

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON A TEMPORARY USE PERMIT APPLICATION (TUP00032)

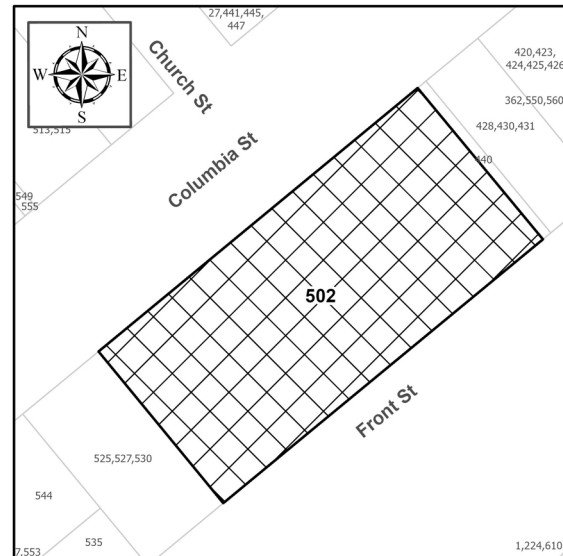
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024 at 6:00 pm

Meeting held electronically and open to public attendance in Council Chamber, City Hall

Temporary Use Permit for 502 Columbia Street (the former Army and Navy Department Store)

The Purpose Society has applied for a new Temporary Use Permit (TUP) to operate an emergency shelter, either nightly or 24/7, on the lower floor of the former Army and Navy Department Store at 502 Columbia Street. The proposed emergency shelter would accommodate 50 beds for men and women. BC Housing, the funder, is working on a response plan to better address externalities associated with the emergency shelter and one of the conditions of the proposed TUP is to establish a community advisory committee to address any concerns or issues that arise.

The proposed emergency shelter would reduce the potential for death, illness and injury for the unhoused, particularly during extreme weather events, and if 24/7, would reduce externalities associated with daytime homelessness, which is typically when businesses are operating and residents are circulating in the community.



A TUP is required as an emergency shelter use is not permitted under the property's C-8 Columbia Street Historic Comprehensive Development Zoning District. The TUP would permit the emergency shelter to operate for up to three years, with an option to renew for additional three years subject to Council-consideration.

HOW DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Visit newwestcity.ca/crises-response-project/faq or from November 8, 2024 to November 18, 2024, related material is available for public inspection at Legislative Services, City Hall 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday (except November 11, 2024), and online at newwestcity.ca/publicnotices.

HOW CAN I BE HEARD?

Temporary Use Permit (TUP00032) will be considered for issuance on November 18, 2024. Send your comments by email, mail, or dropping off at the mailbox on the north side of City Hall by November 18, 2024 to:

Phone: 604-527-4523

Email: clerks@newwestcity.ca

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Watch the meeting: newwestcity.ca/council

Written comments received by 5:00 pm, four business days before the meeting will be included in the agenda package. Later comments received until the close of the meeting will be distributed on table at the meeting. All comments will form part of the public record and be published on the City's website.

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