

Attachment 1  
*Policy Context*

The City has a number of documented policies that support the intent of the proposed supportive housing proposal at 422 Sixth Street.

### Official Community Plan

The Our City Official Community Plan (2017) includes the following policies:

- *Facilitate the creation and maintenance of housing that offers options for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.*
- *Facilitate access to affordable and non-market housing for low- to moderate-income households.*

The Official Community Plan (OCP) land use designation for the subject property is Mixed Use - High Rise (MH). The purpose of this designation is to allow low-mid-and high-rise commercial or commercial and residential mixed use buildings which create active and engaging principle streets. The proposed use is considered to be in keeping with the OCP.

### Zoning Bylaw

The site is currently zoned Community Commercial Districts (High Rise) (C-3) (C-3A)). The intent of this district is to allow for high-rise, commercial, and mixed use development including pedestrian-oriented commercial businesses and multi-family residential. Supportive housing units are not permitted in this zone. As such, the site is proposed to be rezoned to a Comprehensive Development (CD) zoning district to permit supportive housing units above the ground floor, in addition to the uses permitted in the existing C-3 and C-3A zones.

### Council Strategic Plan

Council, as part of its Strategic Plan (2019), supported the following strategic directions:

- *Explore strategies to reduce homelessness, including developing opportunities for supportive housing.*
- *Use partnerships, negotiations with developers, and leveraging of City resources to secure development of below- and non-market housing, as well as affordable child care.*

### Homelessness Action Strategy

The Homelessness Action Strategy (2022) provides a five-year vision and plan for addressing homelessness in New Westminster. More specifically, it incorporates a vision of a desired future:

- *where all residents can locate affordable and secure housing;*
- *where there is an adequate income and opportunities for employment, including supported, to maintain one's housing; and,*

- *where there are services and supports to assist the unsheltered and precariously housed.*