



# City-led Consultation

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## **SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT**

18 January 2023 - 24 January 2023

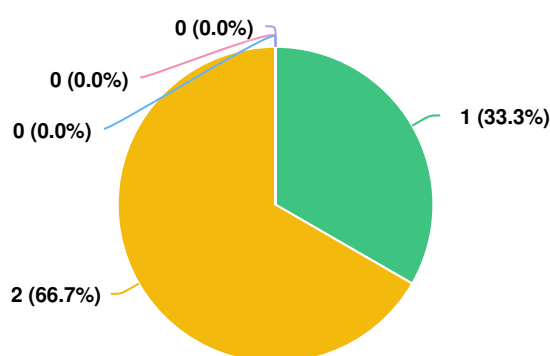
### **PROJECT NAME:**

228 Seventh Street

# SURVEY QUESTIONS

**Q1 Applicant-led consultation for this project concluded on November 22. Through this consultation the applicants heard from 11 people, the majority of whom expressed their support for the project. No substantial changes were recommended to the project's design. However, in response to community feedback regarding use of the lane, the applicant has provided additional information on how garbage and recycling pickup would function, as well as additional detail regarding proposed lighting along the lane. This additional detail is reflected in the updated drawings of the proposed application, which are available [here](#).**

**What is your level of support for the project, based on your knowledge of the proposal?**



#### Question options

- ☒ Somewhat support   ☒ Do not support   ☐ Support   ☐ Neither support nor do not support  
☐ Somewhat do not support

Optional question (3 response(s), 0 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

**Q2 The purpose of this survey is to better understand the community's impressions about the project, before it is formally considered by Council. Are there any elements of the proposal that could change to improve your level of support for this project?**

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I strongly believe that Westminster House has a place in the community and is necessary. I do not believe that New Westminster City Council is supporting affordable housing by letting this business operate in homes in the Brow of the Hill area. It is removing family housing, development potential, and prohibiting families from moving and occupying the area.

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Moving to a commercial designated space - leaving the residential neighbourhood

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We support this project in principle, however there is no accessibility provisions for people with disabilities. There are step going up from the courtyard and then stairs to reach the 2nd floor. This will be a barrier for clients who require these accommodations and for any potential employee. I am not familiar with the bylaws so this could be legal. It could be done to code since most (all?) of the houses used by WH are not accessible.

**Optional question** (3 response(s), 0 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

**Q3 Are there any other thoughts on this proposal which you would like to share with the City?**

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Westminster House made \$2.7M in revenue in 2022. The NFP has over \$1.08M in cash in the bank, with an additional \$4M in assets. This NFP operates as a for-profit business. I do not understand the hypocrisy within City Council that is apparently for affordable housing, that allows this NFP to operate within residential homes. They are so large, that they have 4 homes in one block, and continue to search for more, door knocking for residents and requesting first right of refusal. Westminster House needs to be gently encouraged to find adequate accommodations that allow them to seamlessly operate in a commercial space. Commercial trucks are always blocking 7th Street, with large food deliveries. The amount of AC noise is large, and the alley is not a peaceful place with residents at the homes constantly making loud noise and they go from meeting to meeting.

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There is absolutely a space for Westminster House in the city of New Westminster. Their work is crucial and integral to the city.

Westminster House has over \$4M in assets and is operating like a large profitable corporation. This is no longer a small NFP with a small footprint. Large commercial food trucks continually block 7th street. They did over \$2M in revenue this year and have over \$1M cash on hand. This NFP needs a space more suitable, that is not in residential homes. Community First built its platform on affordable housing, community, and a city with development potential. Allowing Westminster House to continue to purchase the real estate in the Brow of the Hill takes away the possibility of accomplishing any of those things. Community First needs to stand by its platform mandates and reject this proposal to expand, and encourage Westminster House to find more suitable accommodations for its NFP.

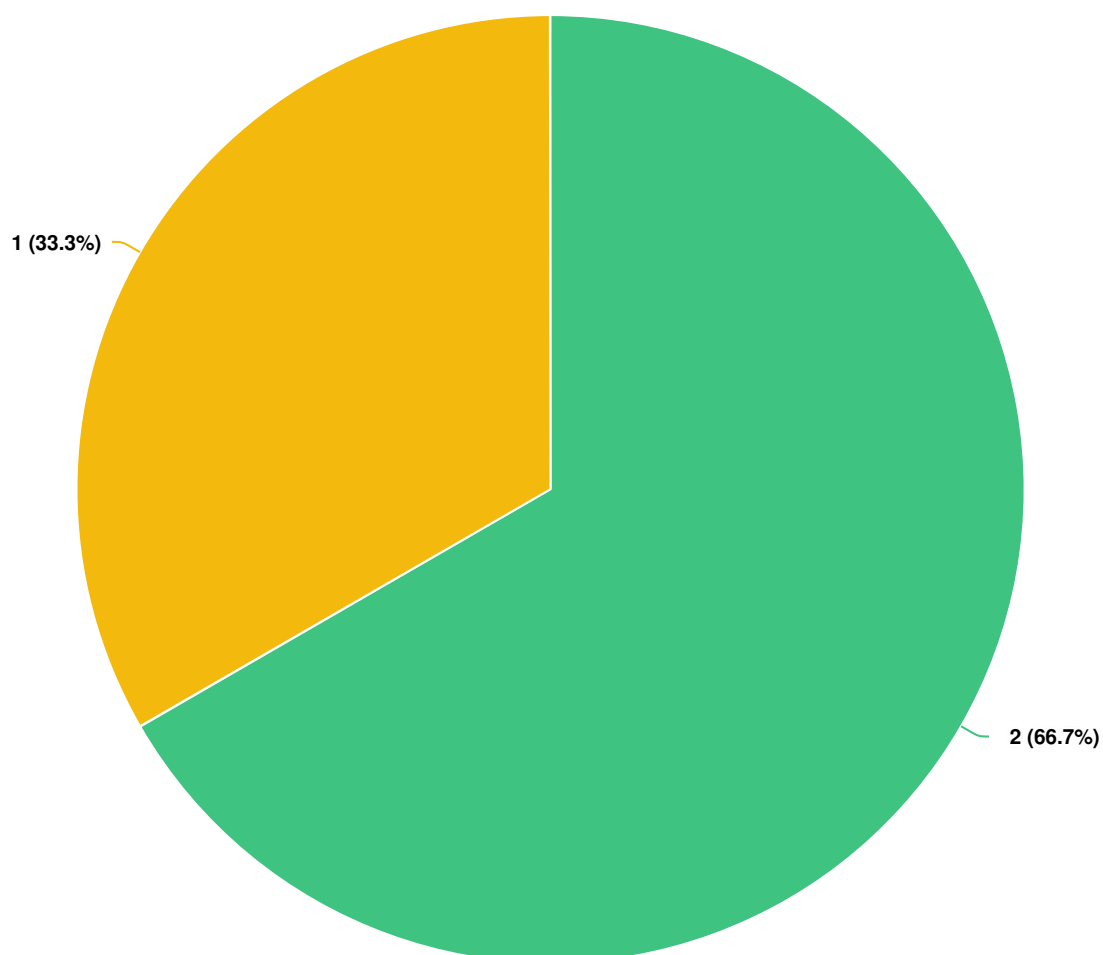
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Not a comment on the proposal directly, more of a comment of Westminster House (WH) in general. Anything the city can do to support WH should be encouraged. It should be a goal of every city to allow for the presence of recovery homes within their communities. People should have the dignity to recover close to home where they have support of their families and friends. WH has been good neighbors for as long as they have had their operations. Any issues with have been dealt with promptly. WH is a net positive for New Westminster.

**Optional question** (3 response(s), 0 skipped)**Question type:** Essay Question

**Q4** What is your postal code?



**Question options**

- New Westminster, BC, V3M1N7    ● New Westminster, BC, V3M3K2

*Optional question (3 response(s), 0 skipped)*  
*Question type: Region Question*