



## Community Meeting for Proposed Lease Extension for My Place Transitional Home is Monday, April 11

Date: Thursday, April 7, 2016

For Immediate Release

VICTORIA, BC — The City of Victoria has been approached by BC Housing to extend the lease for My Place Transitional Home at 1240 Yates Street. Currently, the lease is set to expire April 30, 2016.

City Council will consider the lease extension, under its current operating model, subject to comments from Central Middle School, its Parent Advisory Committee, School District 61, two neighbourhood associations (Fernwood Community Association and Fernwood Neighbourhood Resource Group) and upon hearing from residents at a community meeting on Monday.

What: Community Meeting: Proposed Lease Extension for My Place Transitional Home  
When: Monday, April 11, 2016 at 7 p.m. (Doors open at 6:30 p.m.)  
Where: Central Middle School, 1280 Fort Street

My Place Transitional Home has been offering 24/7 support services, storage, laundry and daily meals, to 40 people without homes, since early January 2016. Over the past four months, Our Place, a non-profit society, has been working closely with all neighbouring properties, residents, and the school community, to listen to concerns, and mitigate impacts to the neighbourhood. A neighbourhood agreement and Neighbour Group were established with input from stakeholders in the community.

In January 2016, BC Housing leased the vacant City-owned property that formerly operated as the Boys and Girls Club to operate a four-month temporary shelter. The objective of this partnership has been to provide safe, secure, temporary emergency shelter and supports to people who are without homes, and provide linkages to permanent housing and other community based services. At the same time, BC Housing has worked with other local service providers and outreach teams to place shelter users in more permanent housing through the provision of 40 rental supplements.

While the City consults the community about their experience over the past four months since My Place opened, and the potential lease extension, the City has expressed their desire to see BC Housing extend the duration of other seasonal shelters currently being provided.

The long-term future of the property at 1240 Yates Street is actively being explored and is being considered as part of the redevelopment of the Victoria Fire Department Headquarters. A Request for Qualifications for the Fire Hall #1 Development Project, including this property, was issued on Tuesday, March 29, 2016.

Community members who are unable to attend the meeting are encouraged to share their ideas, concerns, questions or thoughts in writing to [mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca](mailto:mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca) by Wednesday, April 13, 2016.

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