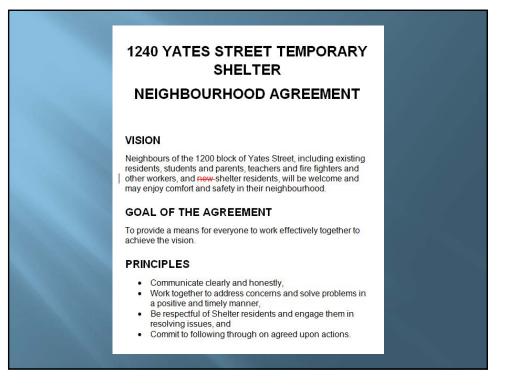






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1. WERE THE MEETINGS USEFUL AND IF SO WHY?

I think that in circumstances such as this, it was critical to mitigating the impacts to neighbours to the degree possible. Issues got dealt with in a timely manner.

The meetings were very useful! They created a sense of community and opportunities to be heard & to hear updates and others issues! The meetings were short, direct and comprehensive.

1. WERE THE MEETINGS USEFUL AND IF SO WHY?

Useful because more information = less rumour and invention. Also useful to hear other perspectives different from my own - good to know whats "out there" and what the community fears are from some people. I became aware that there is major and astonishing ignorance of the realities of poverty and homelessness and addiction on the part of some community members = need for much more education and opportunities to learn.

2. HOW DID YOU THINK THINGS WENT? WHAT WERE THE POSITIVES AND WHAT WERE THE NEGATIVES?

Obviously, putting such a shelter right up against another residential property is not a choice that anyone would make, other than in an emergency, such as this project. On the plus side, it was encouraging to see Central School students gain an understanding of the situation, and support it in their way. Of course, having a roof over the residents' heads was a positive. The negative was clearly the impact on the adjoining residential property.





3. IF THIS WERE DONE AGAIN IN YOURS OR ANY OTHER NEIGHBOURHOOD, WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE THE CITY/BC HOUSING?

I don't think a low-barrier facility to transition people from the street is ever going to be a "good-neighbour" situation for existing adjoining residential properties. Plan ahead so that we can take the time, in future, to find an area where that impact will be mitigated.

The school experience started out badly because of the timing but it all worked out, largely because of the opportunities for meetings, and because of the excellent responses to community needs by My Place staff.

4. DID YOU LEARN ANYTHING FROM THE EXPERIENCE? IF SO, WHAT DID YOU LEARN?

Yes - that pockets of major ignorance, fear and prejudice still exist. I learned more about the need to listen in difficult situations and about process of sometimes challenging meeting dynamics.

We still have a long way to go to educate people against prejudice/stigma of mental health & addiction. That with compassion, effort and time we can get some people off the street. That the City cares about us.

Transitional shelter became lifesaver

Former tent city campers found hope at My Place

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