

# **REPORT**

## ***Climate Action, Planning and Development***

**To:** Mayor Johnstone and Members of Council  
**Date:** June 26, 2023

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**Subject:** **Additional Public Consultation Events Summary Report: 422 Sixth Street**

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** Council direct staff to work with the applicant to implement the recommended mechanisms in response to issues raised during the application review process, including the two events held on June 19, 2023.

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### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to request Council's endorsement to work with the applicant to implement recommended mechanisms that respond to the issues raised during the application review process.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

A rezoning application has been received from the Lower Mainland Purpose Society to convert the top two floors of the existing four-storey commercial building at 422 Sixth Street to accommodate up to 30 supportive housing units. As proposed, this will be longer-term, rental housing which offers a range of supports to assist with successful tenancy and transition to more independent living; involves an intake and assessment process to determine suitability for a placement; and is not intended for individuals who are active in their addiction.

At Council's direction, two new consultation opportunities –one in person and one virtual - were provided for community members in the neighbourhood to learn more about the supportive housing proposal at 422 Sixth Street on June 19, 2023. The focus of the sessions was to summarize issues that staff had heard from the neighbourhood to date, and to discuss possible mechanisms to address these issues.

Staff has been updating the Frequently Asked Questions section of the Be Heard New West webpage based on ongoing correspondence from community members.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **Additional Consultation**

Staff facilitated two new consultation sessions on June 19, 2023:

An in-person event took place at the Century House Seniors Centre between 5:30 and 7:00 pm. Pre-registration was required due to limited space and to ensure a productive dialogue based session. Residents and businesses near the proposed project received priority for registration, and were the focus of notification. The event had a total of 18 participants. The format for this session included a short presentation and small-group conversations.

After completion of the in-person event, a virtual session was held between 8:00 and 9:00 pm and pre-registration was not required. Five members of the public attended the event. The format for this session was a webinar which included a short presentation with the opportunity for written questions to be answered by staff.

The sessions were advertised on the Be Heard New West webpage and notification cards were sent out to residents within 100 metres of the development site, consistent with the City's typical development application notification area. Both online and phone registration opportunities were provided for the in-person event to accommodate individuals that may not have access to a computer. Given the limited space for the in-person event, the location of the event was not advertised; participants were provided with the event location details once registration was confirmed.

A summary of the feedback received from the consultation events and the City's response is included in [Attachment 1](#); further detail on the feedback will be provided On Table at the June 26, 2023 Regular Council meeting. The presentations from the in-person and virtual sessions can be found in [Attachments 2 and 3](#).

### **Staff Response to Issues Raised**

In response to the feedback received during the consultation process, including suggested mechanisms to address neighborhood concerns, staff has worked with the applicant who has agreed to a Good Neighbour Agreement and a Community Advisory Committee. Staff have prepared a draft Good Neighbour Agreement and Community

Advisory Committee Terms of Reference that will be signed by the applicant. Draft versions of these agreements will be provided On Table at the June 26, 2023 Regular Council meeting.

Good Neighbour Agreements have been used in the past, including to address issues associated with social services and working with nearby residents and businesses to minimize potential impacts on the neighbourhood. Community Advisory Committees (CACs) have also been used, including in relation to the Health Contact Centre in the Downtown and Mazarine Lodge in Queensborough, with the latter being a supportive housing residence. CACs build and maintain positive relations; facilitate collaboration and information sharing; identify opportunities to welcome and involve clients or guests in the community; and resolve issues related to management and operation.

The Mazarine Lodge CAC played an important role in the lead up to occupancy and was active for approximately one year after. However, as external impacts associated with Mazarine Lodge were minimal, it met less frequently, and it is now effectively disbanded although it could reconvene if needed. Staff consider that the CAC was effective in establishing relations with the surrounding neighbourhood, building trust and sharing information.

### **NEXT STEPS**

Should Council approve the recommendations in this report, staff would execute the Good Neighbour Agreement and Community Advisory Committee Terms of Reference documents. The applicant has agreed to this condition and will sign the documents prior to final adoption of the rezoning.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There were approximately \$4,300 in event and administrative expenses incurred for these sessions. These expenses have not been budgeted for 2023 and therefore will be funded through the Climate, Action, Planning and Development Operating Budget. If there are future such events, staff will need to work with the Finance Department to identify funding.

The planning, coordination and facilitation of these sessions required additional staff time and resourcing, equating to approximately 180 regular work hours and 20 overtime hours.

### **OPTIONS**

The following options are available for Council's consideration:

1. That Council direct staff to work with the applicant to implement the recommended mechanisms in response to issues raised during the application review process, including the two events held on June 19, 2023.

2. That Council provide Staff with alternative feedback.

Staff recommends Option 1

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Summary of Key Themes and City Responses

Attachment 2: In-person Consultation Session Presentation

Attachment 3: Virtual Consultation Session Presentation

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