

AGENDA ITEM NO.

7.15

MEETING DATE:

September 5, 2023

**STAFF REPORT – COVER SHEET**

SUBJECT: Emergency Shelter Policy Resolution  
46146 Margaret Avenue

DATE: August 21, 2023

DEPARTMENT: Public Safety &amp; Social Development

PREPARED BY: Holly Ferris

**1. SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

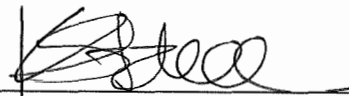
In November 2022, City Council made a policy decision not to enforce the Zoning Bylaw or BC Building Code, to facilitate a temporary shelter at 46146 Margaret Avenue for six months. The shelter, operated by Ruth and Naomi's Mission, met the need for extra beds through the winter and spring as other shelter beds remained in full use. BC Housing has approved funding for another six-month operation for this winter. Council is again requested to consider making 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, starting October 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024.

**2. RECOMMENDATION:**

Whereas shelter beds are urgently needed to accommodate and support, over the winter, 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 of six months, starting October 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024, not to enforce the Zoning Bylaw or BC Building Code for shelter use at 46146 Margaret Avenue



Karen Stanton

Director, Public Safety &amp; Social Development

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

Supports recommendation



Chris Crosman, CAO