



The Right Worshipful the Mayor of View Royal

David Screech

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Dear Mayor Screech,

Finding, and keeping, more permanent housing options available is one of the keys to addressing homelessness. We're immensely grateful for your partnership, and the support of the Township, in helping to provide vitally needed housing for individuals from Victoria's tent city. The Township's approval of the temporary use permit has allowed us to provide much needed housing in Choices, the former Youth Custody Centre. As result of your support, close to 140 people were sheltered between November 2015 and December 2017. Nearly 105 of these people were Tent City campers, of these, nearly 50 individuals were re-housed into supportive, long term housing.

BC Housing acknowledges the terms of the Temporary Use Permit will not be met and that View Royal will not offer a further extension. Please note that when we originally requested the TUP we asked for a year ending March 31st 2018. We have worked diligently on finding alternative housing for the Choices residents over the past nine months.

Moving forward as planned, the majority of the Choices residents will transition to the Tally Ho as soon as renovations are completed, which we expect to be sometime in the first quarter of 2018.

As stipulated in the TUP, no new residents have been accepted into Choices since September 15, 2017 and 48 residents remain.

To help ease the way, Our Place Society has created individualized housing plans for all residents remaining at Choices. Additionally, BC Housing and Our Place will continue to work with the local community and to coordinate monthly neighbourhood information meetings.

Please note that the next meeting is on January 10th at 7:00 p.m. at Choices (94 Talcott Rd). We hope you or other Township representatives can continue to join us in these monthly meetings

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Heidi Hartman at hartman@bchousing.org.

Our heartfelt thanks to the Township and the residents for continued housing support to individuals in need.

Sincerely,

Malcolm McNaughton

Regional Director, Vancouver Island

BC Housing



cc Lindsay Chase