

# My Thoughts on the Emergency Shelter

## Public Feedback

The following quotes are comments and questions that were received at the Public Information Session on September, 21 2017. For answers and more information, please see the '**Frequently Asked Questions**' hand out at [www.richmond.ca/emergencyshester](http://www.richmond.ca/emergencyshester).

Welcome to our neighbourhood! This is a much needed facility.

There are programs/facilities for children in this neighbourhood. I believe that children's parents do not feel safe. I also believe that the City should have consulted with local businesses before purchasing the site.

Awesome... long overdue!

I support an emergency shelter in Richmond, but not in a location so close to children's facility. I am concerned for the safety of the young children attending the facility.

I think measures should be put in place, like a Community Advisory Committee, in case concerns arise.

I fully support the shelter – so great to see it expanding and being able to help more people. A shelter makes our community safer for the most vulnerable.

There has been a lack of public engagement, more meetings should be held.

Residents of this neighbourhood should have had a chance to vote on this project.

Will crime in the neighbourhood increase?

The current Men's Shelter on Shell Road is near residential area and is not shown to be a high crime area because of the shelter.

I believe that this project will further increase property taxes.

Is the land appropriately zoned for an emergency shelter?

The Richmond Centre for Disability is supportive of this project and is very happy that it will be accessible.

Please provide the community with a detailed safety plan to address neighbour's concerns about safety.

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So glad to see the current shelter moving into a larger, more inclusive and accessible space. Best of luck!

I believe that the City of Richmond is increasing the cost of land in the area by purchasing this site.

I think this is a good location particularly in close proximity to the RCMP.

The City should stop passing policies without better public consultation.

It is a strange area for a shelter, with no immediate public transportation that is affordable for these people. I work in the area and feel unsafe that our vehicles will now be subject to being broken into. A formal public hearing should be held before this shelter can be opened. I don't want to work in this area anymore.

We need to support more services like this for people in need.

Why is this project being located in an area that I walk and work in?

A good idea to help people that are homeless  
- *Richmond resident, 8 years old*

I believe that a traffic study should have been completed.

I believe that there was a lack of transparency with this decision; I believe the neighbourhood should vote on this decision.

Finally people will have access to emergency shelter beds!

I believe this project will increase crime in the area and that there is a lack of transit in the area for an emergency shelter.

This project is too close to a children's sports centre. The location will cause security and safety concerns.

I believe that this facility will have a negative impact on the property values of the neighbourhood.

Thank you for continuing to show that the community cares for individuals experiencing homelessness. We need to show our love for our neighbour.

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I believe this is not a good location for an emergency shelter because it is too far from the City Centre.

Great idea - Richmond needs this project as the present 10 beds are not adequate for the number of individuals in need.

I believe there was a lack of notification and consultation.

I believe that the current zoning is not suitable for an emergency shelter.

My congratulations and support to the City of Richmond, The Salvation Army and BC Housing for their efforts and initiative in opening the shelter on Horseshoe Way. As citizens we need to join together to reduce and eliminate homelessness.

I don't support the emergency shelter as I believe there is a lack of support and resources for the shelter in the community. I believe that "transients" will affect this neighbourhood.

Glad that the number of safe and secure shelter spaces are expanding. It is clear to me that the shelter will have supervision and curfews will be enforced to relieve anxiety about crime. Crime happens - but not necessarily by this population. More affordable housing is required in Richmond!

Great to see an expanded shelter facility with up to 36 beds. This site seems like a good location for this project.

I believe that residents should have been notified at the beginning of the project (before the purchase of the site).

I strongly support the joint initiative by the City of Richmond, The Salvation Army and BC Housing to open the shelter on Horseshoe Way. Individuals who are experiencing homelessness need our support.

Could the City host an additional public meeting (similar to a Public Hearing) regarding this project?

There is a lack of sidewalks and infrastructure on Horseshoe Way – could the City address this?

I suggest that the City set performance indicators for the project and report out.