

## Supportive Housing Project at 222 Corfield Street South

The City of Parksville, working together with the Regional District of Nanaimo, acquired 222 Corfield Street South in Parksville for the purpose of building a housing facility, which will include supportive housing, cold weather shelter and supportive services. Over the past 18 months, the City has concluded a rezoning process, issued a development permit, and signed a housing agreement and entered into a lease with BC Housing to operate the facility. This project is an important step towards addressing housing needs in Parksville and the Oceanside region.

In August 2018, the City was advised of a legal challenge to the rezoning process. Since receiving the petition, the City's solicitor was directed by Council to discuss with the petitioners' lawyer whether an out-of-court agreement could be reached between the two parties. Unfortunately, despite Council's desire to reach an out-of-court settlement as well as discussions between the parties' respective solicitors, the City did not receive correspondence from the petitioners for Council's consideration.

Council is disappointed that even though it negotiated in good faith, it was not possible to reach a compromise with the petitioners. The City has directed its lawyer to proceed to a hearing later this month.

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