

AGENDA ITEM NO: 7.17  
MEETING DATE: April 18, 2022

**STAFF REPORT – COVER SHEET**

SUBJECT: Emergency Shelter Policy Resolution  
46146 Margaret Avenue  
DEPARTMENT: Public Safety & Social Development  
DATE: April 4, 2023  
PREPARED BY: Holly Ferris

**1. SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

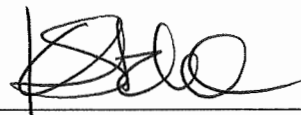
On November 9, 2023, City Council made a policy decision not to enforce the Zoning Bylaw or BC Building Code, to facilitate a temporary shelter at 46146 Margaret Avenue for six months (until May 9, 2023). The shelter, operated by Ruth and Naomi's Mission, has continued to meet the need for extra beds through the winter and spring as other shelter beds remain in full use. As BC Housing has extended its original funding commitment to May 31, 2023, Council is requested to consider extending the policy resolution to support this use until May 31, 2023.

**2. RECOMMENDATION:**

Whereas shelter beds are urgently needed to accommodate and support many people who are living precariously on the downtown streets and through the City in makeshift camps with significant negative impact to themselves and the surrounding community, and existing shelters are operating at full capacity,

And whereas, operating funding for staffing and security has been secured, and the Fire Chief has inspected the building and concluded that there are no immediate life safety concerns;

Be it resolved that Council make a policy decision for a period ending May 31, 2023 not to enforce the Zoning Bylaw or BC Building Code for this specific use.



Karen Stanton  
Director, Public Safety & Social Development

**3. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S  
RECOMMENDATION/COMMENTS:**

Supports recommendation.



Chris Crosman, CAO