

Rob Gordon

From: webforms@victoria.ca
Sent: Tuesday, Sep 22, 2015 9:52 PM
To: mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca
Subject: Hopeful for Permanent Housing

From: Margaret Grylls
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Daytime Phone : Not provided

Thank You!...for the extensive time which is constantly being invested by all of you at City Council, on this extremely difficult situation.

I truly believe permanent housing is needed and feel the latest proposal (\$50 million + \$25 million) would be a good solid start. Hopefully this could include various types of housing, in various locations throughout the city.

To that end, I would see the mixed-use development proposal for the Van./Pandora corner as being a good way to bring some much-needed dignity back to this area, whereas adding more services for people with no homes will result in another 'East Side Vancouver'.

I sincerely hope the tent city concept will not be considered, and am grateful for this new direction City Council has taken.

Thank You!

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Sent: Thursday, Sep 17, 2015 1:51 PM
To: mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca
Subject: Mayor and Council email

From: larry blower

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Whilst the 50 million plus concept re helping the homeless is admirable, I think this will result in the homeless people from all Western and Eastern Canada flocking to Victoria.

If shelter has to be built let's do it out of the downtown core where real estate is less expensive.

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From: webforms@victoria.ca
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To: mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca
Subject: Mayor and Council email

From: Darin Reimer

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About the housing initiative for the homeless. I had just a couple of questions.

Would the 50 million cover costs of a condo like complex, apartments, or detached homes? Or a combination of all of the above? I am not sure you have gone that far down the road in planning but I wondered if the housing could include mini houses? Costs could be cut down substantially and badly needed space be used efficiently. I am just wondering. I am Executive Director at a Drop in Center for Youth at Risk and we operate in the basement of Church of Our Lord. I was unable to attend last nights' open forum or town hall meeting on the subject, but this is my question. Furthermore, Would the 50 million budgeted include the costs of providing supports for the residents of the program. Thank you.

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Rob Gordon

From: Jeff Martin [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, Sep 17, 2015 11:58 AM
To: mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca
Subject: Fw: Homelessness solution or possible idea

Importance: High

From: [Jeff Martin](#)
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2015 10:24 AM
To: [Mayor](#)
Cc: [MLA](#)
Subject: Homelessness solution or possible idea

I was unable to attend the meeting Wednesday September 16th at the Victoria Convention Center. My big concern, as a small side point, is paying homeless people to attend something because they might use that money for cigarettes, drugs or alcohol but most would probably use it to obtain some kind of food I would suspect; we are just not sure of that. Enough of that, I will know detail my ideas in steps from first to the last as order of what should be done:

1. I believe we should provide temporary housing for the homeless, while they begin addiction counselling or psychological assessments, so that it can be determined what the problems or situation was that led a person to become homeless in the first place; so that experts in the field of social services can target the resources to help a person best which could also include spiritual support if needed.
2. The next phase once that first step is completed, while still in social temporary housing, is to begin to work at bringing these people to some a state where they are ready to take a paying job, and earning money to pay for things like accommodations, taxes, bills, and food on their own. This could be done by basic job training in the beginning, then possibly more advance industry or job specific training. Social service/employment experts could help these people to obtain work and then these people would slowly be weaned off any government services.
3. After that it would be the former homeless persons responsibility to to keep a job, pay their taxes, and build an independent life for themselves that respects others, and the law.

What I have outlined is not an easy process but the bottom is , I do not just want to programs that are temporary handouts and these people are left to their own merits and say two years later are back to square one in their lives and homeless again. It is a challenging situation to deal with in parts of this country; I also do want the contributions of those that are not homeless who are hardworking, pay their taxes, respect the laws of this city, province and country to have their rights ,and accomplishments trampled on, in order to focus more on the the poor and homeless; many of the parties that have made a better life for themselves , once may have had less then they do know and have sacrificed, possibly taken gone into debt to fund their education, or work hard a family business or something in that regard ; no being made escape goats if you will for these people; no "Robin Hood" type rob from the wealthier or middle class, to help the very poorest in our

society; what ever happens the homeless must meet certain conditions in order to qualify for help, no free handouts, and society must be prepared to live with the reality that we will not be able to help 100% because some people do not want to obey the law, or any program conditions put on them in order to participate.

Sincerely,

Jeff Martin
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Rob Gordon

From: deborah nugent <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, Sep 17, 2015 4:10 PM
To: mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca
Subject: FW: Housing the Homeless Re: Times Colonist Sept 15th/2015

From: [REDACTED]
To: mayor@victoria.ca
Subject: Housing the Homeless Re: Times Colonist Sept 15th/2015
Date: Thu, 17 Sep 2015 14:03:48 -0700

Hi Lisa,

I was at work and read the article in the Times Colonist in regard to creating homes for the homeless and was so happy to hear that this is being looked at.

I think there are a lot of people that have big hearts in Victoria and if the giving was made easy I think you could definitely get some help from the public in the form of donations.

I have often thought that it is so easy to pay bills on lineI think there has got to be a way to sign up a charity of your choosing through the bank,,,, and while paying your bills you can make a donation of your choosing with a click of a mouse. If the broad population of Victoria is 344,615 and we divided that in half 172,307...and there was a campaign for every one to contribute a dollar ...we could raise 172,307.00 and then this could be matched by the city..or municipalities. I believe where there is a thought ,,there is the possibility to achieve.

Thank you, Have a great day,,,,,Deborah

Rob Gordon

From: mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca
Sent: Tuesday, Oct 6, 2015 10:03 AM
To: mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca
Subject: FW: Mayor and Council email: Apartments for Homeless

-----Original Message-----

From: webforms@victoria.ca [<mailto:webforms@victoria.ca>]
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2015 7:23 AM
To: mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca
Subject: Mayor and Council email

From: Phyllis and Colin Pendleton

Email : [REDACTED]

Reference :

Daytime Phone : Not provided

My husband & I don't agree with your plan to build more apartments to house the homeless. We feel that a single secure ROOM, with nearby support services and community kitchen (like at a hostel) would be adequate initial shelter. Currently there are 2 vacant former senior's care homes close to downtown which we feel would be very suitable for providing secure individual rooms for the homeless. They are the former Central Care home on Johnson St and the former Mount Edward on Vancouver St. Please, please, please, alter your idea of what is adequate shelter for a homeless person until they demonstrate their willingness & suitability for the next level of social housing.

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Rob Gordon

From: Rob Woodland
Sent: Wednesday, Sep 30, 2015 8:28 AM
To: Michelle Harris; Shannon Craig
Subject: FW: Housing the Homeless

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A proposal from an attendee at the Sheltering Solutions Workshop, for consideration.

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From: Ben Isitt (Councillor)
Sent: Tuesday, Sep 29, 2015 5:42 PM
To: **Personal information** Jason Johnson; Rob Woodland; Councillors; Lisa Helps (Mayor)
Subject: FW: Housing the Homeless

Hi **Personal information**

Thank you for providing this proposal for housing at a cost of \$19,000 / unit. I am forwarding your presentation to City Manager Jason Johnson, Director of Legislative Services Rob Woodland, Councillors and Mayor Lisa Helps.

All the best,

Ben

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From: **Personal information**
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2015 7:11 PM
To: Ben Isitt (Councillor)
Subject: Housing the Homeless

Ben,

I don't know why you invited me to your workshop. There was no ability to address council with a proposal of a building scheme that necessarily included a power point presentation. It seems the actions of council is determined to frustrate any ability to address them with this proposal.

I have attached both the power point presentation and my presentation notes that I would have given at your workshop.

The news story on the front page of the Times-Colonist has me concerned. I do not believe that any money need be borrowed and I know the cost to date - particularly of the Greater Victoria Homelessness Coalition projects - have been terribly excessive, as a taxpayer I am opposed to the direction council is taking on this.

Look over the presentation and perhaps a proper meeting can be arranged to discuss my option.

Thank you,

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