an important and compassionate step toward addressing the urgent issue of homelessness in our community. Providing up to 50 temporary homes—with 24/7 on-site supports, meals, mental-health and addiction services, and pathways to permanent housing—offers dignity, stability, and safety to people who currently have none. It also strengthens overall community wellbeing by reducing visible homelessness, easing pressure on emergency shelters, and improving public safety.

I appreciate the City's willingness to work with BC Housing, the Province, the Penticton Indian Band, and community partners to find practical, humane solutions. This project is not a permanent fix, but it is a meaningful bridge—one that will save lives and help people move toward long-term housing and recovery.

Please know that many residents support efforts like this that combine accountability, structure, and compassion. I encourage Council to approve the Temporary Use Permit and continue leading the way in demonstrating that Penticton is a community that takes care of all its people.

Thank you for your leadership and thoughtful consideration.

Warm regards,
John Timmers
Penticton, BC

From: [Mark and Megan Petry](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Subject: TUP PL2025-10079 - Opposition
Date: Monday, October 27, 2025 11:16:26 AM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

I'd like to go on record as opposing this TUP. Our kids walk by this area and we're concerned about the potential safety concerns related to this proposal. Our kids regularly see people injecting themselves with needles near the bottle depot and where they conjugate in this area and increasing the density will only cause them to have more fear and less freedom to be kids.

I'd like to suggest using the current encampment land near the Tim Hortons and Channel Park Bypass to set this up. Build a highway screen if the City is concerned about their image from passing by traffic.

Megan Petry
2978 Partridge Drive

October 26, 2025

Dear Penticton City Council members,

We are writing as concerned residents of Penticton to express our strong opposition to the proposed rezoning and development of a new tiny home housing project on Okanagan Avenue East. We are concerned about the location of this facility with respect to significant safety, health, and logistical concerns that have not been adequately addressed. This proposed site is situated in close proximity to a residential neighborhood, including an elementary school and daycares as well as many businesses. Our other concern is traffic congestion in that area- it is already a very busy residential-industrial interface zone, adding tiny homes to that area will increase the congestion.

We agree that something needs to be done to support the unhoused population in Penticton and we know that stable housing is one of the key components to helping people overcome poverty and to help them manage their mental health challenges. We were under the impression that BC Housing had a plan to build on Skaha Lake Road where they had purchased the land and removed all of the older motel units that were there. Those motels housed a number of marginalized people and their housing was taken from them with the promise to rebuild. To date, that land sits undeveloped.

We are also concerned about the handling of this rezoning process itself, which has severely limited community input. The notice was published on October 24, 2025, with the vote scheduled for November 5—leaving just over 10 days for public review and response. Very few home owners in the Wiltse area received notification about this plan, however, it impacts most everyone living in the Wiltse area. It does not appear that the city has been very transparent with their decisions around this.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

Respectfully

Dean and Mechele Ashby
2923 Evergreen Drive
Penticton

Martin Heck and Laura Kuypers

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Penticton, BC V2A 8L4

October 24, 2025

City Council

City of Penticton

171 Main Street

Penticton, BC V2A 5A9

Dear Members of Penticton City Council,

I am writing as a concerned resident of Penticton to express my strong opposition to the proposed rezoning and development of a new tiny home housing on Okanagan Avenue East. While I fully support efforts to address homelessness in our community, the location of this facility raises significant safety, health, and logistical concerns that have not been adequately addressed.

This proposed site is situated in close proximity to a residential neighborhood, including an elementary school and daycares. The presence of a shelter in such an area could pose potential risks to vulnerable children, including increased exposure to unpredictable behaviors, mental health challenges, or substance use issues associated with some individuals experiencing homelessness. Our children deserve a safe and secure environment for learning and play, free from these added uncertainties.

Additionally, the development is likely to exacerbate traffic congestion in an already busy residential-industrial interface zone. Without a thorough traffic impact assessment, this could have lasting negative effects on our neighborhood's quality of life.

Furthermore, Penticton already has substantial shelter capacity in place, which appears to be at or near full utilization. Recent data indicates approximately 110 shelter beds across permanent and temporary facilities, with a point-in-time count in April 2025 identifying 194 individuals experiencing homelessness, of whom 116 were sheltered. The temporary winter shelter alone served 91 people in 2025 and has been extended year-round through April 2026, with additional spaces added. Given these resources, I question the urgency and necessity of adding another

facility in a residential area without first optimizing or expanding existing ones in more suitable locations. Why were other locations not presented to the public for consideration?

Most troubling is the handling of this rezoning process itself, which has severely limited community input. The notice was published on October 24, 2025, with the vote scheduled for November 5—leaving just over 10 days for public review and response. Public input was restricted to mailed submissions only, with no open forums, online consultations, or town halls provided. This rushed and opaque approach undermines public trust and democratic principles, preventing residents from voicing concerns or suggesting alternatives in a meaningful way.

I urge Council to pause this rezoning, reject the temporary-use permit for the proposed site, and commit to a more inclusive process. This should include comprehensive public consultations, independent safety and traffic studies, and exploration of sites that aren't access points to residential areas for any additional supports. Homelessness is a shared challenge, but solutions must prioritize the safety of all residents, especially our children, while ensuring equitable and transparent decision-making.

Thank you for considering my serious concerns. I look forward to your response and would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

Martin Heck and Laura Kuypers





209-304 Martin St Penticton BC V2A 5K4
Phone: 250-493-6822 Fax: 250-493-6827
Email: lucy@accesscentre.org

Subject: TUP PL2025-10079

Dear City of Penticton Corporate Officer,

I am writing on behalf of Penticton and Area Access Centre regarding the upcoming consideration of a Temporary Use Permit for the property located at 616 Okanagan Avenue East. Our organization is part of 100 More Homes Penticton, a collaborative initiative focused on collective impact in addressing housing and homelessness.

According to the recent Point-in-Time Count conducted in April 2025, 195 individuals in our community were identified as experiencing homelessness, with 78 of them unsheltered. Given the current shelter and housing inventory, Penticton urgently needs more transitional housing options to support individuals on their wellness journeys. As demonstrated by service providers in the housing sector—and supported by the Housing First model—housing stability leads to improved access to health and social services, resulting in enhanced physical, mental, and emotional well-being.

We respectfully ask Council to approve the Temporary Use Permit so our community can begin to address gaps in the housing continuum. This effort is supported by the HEART and HEARTH program and will foster further engagement with the local community. Your support is vital to our shared work in building a more inclusive and resilient Penticton.

Sincerely,

Lucy Whittaker

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Lucy Whittaker'.

Executive Director, Penticton & Area Access Centre

From: [Jessica Nattress](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Subject: Subject: TUP PL2025-10079
Date: Monday, October 27, 2025 1:32:52 PM

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Attention: Corporate Officer, City of Penticton
171 Main Street, Penticton BC, V2A 5A9

October 27th 2025

To Mr. Mayor, council members, and residents of Penticton,

I am writing this correspondence to be part of the public record and to be brought forward during the November 4th 2025 Council meeting where council will consider the Temporary Use Permit for 2088 Dartmouth Drive and 616 Okanagan Avenue East. I reside at 1817 Fairford Drive, Penticton, BC, V2A 6C7.

I have concerns about the chosen location for emergency shelter and homelessness services. I am a Registered Nurse with 28 years of experience consisting in critical care, emergency room, cardiac services, and community home health. I support that Penticton needs a Temporary Transitional Housing option for those residents that are attempting to better their lives and become contributing citizens to our community. I support the provincial HEART and HEARTH program.

I do not support this location as it is too far away from the resources and supports that these residents need. Many of this population, along with other Penticton residents, do not have family physicians. This population requires convenient access to non urgent healthcare at locations such as the UPCC and Martin Street Clinic. Any challenges accessing those services that support mental health and substance use along with all other medical consultation matters, will result in the clients ability to easily access health care. The proposed location is close to Penticton Regional Hospital which is almost always above 105% inpatient capacity and where the acute care staff are constantly working above baseline ratios with patients of higher acuity. I do not support that PRH staff absorb more workload related to the location of the temporary transitional housing residents and would prefer that they access assistance using the appropriate level of healthcare. Our public bus system in Penticton is terrible and would not mitigate their transportation needs to those services; it puts unnecessary barriers to access the downtown resources.

Additionally, I believe that homelessness, shelter, mental health and substance use is everybody's problem. The proposed temporary transitional housing location would add to the dense number of people that struggle with mental health and substance use or those that are homeless if this location is followed through. With the motel 5000, shelter, and homeless encampment on the channel parkway, this is just too much for one area to absorb.

This area has been hit hard and it has exponentially increased in the lack of safety for the residents and homeowners in the area. Parkway School and Holy Cross school are now located in areas that we can not allow young children to build the confidence to walk to and from home to locations such as school, the mall, local restaurants, or grocery stores.

Properties such as ours are middle class or lower in this area and have been hit with increased number of thefts and vandalism that we can not afford to continue to replace or repair items that are stolen or vandalized.

I hope that Mr. Mayor and council will hear my concerns and take them into consideration before our city invests millions of dollars in building infrastructure before considering a better location to service this population.

Warm regards,
Jessica Nattress
1817 Fairford Drive
Penticton BC
V2A 6C7

From: [John Plut](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Subject: Wiltse homeless build
Date: Monday, October 27, 2025 2:09:41 PM

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Hello, I'll be brief with my thoughts. We should be looking at using the many empty lots on Skaha Lake rd before taking away a much used dog park. Yes the lots will need to be purchased but at least us taxpayer's wouldn't be losing something we use regularly. Something to consider.

Thank you for your time.

John Plut

From: [Christy](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Subject: TUP PL2025-10079
Date: Monday, October 27, 2025 3:43:41 PM

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Subject: TUP PL2025-10079
Urgent Safety Concerns Regarding Proposed Temporary Housing Site Near Wiltse Drive

Dear Members of City Council,

I am writing to express my strong concerns about the proposed temporary housing development near the residential and industrial area adjacent to Wiltse Drive. As a resident who will be directly affected by this project, I wish to raise several serious safety and community impact concerns for your immediate consideration.

1. Fire and Personal Safety Risks

As a fully dependent quadriplegic who is bed-bound in the evenings, I am particularly vulnerable to any nearby fires or break-ins. The city-owned lot across from my home at 2428 Wiltse Drive contains dry grasses and trees, presenting a significant wildfire hazard if open flames or campfires are introduced. I have 2 wood burning fireplaces and chopped firewood and kindling that can be stolen and used across the street on your property or mine which a single spark could endanger multiple homes. Our property's supply of firewood for winter heating is also at risk and easily accessible with no barriers by using my access ramps to wheel it out making theft even more lucrative.

2. Lack of Security and Oversight

There is no clear security or monitoring plan in place for this project. Homeowners like myself should not be expected to install cameras or take additional safety measures to compensate for the city's lack of planning. If this facility is not a strictly dry or rehabilitative program, the risk of crime, serious injury and unsafe activity near homes, schools, and seniors increases substantially.

3. Site Suitability and Alternative Locations

Council has not provided transparency on what other sites were evaluated or why this neighborhood, which is home to seniors, children, and individuals with disabilities was chosen despite its vulnerability and limited road access for emergency response.

4. Equity and Fairness in Resource Allocation

It is concerning that BC Housing funds consistently prioritize one demographic (those struggling with addiction) while low-income pensioners and individuals with physical or learning disabilities receive no equivalent housing opportunity. The community deserves a balanced and inclusive approach to housing initiatives.

5. Lack of Consultation and Transparency

Residents were given minimal notice and very limited information before council's vote. This lack of community consultation, combined with uncertainty about long-term plans, financial impacts, and accountability, erodes public trust in the process.

6. Broader Community Impacts

Additional concerns include:

- Wildfire and traffic risks with only one main community access point.
- Negative impacts on public transit safety and intersection safety risks for pedestrians & vehicles at the corner of Okanagan Ave E and Dartmouth Drive
- Failure to repurpose existing unused buildings before developing new ones.

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In closing, I urge Council to pause approval of this project until a full safety assessment, transparent site comparison, and proper public consultation are completed. The safety of vulnerable residents, including myself, must remain a top priority.

Respectfully,
Christie Admussen
2428 Wiltse Drive
Penticton, BC, v2a7y9
Sent from my iPhone

Okanagan Home Center
103-2100 Dartmouth Rd.
Penticton, BC
V2A 7W7

To: The City of Penticton
Re: TUP PL2025-10079

October 27, 2025

We are writing this letter to voice our concerns and say that we are not in favour of the temporary use permit (PL2025-10079).

Our reasons are as follows:

We are located across the street from the dog park and feel that this permit will negatively affect not only our retail business, but also the value of our property. We have previously owned a property in Kelowna that was situated directly across from the emergency housing. Daily we had to deal with needles left on our property, pallets were set on fire on our loading dock, vandalism to our property and abuse by the occupants of the emergency housing. We could not park our vehicles at our business any longer because of damage caused to them and tools being stolen.

We had a lot of repeat customers for water testing and lost many due to being harassed for spare change constantly.

We feel that we would encounter the exact kind of thing should this proposal be approved. We have a gated area at the back of our store that remains open during the day so that we may ship and receive product. This area is not always monitored, so we feel we would have to keep the gate locked and possibly install a bell or intercom so that we can meet incoming trucks.

Currently we are in close proximity to the "winter shelter" on Dawson Ave and have had to deal with many intoxicated individuals using drugs and leaving drug paraphernalia on our property. We have had individuals sitting on our front steps using drugs and have had to move them along. We have had our fences cut and have arrived to work only to deal with tents set up on our parking lot.

We have a very large demographic of customers and feel that some of our elderly customers would feel uncomfortable coming to our location. We have

staff that have already voiced concerns about being in the store alone should this shelter get approved.

The issues with the homeless was bad before they built the tiny home and now it is most likely going to cause local business' financial problems due to our province's policies.

We ask that Council reconsider approving this Permit.

Thank you

Don & Dawn Pidskalney

Owners of Okanagan Home Center

From: [Ted](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Subject: TUP PL2025-10079
Date: Monday, October 27, 2025 6:22:32 PM

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Mayor and council.

I read with dismay on a late Friday press release of what seems to be an already finalized planning and approval stage of this project. I wish to voice my disapproval with this matter. Not only in the location chosen but seemingly in the matter that that is has been handled. There seems to have been little or no communication on this matter from the city as it relates to this project. There seems to be more social media information through various sites than any direct communication from the city on this important matter. This is irresponsible on behalf of the City to say the least. In my view this is a 'back door' effort to push through permits, and zoning changes to a facility that should have far more involvement by area residents and businesses than has taken place. In the press release by the city this proposal has apparently been ongoing for months. If that is the case, where has the community involvement been? Where has the transparency so often spoken of by the mayor and council been? I have seen none. This proposal is flawed from the start. The apparent push from the Provincial Government, who neither live here nor should have voice over area residents, seems to have taken the priority in this decision. There have been no guarantees that this site will not become permanent in nature, developing into one of the many in the Province that have already shown are wrought with problems. And would be similar to those already established in Penticton that have well documented ongoing issues. This will Not eliminate the Fairview encampment. It will only exasperate the problems within the community. It also seems that the city has made zero effort to choose wisely for area residents. There are numerous city owed properties closer to amenities needed by those involved and seem to have been over looked. Why? As a taxpayer I want to know how this decision was made. And why areas such as the vacated Parkway or Carmi schools, or the dog park close to the existing encampment have not been considered. This is a matter of the mayor and council being accountable to the citizens and taxpayers of Penticton. You owe it to us to have an open meeting to allow the concerns of the citizens be heard. And not a meet and greet at the convention center where nothing is either recorded or documented. This matter at this time should be a proposal only. With community involvement, communication and voice. Not a November 4th meeting to already consider permitting. You, the mayor and council should be working with the citizens that have elected you. And to do this you must have open conversation. Not simply doing what you think is appropriate. This matter must travel to an open forum with the citizens of Penticton.

.....and upsettingly, although I stand by my comments, I note the disclosure of my name and address is mandatory in this submission. I would submit that with this policy in place it restricts/frightens many persons of the community from active participation. I see no disclosures of this type required by City councilors being made.

Ted Manchulenko
106 Rogers Cres
Penticton

From: [Victoria Evans](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Subject: TUP PL2025-10079
Date: Monday, October 27, 2025 6:38:38 PM

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To:

Corporate Officer

City of Penticton

Subject: Proposal for Transitional Housing and an Emergency Shelter

Dear Corporate Officer,

I am writing to request that the City of Penticton consider establishing transitional housing and an emergency shelter within our community at 2088 Dartmouth Drive.

As someone who works closely with individuals experiencing homelessness, I see every day the growing demand for safe, stable housing options. Many people in our city are left without shelter due to a lack of available resources, and this situation becomes especially dangerous during periods of extreme weather — from freezing winters to increasingly hot and dry summers.

These resources would not only save lives but also strengthen our community by reducing pressure on emergency services and helping residents achieve long-term stability.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important issue.

Victoria Evans

Address: 1588 Hatfield Ave

From: [Wesley Amy](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Cc: [Council](#)
Subject: TUP PL2025-10079 Opposition
Date: Monday, October 27, 2025 7:28:11 PM

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Wes Amy
2390 Wiltse Dr.
Penticton, BC

Penticton City Council,

I am writing today in opposition of the proposed 50 tiny homes at 616 Okanagan Ave E and the Temporary Use Permit (TUP).

I am a taxpaying Wiltse resident and work less than one city block from this new proposed development.

This project has been planned without proper community engagement, established safety plans, no non-profit operator/agency selected, traffic assessment, community assessment (700m to a daycare & 900m to Wiltse elementary school) and financial obligations to tax paying citizens.

The city's proposal states "May include" 24/7 security. We as residents and workers in this area need security to protect our assets and keep our children safe that ride public transit to school daily.

It has been asked on numerous occasions on social media (including the municipal city Facebook page) whether this will be a Wet, Dry or low barrier facility. No reply has ever been given.

Has the city council not learned anything from the bike lanes or water slides about community engagement?

I am in complete opposition of the TUP.

I understand that a TUP is required as the property is not zoned for this type of use. Why have we not seen a fire plan, security information, parking plan for this proposed development? What is the plan after the 3 year TUP expires? If an extension is granted does the city believe that homelessness in Penticton will be solved in the allowed six year TUP? Will the city change the zoning at that time to be a permanent location?

What is the plan for rehabilitation when the city has no rehabilitation facilities located in Penticton?

I believe temporary tiny homes are not the answer. The Housing first model needs to have permanent housing available, not temporary transitional housing. We all know how we have a shortage of affordable housing in Penticton. Kelowna has 180 tiny homes (60 in each of the 3 locations) yet the Rail Trail is still full of unhoused people. This will happen here in Penticton with the Fairview encampment as well.

We all will be in attendance at the community planning meeting on Wed Oct 29 and at the council meeting on Nov 4th.

You might want to have lots of extra seats!

Wes Amy

From: [Claire Ellis](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Subject: TUP PL2025-10079
Date: Monday, October 27, 2025 10:58:14 PM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Dear Corporate Officer, City Council and Mayor.

I'm writing regarding the Temporary Use Permit (TUP PL2025-10079) for the proposed temporary transitional housing at 2088 Dartmouth Drive and 616 Okanagan Avenue East.

While I fully understand and support the need for safe, stable housing for those experiencing homelessness, I'm very concerned about the proposed location at the dog park in the industrial area. My fiancé works just two blocks away as a mechanic, and their workplace already faces ongoing safety challenges — including individuals lighting fires in dumpsters, peering into vehicles in broad daylight, and wandering onto the property during business hours.

Adding a temporary housing site in such a vulnerable location could unintentionally increase risks for both residents and nearby workers. It would likely require local businesses to invest in costly security measures, such as cameras, fencing, or even bars on windows. More importantly, I worry that the residents of this housing development won't have the kind of environment that sets them up for success — it's isolated, surrounded by heavy traffic and industrial activity, and lacks the sense of community connection that could help them thrive.

I truly appreciate that the City and BC Housing are working to address homelessness through the HEART and HEARTH programs, and I recognize that suitable land is limited. Still, I urge the City to consider an alternative location that offers better access to public transit, health services, and community resources. A well-supported environment would benefit both the residents and the surrounding community, and would help ensure this project meets its intended goals safely and compassionately.

I also encourage the City to host a public information session before the November 4 council meeting so residents, workers, and local business owners can share their input directly and better understand how safety and community impacts will be addressed.

Thank you for taking the time to review my concerns. I appreciate the City's efforts to balance compassion with public safety and hope my feedback contributes to a

constructive discussion at the upcoming council meeting.

Sincerely,

Claire Ellis

1337 Ridgedale Avenue

Penticton, BC

From: [Jamie Fawcett](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Subject: TUP PL2025-10079
Date: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 9:29:15 AM

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To whom it may concern,

As a resident, homeowner and small business owner in the City, I want to provide my wholehearted support for the Temporary Use Permit (TUP) being issued by the City.

Lack of access to housing is a policy and societal failure with many contributing factors. I applaud the City, and partners, in their bold work to tackle these difficult challenges.

This particular proposal to provide a stepping stone between insecure/emergency housing and long term housing is an obvious opportunity to improve not only the lives of individuals who need it but our overall community wellbeing. Giving people the support they need to get firmly on their feet, starting with stable housing, is a much more effective and sustainable solution than enforcement-led approaches.

I look forward to hearing the response of Council on this matter and am hoping to attend the meeting on Nov 4th in person or via live stream.

Best,

Jamie

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[Jamie Fawcett](#)

[He/Him/His](#)

From: [Holly Walton](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Subject: Homeless Initiatives
Date: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 9:38:12 AM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Good morning,

I am writing to you today in support of the Tiny Homes initiative. I and my family support the need to offer more to those who have invested in themselves and Penticton. We hope that further initiatives will follow as that is and always has been the spirit of our community.

I understand that the location proposed may be troublesome. No location will ever be fully supported, I have learned that in 1993 when a group home for young offenders was placed in a rural part of the RDOS right next door to my dream home without any consultation! But today I am a member of the neighbourhood plagued by the Fairview Encampment and a victim of an intruder from this encampment into my home last year, I will support that which has order and semblance and rules, not ever what I have been subjected to this past year and half.

I do NOT feel safe in my area, I do NOT walk alone in my neighbourhood. As the businesses in the proposed areas will need to do, I have installed cameras, set up locking systems on my gates and doors, have gotten closer with my elderly neighbours and have a "watch" program on my street to keep an eye on the coming and goings. I have seen many a bike chopped, sex sold in a community park by girls of high school age, open and terrifying drug use and last weekend I saw three young girls exit a cab to take their suitcases across the field and straight into the encampment. I cannot support this!

If building Tiny Homes for those ready for the next steps frees up space for those in the encampments currently, then you have my full support! I know it is the responsibility of the Province to then enact on it's injunction. My hope is once the Tiny Homes are built and the residents settled, the province will act on the injunction and clear out the encampment(s) and complete the amazing landscaping that has so far deterred some expansion.

Respectfully and supportively,

Holly Walton

Response to Temporary Use Permit

Submitted by Heather Hunter
198 Laurel Place, Penticton, BC V2A 7S7



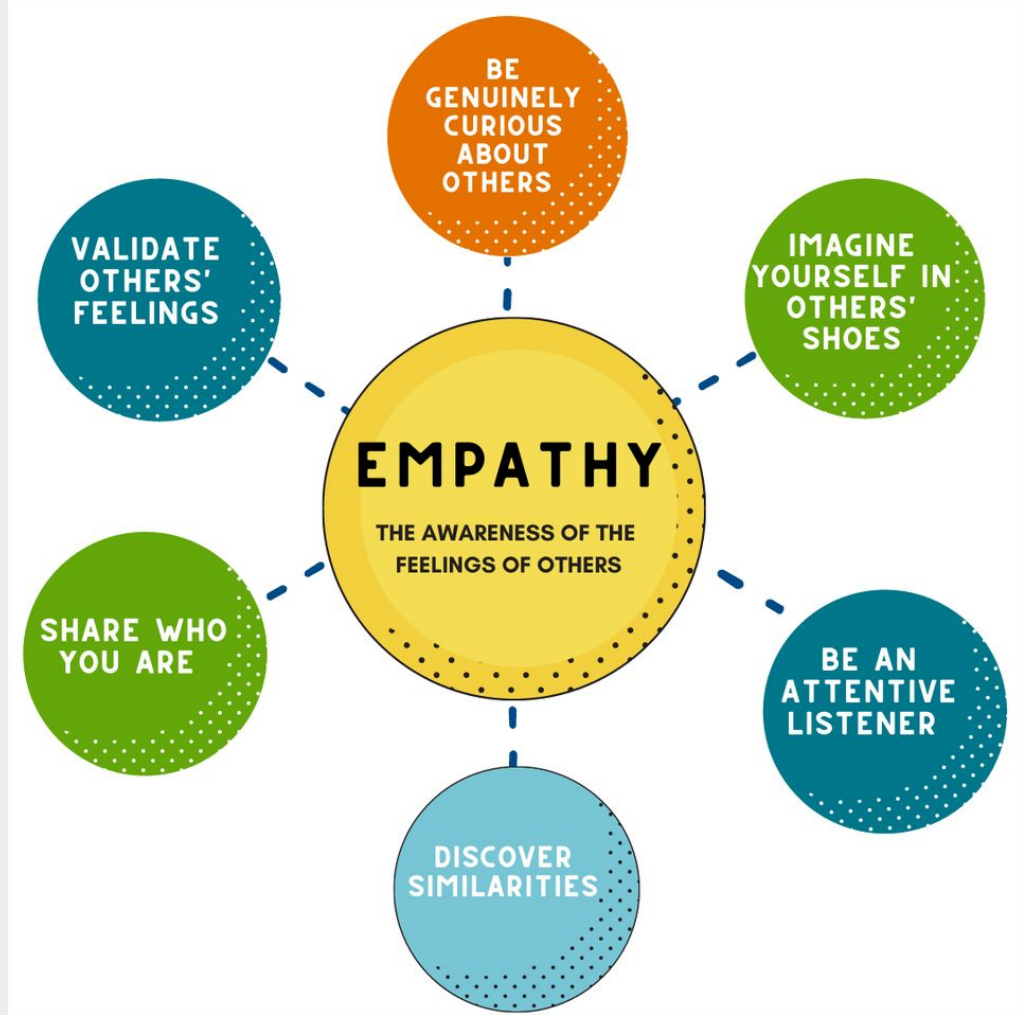
Complex



We know that the unhoused population within our city is a dynamic, and complex situation that is multifaceted.

There is no simple solution.

However, a community discussion and “management” plan that is fair to everyone is a shared responsibility.



Empathic Penticton

Our community is filled with spectacular people who are doing their best to take care of themselves and those around them.

TINY HOMES BEING PITCHED

City, province and PIB look to add supports for people experiencing homelessness in Penticton

Casey Richardson - Oct 24, 2025 / 3:56 pm



Business Gives Back still accepting donations for worthy causes in Penticton

Chelsea Powrie - Nov 22, 2024 / 4:00 am



FUNDRAISING GOALS SMASHED

Penticton Provides well surpassed its fundraising goals this year thanks to the overwhelming community support

Casey Richardson - Dec 17, 2020 / 1:41 pm



\$160K FOR LOCAL CHARITIES

Generosity 'just awesome': Business Gives Back massive success in Penticton, raising \$166K

Chelsea Powrie - Jan 14, 2025 / 11:18 am



\$175K FOR LOCAL CAUSES

Penticton's Business Gives Back was a smashing success

Chelsea Powrie - Dec 5, 2024 / 1:29 pm



GIVE BACK FOR THANKSGIVING

Annual Thanksgiving food drive back in Penticton, Naramata

Chelsea Powrie - Sep 13, 2025 / 6:00 pm



However

We have to manage our expectations of patience and empathy to avoid burnout amongst our general population.

Compassion Fatigue:



Empathetic Ability
wanting to alleviate
someone else's pain.



Empathetic Response
helping someone else
alleviate their pain.



Compassion Stress
anxiety or burn out
from overextending
compassion/care.



Compassion Fatigue
when compassion
stress isn't managed,
it leads to fatigue that
must be coped with.

Empathy burnout is real.

After years of putting everyone else first, trying to understand people who hurt you, and forgiving too much, the weight becomes too heavy.

You reach a point where you're tired, depleted, and detached. When those same people try to circle back, you don't even react. You simply no longer care.

WHY WE'RE EXHAUSTED





**We are faced
with a very
important
question...**



How can we *avoid* compassion fatigue and create *sustained* empathy and understanding towards our unhoused population?



Inform

We can teach the general population about the struggles of the unhoused population.

Figure 17: Percentage of Respondents Identifying As Having a Challenge with Their Health - By Category (n=141)

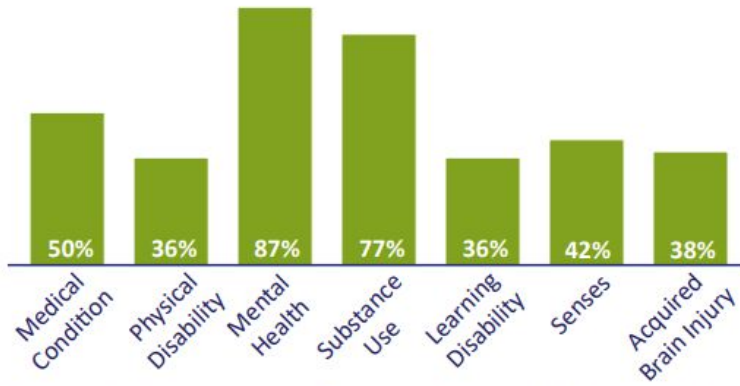
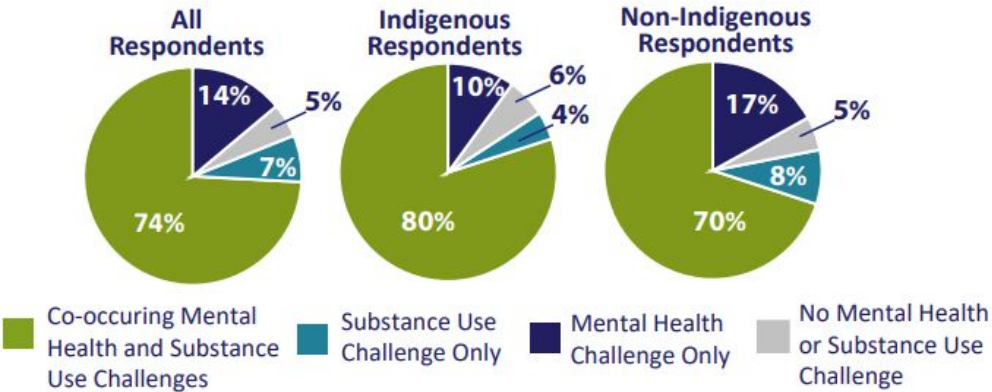


Figure 18: Percentage of Respondents with Co-occurring Mental Health Challenges (n=134)



According to the 2025 BC Housing Survey, the majority of unhoused in Penticton, are suffering from mental health and substance abuse issues.



ADDICTION



How will our community support the needs of these people?

How will they realistically access the services that are available?

If we are willing to invest in our unhoused population, we must focus on spending more time supporting the root causes.

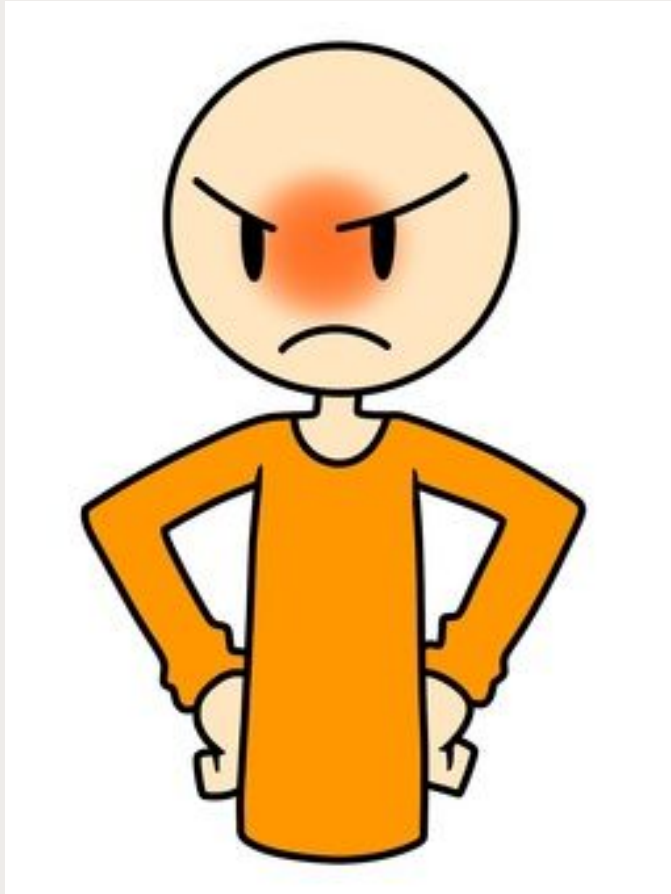
*If we are willing to invest in our unhoused population,
we must focus on spending more time supporting the
root causes.*



Management

However, for many, the damage is done, and we must find a way to support the current unhoused population without creating further frustration amongst the tax paying general population.





Due to the lack of accountability being expected of our unhoused population, people are beginning to feel:

Frustrated

Annoyed

Resentful



Management

By impacting (taking away) the general public's amenities, such as a highly used and enjoyed dog park, we are likely going to further foster a sense of **anger** and **frustration** towards the unhoused population.

Violent attacks on homeless people on the rise

Special to The Herald Jul 4, 2025



This photo of a tent site was taken at Penticton's homeless encampment earlier this month

Dan Walton



100 More Homes Penticton, a collective focused on addressing homelessness, is deeply concerned about the rising violence and intimidation targeting unhoused residents in Penticton. Multiple reports reveal an alarming increase in violent acts against this vulnerable community over recent years.

[Violent attacks on homeless people on the rise | News | pentictonherald.ca](#)

If our goal is to support and protect our unhoused population, we must take actions that limit feelings and actions like such.

Furthermore,

There have been many issues with the unhoused settling in the dog Dartmouth dog park as it is currently situated.

By repurposing this area as housing for them, we are teaching them that they can simply take over spaces as they wish.

This should not be the case.

Our unhoused should also be expected to respect various public spaces and attempt to understand the purposes for which they exist (beyond squatting).

British Columbia

Penticton mayor attributes high police workload to homelessness in the Okanagan city

[Penticton mayor attributes high police workload to homelessness in the Okanagan city | CBC News](#)



What will our city do to protect the rights, comfort, and property, of the taxpayers who are affected by the actions of some unhoused?



Suggestion

For the Emergency Shelter through Heart and Hearth, I think that the 3 year site should be the area of the encampment that is already in place at the corner of Fairview Road and Channel Parkway.



Suggestion

Many within our unhoused community are already situated in this location.

Why relocate them and further spread their community/ presence around the city?

In that location, you will not be affecting any spaces currently used by the general public.

Suggestion

It is to be assumed that the facilities will be dry.

Therefore, by creating a change in expectation in the already situated community, there may be more within the unhoused community who are willing to access the **support** offered since it is being **brought directly to them**.



**Supporting our unhoused while
also respecting our general
population is not easy.**

**Thank you for taking the time
to review this response.**



From: [Jax Kurulak](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Subject: TUP PL2025-10079
Date: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 10:23:27 AM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

To whom it may concern,
I am writing this in regard to the emergency shelter and homelessness services, temporary use permit to show my support.

People who are against this proposal seem to be concerned about themselves and their own self-interests. Our town currently does little to help people who rely on income assistance, disability, etc., to live. As of this month, there's a **3 and a half year waitlist for BC Housing**. With one emergency, one unexpected bill, I could be on the street.

When you're on the street, you don't have a home address, which is required for most of our local food pantries. You don't have reliable access to the internet or power to contact potential rentals, potential jobs, and so forth. You don't have a shower to be presentable for a job or rental interviews.

Being homeless comes with so many unforeseen problems that the general public seems to overlook. They claim there's an abundance of resources, but they've never had to use them. They've never had to deal with the months of waiting, the rejection, the emails that get left on sent, the hopelessness.

People cry addiction, claiming that every homeless person is an addict or chooses to be homeless. Sure, there are addicts on the street, and some don't want help yet, but why should that make them ineligible for basic needs? For a safe place to sleep, for warmth in the winter, for peace of mind.

People who drink coffee every day and need it to function are addicts. People who project their problems onto others with hateful remarks, instead of dealing with their issues, are people who are refusing help. Yet here they are, saying that others doing the same don't deserve a home, warmth, help or safety.

We are surrounded by people who don't care to put themselves in someone else's shoes. People who choose their own wants over other people's needs. People who scream unsolicited advice while ignoring cries for help. People who talk, talk, talk, but never act.

You see it everywhere. Online, in person, all around us. Someone says a homeless person doesn't deserve an alcoholic beverage because they're homeless. But they don't stop to think; withdrawal can literally kill someone. Or that they themselves go home for a glass of wine after a hard day.

Too often, people try to divide us. To hate each other for things they don't understand. To try and hold power over others' rights, it's inhumane. Not everyone has a loved one to take them in during a time of need. Not everyone can afford to work full-time or relocate.

I'm constantly told, "Just work more if you want more money". It's not a matter of want, it's a

matter of survival. I have been told by doctors not to work. I cannot work safely, my income is fixed indefinitely, I could end up needing this shelter.

I have little to offer, but with family members who have experienced homelessness, my own experience being on the edge of it, and speaking to people living on the streets, I cannot stay silent.

I have spoken to people who cannot afford the bus to get across town for the Soupteria's lunch. People whose homes were sold from underneath them, leaving them with nowhere to go. People whose families weren't family, leaving them with nowhere to go and no one to turn to.

This proposal is so much more than a proposal. This is genuinely a step in the right direction, towards positive change, inclusion, community and more. This proposal can go so much further with enough support, and I will support it with my whole heart.

With what little I have to give, I would volunteer what I can, and I believe others might also. Thank you to those who proposed this idea, and to those who are fighting for it to become a reality. We need more people like this to stand **with** the community, not against it.

Jax Kurulak (They/Them)
Penticton BC



October 28, 2025

Dear City of Penticton Corporate Officer,

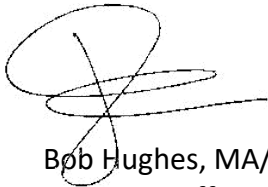
Re: TUP PL2025-10079

I am writing on behalf of ASK Wellness Society regarding the upcoming consideration of a Temporary Use Permit for the property located at 616 Okanagan Avenue East. Our organization is part of 100 More Homes Penticton, a collaborative initiative focused on collective impact in addressing housing and homelessness.

According to the recent Point-in-Time Count conducted in April 2025, 195 individuals in our community were identified as experiencing homelessness, with 78 of them unsheltered. Given the current shelter and housing inventory, Penticton urgently needs more transitional housing options to support individuals on their wellness journeys. As demonstrated by service providers in the housing sector—and supported by the Housing First model—housing stability leads to improved access to health and social services, resulting in enhanced physical, mental, and emotional well-being.

We respectfully ask Council to approve the Temporary Use Permit so our community can begin to address gaps in the housing continuum. This effort is supported by the HEART and HEARTH program and will foster further engagement with the local community. Your support is vital to our shared work in building a more inclusive and resilient Penticton.

Sincerely,



Bob Hughes, MA/MSM
Executive Officer

b.hughes@askwellness.ca

ASK Wellness Society

Saul Sharpe 129-2203 Dartmouth Drive Penticton, BC V2A 9E3 October 27, 2025

To: Corporate Officer City of Penticton 171 Main Street Penticton, BC V2A 5A9

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed homeless shelter at the corner of Dartmouth Drive and Dartmouth Road, currently operating as the Penticton Dog Park. My property and business are located directly across the street at 129-2203 Dartmouth Drive, approximately 50–60 feet away from the proposed site.

As a long-term business and property owner in this area, I have invested heavily into maintaining a clean, professional, and safe environment for both my employees and clients. I pay a substantial amount in property taxes each year, as well as an annual business license fee, yet I feel I receive little in return. There is no garbage disposal service, water, or sewer provided. I do not have children in the school system, and even basic services such as snow removal are neglected — the city plow lifts its blade in front of my building and leaves the sidewalk uncleared.

My decision to purchase this property was because there were no more vacant lots for sale in the area, meaning development was complete and the surrounding area would remain as is. To now have the rug pulled out from under me by proposing that the dog park be developed into a shelter is infuriating for two reasons: I rely on the accessibility of the dog park because I have to keep a full-time guard dog on the premises, and now instead of open space, there will be a cluster of small residential homes directly across the street. The City shouldn't be able to change the game as we go.

So why do I want to continue to stay and invest in a community that gives nothing back for what I contribute? The City allows addicts and homeless individuals to take over areas funded by taxpayers, leaving them unsafe and destroyed. Now, you want to build a shelter across the street and take away something we all use — the dog park. It adds insult to injury.

The only thing I ask in return is that you do not use my tax money for a project that will have a negative impact on me and the surrounding community. Those who contribute and pay into the system should have a say in decisions like this — not those who take without contributing and show total disregard for the community and those trying to help them. It is not the City's responsibility to continue supporting individuals who do not truly want help and take advantage of the system, making poor choices without consequences.

Points of Concern:

1. Zoning Compliance: How is the City bending or altering existing zoning rules to allow a residential facility within an industrial/commercial zone?

2. Location Suitability: Has the City considered that isolating individuals in an industrial area, away from people and amenities, will not help them transition back into society? What about the risk of negative exposures from industrial work — excessive noise and activity that often exceed residential bylaw limits (7 a.m.–11 p.m.)?

3. Environmental and Safety Risks: Any new construction the City requires should include environmental and geological testing. Has this been done? Are there hazardous contaminants from the City operations next door? What about years of dog urine and feces from being a dog park?

4. Property Values and City Revenue: Has the City considered that real estate values dictate the amount of tax revenue collected? If property values drop as a result of this shelter, the City will collect less revenue. I know I would never buy a building with this type of shelter across the street — and most others wouldn't either. This directly affects the value of my building for resale or leasing.

5. Crime and Security: Crime and discarded needles have been constant problems since I have been here. I stopped calling the police because they rarely respond. I have already spent thousands replacing stolen or damaged property. There is not enough policing to monitor this area, especially overnight. Why should our tax dollars fund onsite security for this proposed shelter? All security will be needed for surrounding businesses. Will the City cover those costs and provide us with that security?

6. Loss of a Valuable Community Space: Thousands of people from the Wiltse area use this dog park — many walking there, reducing the carbon footprint the City promotes through bike lanes and pedestrian infrastructure. Will the City now force these residents to drive elsewhere, contradicting its own green initiatives? The SPCA and City Animal Control also rely on this facility for their operations.

7. Overall Viability: This project is a bad idea that will fail and cost taxpayers money while negatively impacting everyone nearby. Listen to the people who contribute to this community — this is not wanted. Do not take away our dog park. Shelters are not the solution; proper rehabilitation, education, and mental health support are. Giving people a “tiny home” does nothing long term — you can't put a bandage on an infected wound and expect it to heal. The source of the infection must be treated first, then supported through rehabilitation.

In closing, I urge the City to reconsider this proposal and preserve the dog park for the community that actually uses and supports it. Please do not move forward with a decision that will have long-term negative consequences for the neighborhood, property owners, and the City's reputation.

Sincerely, Saul Sharpe Owner, 129-2203 Dartmouth Drive Penticton, BC

From: [M.knodel](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Subject: Temporary Permit PL2025-10079
Date: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 12:14:50 PM

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It seems this community will never learn, it keeps allowing the Provincial Government and Interior health to shrug their responsibilities of creating a place for the street people in all communities to get help, this must stop as this town will never recover from the damage done by this Government.

The location and even the thought of this is irresponsible and a continuation of not solving this issue by just putting band-aids on this.

I have owned this property since 2005 and have fought with damage to my property for that long with little to nothing done to help. I now pay 3 to 4 times the insurance and same with property taxes above the 2005 rate and have zero benefit of any of those dollars in the safety of my business daily operation.

The fact that this industrial area is the only area for development and must NOT be turned into short term housing, this needs to stay as development for commercial use, not this dangerous move, this will not fix the issue.

We need to hold Interior health responsible and have them create a place for rehab and a permanent solution.

The city Mayor and council need to stand against this move and force the Governments to do their job and stop downloading this to the communities that do nothing but destroy once beautiful cities like Penticton once was, not anymore.

I am totally against this decision and will not support any move up to this area, or anywhere in this town.

Disappointed
Murray Knodel
Imports Only
1898 Dartmouth Rd.,

From: [Zane Gold](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Subject: Objection and Request to Defer Vote on TUP PL2025-10079 – Proposed Transitional Housing at 616 Okanagan Avenue East
Date: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 1:39:29 PM

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to formally express my objection and deep concern regarding the proposed Temporary Use Permit (TUP PL2025-10079) for 616 Okanagan Avenue East, which would permit up to 50 units of transitional housing in Penticton's industrial corridor adjacent to the Wiltse community.

While I support the intent of addressing homelessness and housing insecurity in our city, the process and location chosen for this project raise significant safety, consultation, and planning concerns that must be properly addressed before any approval proceeds.

1. Inadequate Public Consultation

The community was given only a six-business-day window between the public announcement and the scheduled council vote. This short timeline is wholly insufficient for residents and business owners to meaningfully review the proposal, understand its implications, and provide informed feedback.

The City has an obligation to ensure transparency and inclusion, especially for projects of this magnitude. I respectfully request that the vote be deferred until a comprehensive consultation process takes place with both residents of Wiltse and the industrial park stakeholders.

2. Safety and Security Risks in the Industrial Zone

The proposed location is situated within a compact industrial area where businesses already contend with issues of theft, vandalism, and property damage. Adding a high-needs residential facility within this zone could exacerbate these risks, potentially impacting:

- Worker safety during early-morning and late-night shifts
- Access to secure storage, equipment, and vehicle areas
- Business insurance rates and operational stability

There is already an existing winter shelter approximately 550 metres away, which has strained nearby businesses. Concentrating multiple facilities of this nature within such a small industrial area is not sound urban planning.

3. Traffic and Pedestrian Safety

The intersection at Okanagan Avenue East and Dartmouth Drive is a heavily trafficked four-way stop that serves both industrial traffic and residential commuters. Increased vehicle and pedestrian activity from the proposed facility may further compromise safety in an area already challenged by limited sidewalks, blind corners, and heavy truck movement.

4. Impact on the Wiltse Residential Community

The proposed site lies directly below the Wiltse neighbourhood, which has limited evacuation routes (only two entry/exit points). Any increase in congestion or emergency call volume could have serious consequences during wildfire season or other emergencies.

Additionally, residents are deeply concerned about the unknown nature of the program—whether it will be a dry or wet facility, what level of supervision will be provided, and how potential behavioural or medical incidents will be managed.

5. Lack of Supporting Infrastructure and Clarity

The success of transitional housing depends on clear, transparent partnerships with experienced service providers, well-defined support programs, and strong community integration plans. None of these details appear to have been adequately communicated to the public. Approving this project without these assurances would be premature and potentially harmful to both residents and occupants.

Request for Action

For these reasons, I urge City Council to:

1. Defer the vote on TUP PL2025-10079 until meaningful consultation with all affected stakeholders is completed.
2. Provide full transparency regarding the operational plan, support services, and safety protocols of the proposed facility.
3. Conduct an independent impact assessment on traffic, security, and emergency response for the area.

In closing, I respectfully ask that the City uphold its commitment to transparent and responsible governance by ensuring this project is not rushed forward without proper consultation and due diligence.

Thank you for your time and for considering the concerns of Penticton residents and business owners who want to see housing solutions developed in a safe, thoughtful, and sustainable manner.

Sincerely,

Zane Gold

168 Corry Place

From: [Patrick Ireland](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Subject: TUP PL2025 - 10079 TRANSITIONAL HOUSING LOCATION
Date: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 5:19:12 PM

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Dear City Council,

This is one of the worst City Council considerations we have witnessed in the past fifteen years we have resided in the Wiltse neighborhood.

Placing a Transitional Housing in the above proposed location is in our opinion way too close to Wiltse Elementary School and playground...just a short walk away. The last thing our young people need to witness are homeless, drug users crashing in their playground.

We also feel strongly that crime in our currently peaceful neighbourhood will most likely increase with the influx of "interesting personalities" now settling in the perfect location where they can just start wandering up the hill to check things out.

We hope many of the residents of Wiltse will hugely protest against this proposal, and our City Council can find an alternative suitable location for this proposal where it won't impact the residents of Penticton. Quite frankly, we already have way too many homeless individuals wandering our beautiful city as it is.

Thank you for your time,

Patrick & Leigh Ireland
140 Stevens Court

From: [Michal Mosny](#)
To: [Council: corpadmin](#)
Subject: Dartmouth dr. Dogpark
Date: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 6:59:31 PM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Dear City of Penticton & Council Members,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed temporary shelter for homeless individuals to the bottom of residential area of Wiltsee. (Dartmouth dr dog park) As a resident of this community, I am deeply concerned about the guaranteed !!! negative impacts that such a shelter could have on our neighborhood and all the businesses in the area.

I am troubled by the recent announcement of the temporary relocation of homeless individuals to Dartmouth dogpark. It seems that there is a pattern of targeting our peaceful family neighborhood for initiatives that disrupt the tranquility and safety of our community. I question why there always seems to be opposition against Wiltsee and its residents. It appears as though there may be a bias or negative history with our area that is influencing decisions that are not in the best interest of our neighborhood.

The temporary relocation of homeless individuals to close proximity of Wiltsee is met with skepticism and concern by many residents. This decision feels like a complete joke to those of us who call Wiltsee home. It is guaranteed that the establishment of a shelter in such close proximity to our residences will bring about safety issues, increased crime, and disturbances that will disrupt the peace and harmony of our neighborhood. The intersection there is so busy with residents driving kids to school and various activities.

I urge the City of Penticton to reconsider the proposed location of the temporary shelter and to engage in meaningful dialogue with the residents of Wiltsee. It is essential that the concerns and well-being of our community are taken into account when making decisions that impact our neighborhood.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I hope that the City will listen to the voices of the residents and work towards finding a more suitable location for the shelter that does not negatively impact the safety and quality of life in Wiltsee.

Sincerely,

Michal Mosny

From: [Linda Smuin](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Subject: Proposed Tiny Homes
Date: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 7:27:02 PM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

To Whom It May Concern:

I support the proposed use of the dog park next to City Yards in for Tiny Homes for currently homeless people.

Thank you.

Linda Smuin

From: [Jen Formo](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Subject: TUP PL2025-10079
Date: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 7:44:19 PM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

To Penticton City Council,

I am emailing my support for the temporary housing project. While I am sure this project will require well thought out logistics and consultation, ultimately, as a community we have an obligation to work together to support the most vulnerable in our community. The designated space is one of the best presented to date.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Formo

From: [Barb McFadyen](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Cc: [Council](#)
Subject: Support for Temporary Use Permit on 616 Okanagan Avenue East
Date: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 7:51:34 PM

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Dear City of Penticton Corporate Officer,

I encourage City Council to approve the Temporary Use Permit at 616 Okanagan Avenue East.

There are many homeless people in Penticton. I see them along the channel parkway and in other parts of the city. With winter coming, our city urgently needs more housing to support these individuals.

Evidence indicates that stable housing facilitates access to health and social services as well as overall well-being. This leads to homeless people being less of a burden on our society.

Thank you for taking positive steps in this matter.

Sincerely,

Barb McFadyen
95 Van Horne Street
Penticton, BC
V2A 4J9

From: [BC Quality Home Gmail](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Subject: Opposition to TUP PL2025-10079 – 616 Okanagan Avenue East
Date: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 9:20:58 PM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

To: Corporate Officer, City of Penticton

Dear Mayor and Council,

As a local business owner in Penticton's wine industry, I strongly oppose Temporary Use Permit PL2025-10079 for the proposed transitional housing at 616 Okanagan Avenue East.

While I support the goal of addressing homelessness, this proposal has advanced without meaningful consultation or proper community input. The six-business-day notice is inadequate for residents and business owners to review or respond to a project of this magnitude.

Businesses in the area, including ours, are deeply concerned about safety, theft, and property impacts, as well as the potential conflict between our industry's image—which supports tourism and local pride—and the message this facility may send about the surrounding area.

We respectfully ask Council to defer the vote until comprehensive consultation, safety planning, and impact assessments have been completed.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Stéphane Gingras

Sunnie's Wine Time

101-2203 Darthmouth Ave

Penticton, BC

Stéphane Gingras

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From: [Sarah-May Strange](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Subject: TUP PL2025-10079
Date: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 11:00:24 PM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Hello,

As a resident of Penticton, I am writing to state that I fully support the currently proposed Temporary Use Permit, and Council's effort to create temporary housing on this site. Penticton desperately needs low-cost, low-barrier housing, and while the current proposal is only for temporary housing, it is absolutely a step in the right direction, and has the potential to save lives this winter. The plans outlined in the proposal appear solid and well-thought-out to ensure safety both for residents of the site, and residents of the community as a whole. To those who still oppose this initiative, I'd ask you to *genuinely* ask yourself: why? Is it actually logic driving your opposition? Or is it emotion, a general anger and disdain against the homeless?

The proposal has a genuine likelihood to improve community safety, reduce people sleeping on the streets (and encampments), connect all sorts of people with resources (now that they would actually potentially *fit* in the winter shelter), and generally improve this issue!

Why, then, would you oppose it?

Emotion, I would wager. That illogical anger, disdain, disgust, resentment, assumptions about the character of homeless people, envious presumptions of unworthiness.

But... getting laid off, facing a sudden debt, losing a loved one, getting evicted because your landlord is selling the building, not being able to work due to sudden disability, any one of a hundred happenings: it could so, so easily be any one of us on the street. On the street in the winter, desperately trying to find any place to stay warm. To stay alive.

People in Penticton who are homeless are still, nonetheless, our fellow citizens! And I applaud Council's dedication to serving *all* citizens of Penticton.

I commend Council for actually taking *action* to improve the safety of our entire community.

All the best,
Sarah-May Strange

From: [AnaOomen](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Subject: TUP PL2025-10079
Date: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 9:35:47 AM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Hello,

I am writing this letter to register my opposition to the city's plans for temporary housing permit for 50 units at 616 Okanagan Ave east. As a resident of the Wiltse neighborhood, I know that the proposed location of this temporary housing initiative is going to be problematic and pose significant safety risks and quality of life issues to the residents of Wiltse and the businesses in the industrial park. The proposed location is within an easy 7 minute walk from Wiltse Elementary School, the adjacent daycare, and the playground and park, all located in the heart of the Wiltse community. The proposal states that this facility is for individuals who have "stabilized" in existing shelters, but what does this mean exactly? I am sure that addiction is still a primary driver of homelessness and the behaviors that lead to homelessness, and these behaviors would still be prevalent, as would be addiction, and where there is addiction there is crime. Furthermore, dealers and other criminals will undoubtedly come to the area to serve their clients, introducing yet another risk. I don't want these people around my children or anyone else's children.

The proposed location is itself problematic, as it is at the junction of the main access road to the Wiltse neighborhood and surrounding neighborhoods. I simply don't see how this area, slated to hold 50 housing units, however small, can be anything other than a crowded, unsightly eyesore, which will always be on full display to residents and visitors. Even with the best landscaping and upkeep, it will be a jarring visual counterpoint, out of keeping with nearby residential neighborhoods and even the industrial park.

Like any reasonable person, I want to see help given to those who need it, but not at a disproportionate cost to my neighborhood, my family and my community. This housing initiative needs to be placed in a spot that does not impact others in ways that compromises their safety.

Ana Oomen
2461 Wiltse Drive
Penticton, BC

Contact Ana Oomen

[Yahoo Mail: Search, Organize, Conquer](#)

From: [lilitamas](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Subject: Re: Support for Tiny Homes to Address Homelessness TUP PL2025-10079
Date: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 9:27:36 AM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

We support the idea of Tiny Homes to help people who are homeless. We purchased land and are building our retirement home in Penticton and are pleased to see leadership to address homelessness and encampments. Unfortunately homelessness is now visible everywhere, including previous cities we have lived in. This is not just a Penticton problem. However, doing nothing will not make the issue disappear, it only keeps it visible and painful for everyone. People need safe, places to live so they can begin again with professional help. Tiny homes are a smart and compassionate step that can bring stability and change to this town.

Please take action and show that Penticton cares for all its residents. A strong community helps everyone.

Thank you for your time and leadership.

Sincerely,

John and Juliana Pastiu

3339 Evergreen drive,
Penticton, BC.

Peggie Collins

127 Elm Avenue, Penticton, BC
V2A 3W1

October 29,2025

ATTENTION:

Corporate Officer,

City of Penticton

171 Main Street

Penticton, BC V2A 5A9

RE: TUP PL2025-10079

I am writing with respect to the announcement about the Proposal for Temporary Housing and would like it made clear that I am against this proposal.

The Proposal contains all the right expressions of care and support which is a good thing. However, it ignores the reality that such housing is an incentive for the unhoused to maintain their current situation. Offers of help mean nothing to those who do not want to be helped, which seems to be the majority of those in the homeless encampments. As long as that reality is ignored, the "Temporary Housing" will persist indefinitely without resolving the situation. In fact, as in other locations, it may just exacerbate the problem.

I want to live in a community where no one expects their neighbours to pay their bills indefinitely or support them without conditions. It has become clear that feeding and supporting the "unhoused" only encourages the majority of them to continue that lifestyle. Life is not easy and to survive, you have to work. (Do I want to help? - of course I do. I want to provide help that cures by making people productive and is not an incentive to continue the same behaviour.). We ignore that reality at our peril. Let's use our tax dollars

productively and not waste it on virtuous signalling. We have seen enough of that from other levels of government.

Sincerely yours,

Peggie Collins

From: [Dianna Marchant](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Subject: TUP PL2025-10079
Date: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 9:53:27 AM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

I am NOT in support of this housing site.

I am at 201 - 647 Okanagan Ave E, so I will be directly impacted by this “temporary” development.

I understand housing for the homeless is needed, transitioning people to get on their feet, but I feel there are other locations better suited. Like one of the old motel spots along Skaha Lake Road that the city has acquired for building low income apartments, that seems to be on the back burner. There is already water, sewer and power at those sites and it is much closer to amenities vs up in the industrial area.

The people associated with these homes unfortunately bring with them a lot of issues. Drugs, mental health, mess, theft. I have personally had to call police to help stop theft in your own city works yards multiple times. I would watch the cutting of the fence and people access the area in seconds.

This is industrial land and you want to lease for 3 years. What if it is a huge problem and doesn't work in the first year - we'd have to endure it for another 2 years. Yes - this space that you want to use is a dog park at the moment (not used industrial), but it is next to the SPCA (industrial) which is used by many people out volunteering to walk and play with animals from that shelter.

Dianna Marchant
201-647 Okanagan Ave E



330 Ellis Street
Penticton, BC V2A 4L7
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OneSkyCommunity.com

Corporate Officer, City of Penticton
171 Main Street, Penticton, B.C. V2A 5A9
Via Email: corpadmin@penticton.ca

Subject: TUP PL2025-10079

October 27, 2025

Dear City of Penticton Corporate Officer:

OneSky Community Resources Society is pleased to provide this letter in support of the upcoming consideration of a Temporary Use Permit for the property located at 616 Okanagan Avenue East. OneSky is part of 100 More Homes Penticton, a collaborative initiative focused on collective impact in addressing housing and homelessness.

According to the recent Point-in-Time Count conducted in April 2025, 195 individuals in our community were identified as experiencing homelessness, with 78 of them unsheltered.

Given the current shelter and housing inventory, Penticton urgently needs more transitional housing options to support individuals on their wellness journeys. As demonstrated by service providers in the housing sector—and supported by the Housing First model—housing stability leads to improved access to health and social services, resulting in enhanced physical, mental, and emotional wellbeing.

We respectfully ask Council to approve the Temporary Use Permit so our community can begin to address gaps in the housing continuum. This effort is supported by the HEART and HEARTH program and will foster further engagement with the local community. Your support is vital to our shared work in building a more inclusive and resilient Penticton.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tanya Behardien", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Tanya Behardien, Executive Director
OneSky Community Resources Society
330 Ellis Street, Penticton, BC V2A 4L7

Re: temporary use permit PL2025-10079 corpadmin@penticton.ca

We understand the reasoning behind the concept for tiny homes unhoused project and there is some evidence that similar projects in other communities have met with some success (eg, Duncan, BC). However, we have some serious concerns regarding the proposed plan to develop a tiny homes unhoused project in the industrial area:

1. Public consultation has been non-existent from either the City or the Province.
2. A recent news report suggested that the current survey of the homeless population has risen to just under 200. If this project houses 50 of them, where are the other 150 going to be? Still camping in the Fairview/dog park camp? The more that free services are offered, the more that population is going to rise. Why not spend the money on mental health and drug re-hab services instead of homes.
3. This feels like a band-aid solution for our tourist-oriented city to remove the homeless camp display on a very visible stretch of our roads.
4. Places disproportionate pressure on nearby businesses and communities.
5. Safety first – potential for increased overflow crime and drug use on the outside of the planned community. The Wiltse area is home to two daycare centers and an elementary school.
6. The city appeared to place a high priority on dog parks. This removes access to a well-used dog park from dog owners, a park that was also promised for upgrades.
7. The terminology “tiny homes” implies that the unhoused will be given a cozy home with all the amenities (kitchen, bathroom, bedroom, heat, air conditioning, electricity, etc.) Would it not be better to supply such housing to those who are struggling to pay rent despite holding full time jobs? More clarification on exactly what a “tiny home” looks like would be helpful.
8. Maybe call it “transitional housing”.
9. As a Wiltse area resident, we have already experienced problems with homeless people camping in the hillside above the elementary school and by climbing up the bank directly below Westview Drive and accessing yards.
10. It is a shame that the people in the camp cannot abide by the rules, but it makes no sense to reward them with a new home, and in spite of the rules that would be imposed, are likely to ignore them.
11. Our city taxes continue to rise at an abominable rate – another shocking 6.26% is proposed for 2026. This city needs to trim its spending on fluff like bike lanes, removing parking on roads, extra landscaping.....
12. Questions about the location: If the city is in consultation with the Indian band, why not consider property on band land, for example the old RV park on the southwest corner of Highway 97 and the channel? Surely there are site services already in place at that location?
Other possibilities:
 - a. the area surrounding the Nissan dealership.
 - b. The old Growers’ Coop property on Dawson
 - c. The empty property beside the fire hall on Warren
 - d. The empty lots on Skaha Lake road which had old motels.

From: [Tanis Samuelson](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Cc: [Council](#)
Subject: TUP PL2025-10079
Date: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 11:09:39 AM

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Dear Corporate Admin and Council Members,

My name is Tanis Deuschle, and I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed temporary tiny home community at 616 Okanagan Ave. E. I work with P+OPS at a local shelter, and I have been in this field for eight years. During this time, I have seen firsthand how access to stable housing and on-site supports can be life-changing for individuals experiencing homelessness.

The reality is that more people than ever are at risk of homelessness, and many are already living without safety, shelter, or stability. When people are left to survive outdoors, their health declines, their emotional well-being suffers, and their ability to move forward becomes increasingly limited. The proposed tiny home community offers something essential: a safe, stable environment where people can begin to rebuild their lives.

I have personally witnessed how even a small amount of stability can have an enormous impact. When individuals have a private space to sleep, store belongings, and feel secure, they are better able to access services, maintain treatment plans, and work towards employment and long-term housing. Stability is not the final step — it is the first one. Without it, recovery and progress are nearly impossible.

This project represents an opportunity to address real human needs in a compassionate, practical, and effective way. Fifty people will have the chance to move off the streets, receive consistent supports, and work toward a more stable future. This does not just benefit those individuals — it benefits the entire community by reducing street homelessness, improving public safety, and fostering dignity and connection.

I strongly urge Council to move forward with approval of the tiny home development at 616 Okanagan Ave. E. It is a necessary and meaningful step toward addressing the housing and humanitarian crisis we are facing.

Thank you for your consideration and your ongoing commitment to our community.

Sincerely,

Tanis Deuschle

*Community Support worker
441 Dawson Ave
Penticton BC*

From: [Jessie Laven](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Cc: [Corporate Communications](#)
Subject: Letter of Support - Tiny Houses at 616 Okanagan Avenue East
Date: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 12:20:18 PM

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Hello!

I'd like to submit a comment in support of the temporary tiny housing project :)

Here's a short summary comment:

I strongly support the temporary tiny housing initiative at 616 Okanagan Avenue East, which not only provides stability and health benefits for residents but also showcases Penticton as a forward-thinking community offering solutions for others facing the same challenges.

Here's a longer letter for the record in case it's helpful :)

I would like to express my full support for the temporary tiny housing initiative being considered for 616 Okanagan Avenue East. I think this is a fantastic idea, and I'm grateful that the initiative is coming to Penticton.

Research from across Canada and beyond has consistently shown that tiny home villages and individual units provide strong outcomes for people experiencing homelessness—often better than traditional shelters and other temporary housing models. This type of housing represents a crucial step between emergency shelters and permanent homes. It offers stability and support services that help residents—who may include local seniors and people with disabilities—maintain safe and secure housing.

Beyond the individual benefits, these programs also save taxpayers money in the long run by reducing reliance on emergency services, including law enforcement and hospital visits. Studies also show that people living on the street or in shelters often struggle with poor sleep, high stress, and negative health impacts. Safe, stable housing helps to break that cycle and creates the foundation for healthier lives and stronger communities.

This project also supports economic development. Stable housing is the first step toward recovery and allows people to seek and maintain employment. Year-round low-income housing will also help address local job shortages, especially during the busy summer season. By showcasing this initiative, Penticton can serve as a model for other communities seeking effective solutions to homelessness.

I truly cannot see a downside to this project, and I encourage Council to move forward with it. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,
Jessie Laven

Thanks for reading!
Full Name: Jessica (Jessie) May Laven

Address: 177 Van Horne St, Penticton, BC V2A 4K1

From: [Jane Thornthwaite](#)
To:
Cc: [corpadmin](#); [hmamedia@gov.bc.ca](#); [media@bchousing.org](#); [Corporate Communications](#); [brennan.phillips@pentictonwesternnews.com](#); [Amelia.Boulton@leg.bc.ca](#)
Subject: Re: temporary use permit PL2025-10079
Date: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 1:11:07 PM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

I agree with Sandy's letter (I am also a Wiltse resident) and want to add more on the dog park.

Two years ago, the dog advocacy group I was part of was successful in convincing the city council to devote about \$200,000.00 to upgrade and improve the current city's dog parks.

I believe the portion designated to the Dartmouth site was around \$60,000.

My question is, where did this money go? and how can council ignore a promise that was voted on in the council chambers? With no notice?

sincerely
Jane Thornthwaite

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 29, 2025, at 10:52

wrote:

Please see attached a document outlining some concerns me and my family have regarding the temporary use permit PL2025-10079 to be discussed at the Penticton City Council meeting on November 4th. Please include these comments during that discussion.

The complete lack of transparency and absence of consultation with local stakeholders shocks and saddens me. Be better than this, please.

Sandy Dunn
IATSE 891 Stitcher/Builder
160 Westview Drive
Penticton, BC V2A 7R2

**Every job is a self portrait of those who did it.
Autograph your work with quality. Anon**

From: [Christine Baker](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Subject: TUP PL2025-10079
Date: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 1:17:36 PM

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Dear City of Penticton Corporate Officer,

My name is Christine Baker, and I am a resident of Penticton and advocate in the community. I am writing to express my support for the upcoming consideration of a Temporary Use Permit for the property located at 616 Okanagan Avenue East.

According to the recent Point-in-Time Count conducted in April 2025, 195 individuals in our community were identified as experiencing homelessness, with 78 of them unsheltered. Given the current shelter and housing inventory, Penticton urgently needs more transitional housing options to support individuals on their wellness journeys. Evidence from service providers and the Housing First model shows that stable housing leads to better access to health and social services, improving physical, mental, and emotional well-being.

I respectfully encourage Council to approve the Temporary Use Permit so our community can begin to address gaps in the housing continuum. Supporting initiatives like this will help foster a more inclusive, resilient, and caring Penticton.

Thank you for your consideration.

Christine Baker

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Christine Baker

From:
To: [corpadmin](#); [Council](#)
Subject: Temporary Use Permit PL2025-10079
Date: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 1:43:57 PM

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To: corpadmin@penticton.ca and council@penticton.ca
Date: October 29, 2025
Re: Temporary Use Permit PL2025-10079

Attention: Corporate Officer, City of Penticton

My home is at the corner of Balsam Avenue and Ponderosa Place. I wish to express my profound concern regarding the proposal to add emergency shelter and homelessness services as a permitted use in the area of the dog park by the corner of Dartmouth Road and Dartmouth Drive, near the SPCA shelter. I recommend that Council vote it down or at least defer voting on the application until after substantive and meaningful consultation with the nearby community and businesses. That includes me. The impact of such a facility on the community has the potential to be severely negative. I do not want to risk it. Furthermore, the area is already a dog park which is of considerable value to the community. It appears that the application is proceeding too hastily.

Note: Do not publish my name or contact information;
it is unlisted and confidential.

From: [Russ](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Subject: tiny home project at the dog park
Date: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 2:24:08 PM

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Hello,

I don't usually complain a lot, but I'm curious as to who thought this was going to be a great idea. I personally use the dog park twice a day, pay a shit ton in taxes and you are going to put up tiny homes for people to live in for Free/ Yes there may be a cost to live there but it will be paid with our taxes. Since it is paid with tax money and I pay a ton in taxes I would like to move in there, and I'll take the all inclusive route as I think free meals would be nice.

I will be less of a burden on the surrounding area, as I don't steal, do drugs, or try to sell myself. I may have a few beers and watch sports but go to bed at a reasonable hour and did I mention I pay taxes!!!

Far more deserving,

Russell

From: Kristine Shepherd
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 3:51 PM
To: Council <council@penticton.ca>; copadmin@penticton.ca
Subject: Temporary housing

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

I understand there is a petition going around to halt this great initiative.

I would like to voice that I am for the temporary housing. I believe it is a small step in the right direction but also believe we could be doing more.

Kristine Lee
(she/her)

Gratefully located on the unceded territory of the syilx (Okanagan) Peoples.

October 29, 2025

Corporate Officer, City of Penticton
171 Main Street, Penticton, B.C. V2A 5A9
Email: corpadmin@penticton.ca

Dear City of Penticton Corporate Officer,

Subject: TUP PL2025-10079

I am writing on behalf of the John Howard Society of Okanagan & Kootenay regarding the upcoming consideration of a Temporary Use Permit for the property located at 616 Okanagan Avenue East. Our organization is part of 100 More Homes Penticton, a collaborative initiative focused on collective impact in addressing housing and homelessness. We operate a group home in Penticton and have extensive outreach program for persons with neuro-developmental disabilities.

The John Howard Society of Okanagan & Kootenay is the operator of Kelowna's first tiny home community called STEP Place. Its foundational program principles are designed to be a step between a shelter and a permanent home. Since its inception in Kelowna (Feb 2024), we have seen tremendous success with the model under HEART and HEARTH, with more than 40 people from the program realizing long-term permanent housing after staying at STEP and receiving the robust wrap around supports. The step between shelter and permanent housing also freed up shelter beds in Kelowna and improved opportunities for people in shelters to get out of homelessness. STEP Place has 24.7 on-site staff support and is very well managed. The clients at STEP have realized housing, mental health, lifeskills, and employment goals.

According to the recent Point-in-Time Count conducted in April 2025, 195 individuals in our community were identified as experiencing homelessness, with 78 of them unsheltered. Given the current shelter and housing inventory, Penticton urgently needs more transitional housing options to support individuals on their wellness journeys.

We respectfully ask Council to approve the Temporary Use Permit so our community can begin to address gaps in the housing continuum. This effort is supported by the HEART and HEARTH program and will foster further engagement with the local community. Your support is vital to our shared work in building a more inclusive and resilient Penticton.

Sincerely,



Patricia Bacon, CEO

From: [Cyan](#)
To: [corpadmin](#); [Council](#)
Subject: Temporary use permit to create housing
Date: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 6:00:22 PM

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Hello, I live in Penticton and I fully support Temporary Use Permit to create temporary housing. People deserve to have housing, and its an especially important need in the winter.

From: [Rikki Snow](#)
To: [corpadmin](#); [Council](#)
Subject: In support of Temporary use permit
Date: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 6:00:26 PM

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Hello there!

I just wanted to put forward my support for the temporary use permit re: the tiny home project. I've been a resident, homeowner and full time professional here in Penticton for over half a decade, and my office is nearby the new temporary housing site. I fully support the Temporary Use Permit to create temporary housing. I'm excited to see tried and tested evidence based wrap around support coming to my local area. Thank you.

Yours truly,
Rikki Snow

From: [Katie Wilson](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Cc: [Council](#)
Subject: Houseing Plan
Date: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 6:42:06 PM

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Hello,

I relocated to Penticton earlier this year, and have noticed a dire need for low income and [subsidized](#) housing, as well as services for those experiencing homelessness. I fully support the Temporary Use Permit to create temporary housing, this is a great start to help people stay off the streets.

Thank you for your time and attention regarding this issue.

Katie Wilson

From: [Nadine Straza](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Cc: [Council](#)
Subject: Support for Temporary Use Permit
Date: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 7:27:47 PM

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Hello,

As a resident of Penticton, I fully support the Temporary Use Permit to create temporary housing. This will be such a great opportunity for some of our community's most vulnerable.

I really hope this gets approved.

Kind regards

Nadine Straza

From: [Melissa McWilliams](#)
To: [corpadmin](#); [Council](#)
Subject: TUP PL2025-10079
Date: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 7:54:50 PM

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Hi wonderful people of the city,

I'm a resident of Penticton, and I DEFINITELY support the temporary use of permit to create temporary housing.

Yours always,

Melissa McWilliams

From: [Julia Konechy](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Subject: TUP PL2025-10079
Date: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 8:59:06 PM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

October 29th, 2025,

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing you to let you know I'm opposed to The Tiny home project. I am a resident of the Wiltse area, and I feel very strongly this is not the right location for this project. My reasons are as follows:

1. The proposed project is too close to two daycares, one being Two Peas in a pod, and One Sky daycare as well as Wiltse Elementary School.
2. Lack of transparency from the city to local residents who will be directly impacted by this proposed project. Only homes and businesses within 100m were notified on Friday afternoon. The businesses were not notified until after many businesses were closed. Also the city knew most people would have left early to watch The Blue Jays, as it's the World Series This is convenient so they wouldn't have to face any controversy! This is a low barrier facility! So unless you're going to pat down residents everytime they leave, and come back and do daily room checks, you can't not promise it will be a dry drug free facility! My children and numerous children in the area do not need to see open drug use and feel scared and unsafe! You have advertised you will have supports for those struggling with addiction so spare me the no drugs are allowed speech! Look at the problems Compass house and Bursick house have caused!

3. 'CRIME: will increase as it already has since the shelter behind/near Greyback has opened. We have had people climb up The cliffs and into residents backyard in Westview drive! Trucks and cars stolen out of peoples driveways! All of this crime started after that shelter opened. We deserve to Feel safe in our community! We have the highest percentage of BC housing and so Called temporary housing in the Okanagan other than Kelowna! This site is not zoned for residential!

We as concerned citizens deserve to be heard and have a say in what will directly impact our neighbourhood! Just so you are aware I have compassion for individuals who suffer from addiction and I'm not opposed to this project just not at this location! I work in healthcare and have worked and taken care of many patients who are suffering from addiction and have had immediate family members go through addiction and luckily come out the other side!

We need a proper rehab facility and this is not a rehab facility that BC housing and the city are proposing.

Thank you for your time!

| **JULIA KONECHY**

From: [ashley mcwhirter](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Subject: TUPPL2025-10079
Date: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 9:57:15 PM

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Ashley , I live at 2507 Dartmouth drive . I am fully aware of the homeless crisis in this town . I own a hair salon in the down town core and have had numerous issues with break ins and have had horrible experiences witnessing illegal activity. I have a 10 year old daughter who has witnessed 2 drug overdoses down town near my business when she was 7 years old..... did you know what a drug over dose was at 7? I sure did not. I feel for the families and the unhoused who are trying to get on their feet. The ones who are living in their vehicles and working and still cannot afford housing , those people deserve to get help. They need the help. The tiny housing unit should only happen if people that are working and or are on disability that have proof they not using drugs . Drugs cause people to steal, vandalise and create fear for surrounding businesses and homes. It's not fair that we already fear to walk alone down town or along the beaches at night but now we have to be in fear to walk around our own neighbourhood because of this. It's seriously not fair at all that we work our asses off to pay taxes, buy groceries , pay rent , pay mortgages , pay for everything and the people who choose to continue to steal , use drugs and get everything given to to them for free are cause our children to have to stay inside.... I walk by that spot all the time with my daughter just to go for a walk. Ride her bike so now I'm afraid for her to go outside and my salon and now I have to be afraid for her and her friends to be outside our houses this is ridiculous!

Ashley McWhirter

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From: [Brigitte](#)
To: [corpadmin](#); [Council](#)
Subject: TUP PL2025-10079
Date: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 10:16:40 PM

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Hello,

I'm a resident of Penticton, and I fully support the Temporary Use Permit to create temporary housing. Aid for our less privileged population is core to my values and while I see lots of residents speaking against I fear the loudest voices do not accurately depict the contrasting support.

Hopefully my email comes with others informing of their support. I look forward to seeing this project continue along with benefits to our community as a whole.

Thank you,
Brigitte Hveding
1110 Forestbrook dr

From: [J.F.S](#)
To: [corpadmin](#); [Council](#)
Subject: 616 Okanagan Ave East Temporary Housing Project
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 9:31:39 AM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Hello there,

As a resident of Penticton who wasn't able to attend the open house discussion last night, I just wanted to express my unequivocal **support** for the temporary housing (tiny homes) project being proposed for 616 Okanagan Ave East.

I live within a block of Burdock House, the supportive housing project operated by ASK Wellness on Winnipeg. I have physically witnessed the administration of Naloxone to substance users experiencing opioid overdose by OPS workers employed at ASK - substance users who would have literally died otherwise. It's clear to me that there is a desperate need for OPS and other services in Penticton, and trying to sweep homelessness and substance use under the rug by denying housing and services will only result in preventable loss of life.

I know one positive email in what must be an avalanche of negativity regarding the proposal doesn't amount to much, but I sincerely hope this project goes through. Housing is a human right.

Sincerely,

James Stanley
686 Victoria Ave, Penticton
V2A 5N6

From: [Pierre Patenaude](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Subject: 50 times homes.
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 11:30:41 AM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

I am absolutely opposed to the idea of the proposed low barrier (read wet) 50 tiny homes camp at the dog park on Dartmouth and Warren. Daycares, a school, businesses, a residential area all nearby. Wrong concept, wrong location. The drug dealers at the “temporary” winter shelter are already salivating at the prospect of a new captive market.

Pierre Patenaude
Ross avenue

No thanks! Not in my backyard and not in my town.
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Ross & AJ](#)
To: [corpadmin](#); [Council](#)
Subject: NO TO TUP ON DARTMOUTH!
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 11:37:18 AM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

NO TO TUP ON DARTMOUTH!

The incredibly sought after and valuable community of Wiltse is what needs to be protected, not low or no income demographics. We are the law-abiding families and citizens who pay the taxes, run the businesses, and take care and pride in this city. The city of Penticton should love us, not punish us. If this is so safe with no foreseen issues, go put it up in Sendaro Canyon and see how that goes. There are tons of places to offer shelter to the homeless that are FAR more suitable than ruining the integrity and value of the area we have been taking care of for years.

2611 Evergreen Drive
Penticton, BC

From: [Rhys Davidson](#)
To: [Council: corpadmin](#)
Subject: Tiny home proposal wiltse
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 11:39:54 AM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Hope this email finds you well, I am concerned about your proposal to put a tiny home complex for drug addicts at the bottom of Wiltse and removing the dog park that many people use on the daily. When the city approved the temporary shelter at the old structur lam building we saw a significant increase in crime in the area already. Nevermind wanting to add a permanent housing for drug addicts and safe consumption. This is a family neighborhood with daycares and elementary school. It is not in the best interest of the youth of this town to expose children to such life choices of individuals.

Property values will also be affected due to this site which will only decrease the amount of property taxes you will receive from such a large portion of the community. I strongly oppose ANY sort of project of sorts in ANY residential area of penticton.

Drug addicts and criminals should be held accountable and sent to rehab. Not have homes paid for by the province/city/residents.

Thank you sincerely

From: [Derek Neufeld](#)
To: [corpadmin](#); [Council](#)
Subject: New proposed housing at bottom of Wiltse
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 12:13:53 PM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Hello,

I've heard there is a proposed plan for the establishment at Fairview and the highway to be moved to Wiltse (or additional housing anyways). Either way I do not agree with this proposed change. It has been mentioned that high school students get on and off the bus at this location which is absolutely true, but grade school students get off at this location as well (which includes my son). It's faster for him to get off at this location off the city bus after school rather than have to drive to Walmart and board another bus to get back to Wiltse area.

It is very easy for these individuals who would be housed here to get up the hill to Wiltse. As we all know there is a huge empty lot on Wiltse Drive which will be instantly accessed and overtaken by these individuals. Then it will be up to you to now remove them, which we know takes time and a lot more effort than if they weren't there in the first place.

Please rethink this proposed idea to another area of town or just keep things as they are. We don't need more issues in this town.

Thank you

Derek Neufeld
2395 Wiltse Drive

From: [Randy Hicks](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 12:53:16 PM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

I live at 98 Okanagan ave east. Pines mobile home park. There are 120 units in this park. All seniors. So far I have chased 5 homeless people that have set my home camera off at 2-3 in the morning stealing from us. Because we have already 2 homeless shelters around us we don't want anymore. A lot of us seniors won't even walk down Amherst st to the store. It's not safe. I myself looked at one of them and was told to fuck off. My wife told one homeless guy outside our entrance in a tent he had to move . He then chased her back into our complex. I think it already isn't safe around here and now you want to put another encampment at the dog park. If you lived here would you want that?

From:
To: [corpadmin](#)
Subject: TUP PL2025-10079
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 1:21:37 PM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

I request that my personal information be redacted.

In regards to the TUP, I find this location unacceptable. There is a daycare and an elementary school nearby. Also, the distance to amenities is quite a long walk. Considering the homeless people generally live in the flats, I think a location around Main Street would be better suited!

I find it appalling the short amount of time being given to residents to address this issue. I understand there is a minimum 10 days to be given to residents, but this really feels like Council has tried to slide this under the table. This should be going to discussion and be a 3-6 month process.

Perhaps the land beside Superstore (on Warren Ave) should be purchased to put the little homes on as it is a more central location!!

Thank you,

From: [nathalie.butler](#)
To: [corpadmin](#)
Subject: Homeless housing
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 1:58:41 PM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Hello,

Subject: TUP PL 2025-10079

This is a follow up to my email October 25th.

I attended the open house October 29th and had discussions with city councillors, and was told to email concerns, so here they are:

1: There was a huge disconnect with what we heard on Global news last night and what councillors told us. The news mentioned that the province would provide funding but councillors told us that this project was unknown to them until very recently and that it is not the city's responsibility to deal with homeless housing but that the Province is passing it on to them. Based on the fact that the city already has city web-pages and FAQ on the project leads me to believe that council has deliberately postponed public input on this issue. Just because there are webpages, if they are not publicized many people may just not be aware of issues.

2: Also the news clip seemed to claim that this project would be to address the Fairview encampment. Councillors said this was not at all the case. If that's the case, then the encampment will remain in addition to this new housing location. Eventually, we will end up with numerous homeless locations that will create havoc throughout our city.

3: How is a non-profit group supervising the site going to accomplish their task? If it's anything like the security at Fairview, then it will be a complete disaster. All they do is sit in their car and watch videos. No specifics have been given on which organization will be providing the services and therefore we don't know what their track record is. What happens if rules are not followed? Will the resident be kicked out? Not likely from what we've seen so far.

4: The traffic issues are already an issue in this area, how would that be addressed?

The city already says that we acknowledge that this project represents change in your neighbourhood and you may have concerns about community safety. What sort of changes does the city already expect? Those changes may not be acceptable to local residents. Having an email address that we can send messages to, if there are problems is an inadequate solution. The city's response on whether the facility would be wet or dry is not even answered on their FAQ that's dedicated to that issue.

5: The impact of crime, vagrancy, drugs/alcohol, vandalism and fire safety will most likely be an issue. Who will deal with all that?

6: Recent surveys indicate that 40% of homeless are native in origin, therefore the PIB should be responsible for them. The property on the other side of channel and green.

Also we don't have the resources to be housing non-Penticton residents, too many are coming here from abroad and expecting the city to support them. Your FAQ says the proposed is intended for local homeless residents. Please define what is meant by local. What specific requirements will there be to be eligible for placement?

7: We should be adopting what Summerland, Peachland and W. Kelowna are doing by not allowing any encampments at all. Is having no solution or opting out of provincial programs necessarily going to hurt us? Not likely.

8: What happened to the temporary housing on Dawson? How much damage was caused there? Purchasing that property would likely be cheaper than the Dartmouth proposal.

9: Why did the motel on Skaha that was housing for homeless get demolished? And why wasn't it replaced with homeless housing?

10: Every city that has provided this kind of project has seen nothing but problems, so why even go down that route? As they say "build it and they will come"

11: The cost for this project would be enormous(infrastructure, water, sewer, electricity, furniture, appliances, staffing, policing etc.

I am concerned that the hard working tax payers and home owners of this city will be stuck footing the bill.

Not acceptable, please reconsider and cancel this project all together.

Nathalie Butler
388 Adamson dr. Penticton
Sent from my iPhone