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Subject: My Place Transition Shelter Neighbourhood Group

Hello All,

I am the Manager of Real Estate Operation for the City of Victoria. I am responsible for all the City's leases, including the lease with BC Housing for the transition shelter at 1240 Yates Street.

As in the past, when the City, BC Housing and Our Place intend to renew the lease for the My Place Transition Housing Shelter at 1240 Yates, a representative reached out to this group to provide notification of the renewal and seek feedback. Previously this was done at the neighbourhood group meetings that took place every two months or so. We are reaching out to stakeholders by email during these difficult times where in person meetings are not possible. Given the importance of continuing to provide secure housing especially during the pandemic, BC Housing has indicated that they support the continued operation of the transitional housing shelter, and would like to extend the lease for another 12 months. Our Place Society will continue to operate the site, with no change to operations, services or the number of residents.

Additionally, as no one is sure when gatherings and in person meetings will return to normal, Our Place, BC Housing and the City would like to propose that neighbourhood meetings be convened electronically (via Zoom). This would loosely follow the previous schedule of meeting every two months, or as needed.

Should you have any concerns with the lease extension please let me know by Thursday, January 28. If you would like to participate in neighbourhood meetings we will be organizing one in the coming weeks and emails will be forthcoming.

For any immediate concerns regarding the operations should be directed to My Place as in the past.

Best regards,

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