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**To:** [External-Clerks](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Temporary Use Permit for 502 Columbia Street  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 4:00:54 PM  
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On Tuesday, 9 November 2021, 12:10:31 GMT-8, External-Clerks <clerks@newwestcity.ca> wrote:

Good afternoon Mr. Redhead,

The PDF you sent yesterday is damaged and I was unable to open it. Could you please re-send it to [clerks@newwestcity.ca](mailto:clerks@newwestcity.ca) or send it as a Word document.

Thank you,

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**From:** Mike Redhead  
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Please see attached letter re our objection to the above proposal

Regards

Mike Redhead

Strata President

549 Columbia Street

New Westminster

We are writing on behalf of Strata LMS 4065 which is located at 549 Columbia Street in respect to the temporary use permit that is being requested by Lower Mainland Purpose Society to run an emergency shelter at 502 Columbia Street, the Army & Navy Department Store building.

The information we have received to date regarding the proposed use has been unclear and at times contradictory, and therefore, at this time, we must object to the proposal.

In the numerous press releases from City Council, we understand that a number of potential uses are proposed, as noted below, and we request clarity on Council's position:

- Short term Extreme Weather Response Program Shelter; open from November 1 to March 31, 2022 for sleeping only with no additional supports or services for the vulnerable populations accommodated overnight
- Medium term Emergency Response Shelter, operating 24/7 for up to 18 months or until new supportive housing is in place. The shelter would provide up to 50 mats or beds to adults, with the potential for support services, details of which have not been outlined.
- Long term (3 year) Emergency Response Shelter, with undefined availability of supports or services for residents, with an option to renew for an additional three years subject to Council consideration.

We understand the need for accommodation and services for vulnerable people in our community and we raise no objection to the creation of the safe injection site and four existing transition houses, and the newly proposed 50 bed unit of 6<sup>th</sup>, all within a three block radius of our location.

However, as residents who will be living directly across the street from this as yet undefined facility, and on behalf of the residents of our building who are increasingly concerned and afraid to walk in our neighbourhood, we are forced to oppose the application for a Temporary Use Permit for 502 Columbia Street.

Indeed, in the past months, several owners within our building as well as our longstanding neighbours in the Lookout SRO building of 6<sup>th</sup> Street (at Clarkson), have sought to leave the area on account of increased violent and threatening activity in the neighbourhood, compounded by the Police's Board's recent policy decision to cease non-enforcement interaction with street involved persons. Therefore, without a coherent strategy outlining in detail the proposed services to be available to shelter residents, we are offered no reassurance regarding the ongoing safety of the existing residents of the area.

We respectfully request that City Council provide access to a detailed plan for the proposed shelter, that we may share this with our strata members and make an informed decision as to our position on the request for a Temporary Use Permit.

Regards

Mike Redhead

549 Columbia Street.