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The report does not support the case for this size and type of emergency shelter in this location.

Proximity to skytrain station will turn this into a regional center for people who are living rough. We have already been experiencing an increase in tenting, camping and littering in the downtown streets and public areas. Having this sort of large shelter will make it more attractive for people anywhere along the skytrain line to make New Westminter their on-the-street or in-the-park residence.

Seems more humane and liveable for both the community and those in need to have a few different locations of smaller size.

The emergency beds and temporary 24/7 beds should be somewhere along bus routes that would be accessible to the New Westminster residents that become temporarily homeless, but not so convenient to access for people from outside of New Westminster.

Downtown residents have recently lost most of the Downtown waterfront to the Pier Park fire and the Bosa Towers development and have lost businesses on Columbia to fire, such as the Heritage Grill building, and going out of business, such as the Army and Navy. The last thing we need now is a large homeless emergency or 24/7 homeless shelter next to what is remaining of our park space and our Columbia street businesses.

The Downtown already appears to support more than its share of social housing and social services.

Please make plans that help the downtown be more liveable for the many thousands of people that have already bought or rent their residences here, and the thousands more that are expected to move into the towers currently being built and being planned.

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