



## MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON HOUSING AFFORDABILITY SOCIAL MEDIA SUMMARY

Wednesday, June 17, 2015

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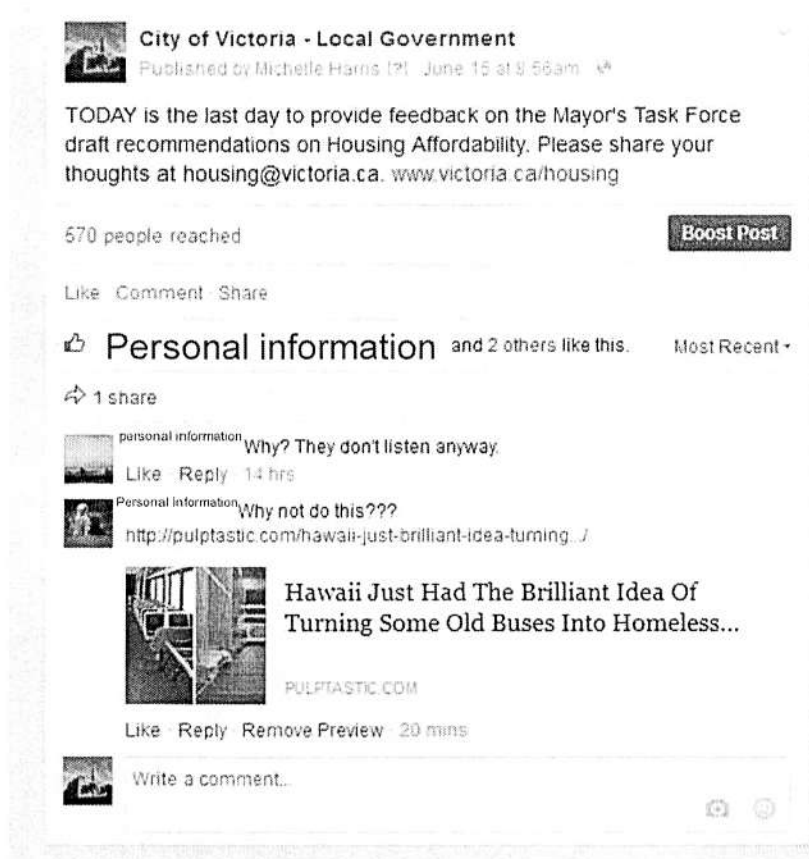
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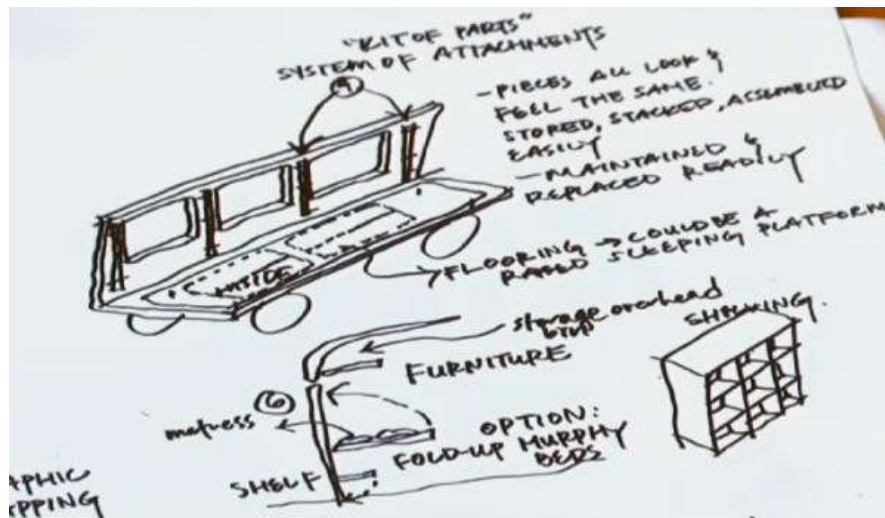
## Hawaii Just Had The Brilliant Idea Of Turning Some Old Buses Into Homeless Shelters

Honolulu City's Executive Director of Housing, Jun Yang, has announced plans to make transitional homeless shelters out of five decommissioned city buses.

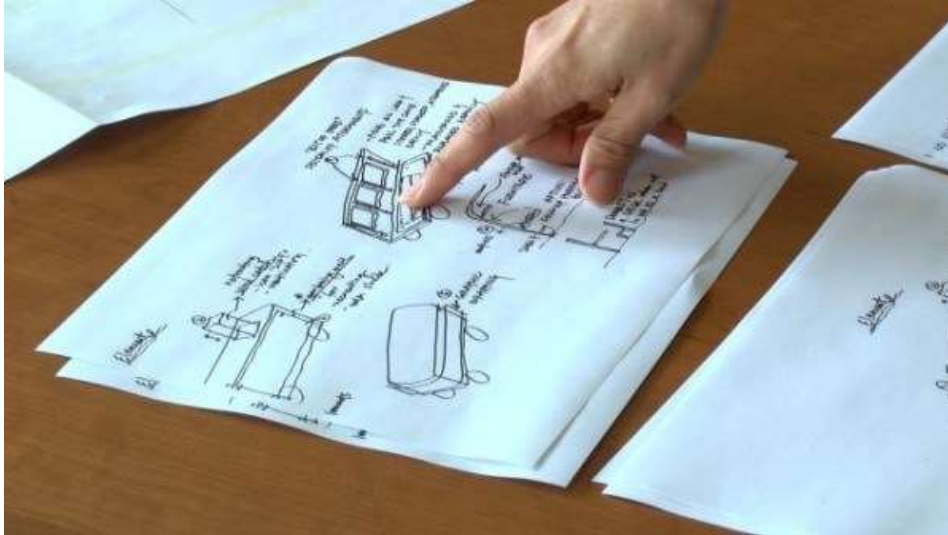


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"The idea is to convert them into living, sleeping, showering, recreational facilities," said Ma Ry Kim of Group 70 International, the firm that will be working on this project.



"The entire design is based on the premise that you could walk in to a hardware store, buy everything you need in one go and build everything with no trade skills," she said.



The buses are donated, as are the supplies for the refurbishment. Labor will also come from volunteers.



The buses will have to work as a fleet because each individual bus will have a specific purpose.

"We're fitting some out to be bathrooms and showers, we're fitting some out to be sleeping areas, and the design completely folds away like a little Japanese tatami mat."



While details like where the buses will be deployed and who will operate them are still in the works, the team aims to finish the project within the calendar year.





The link noted in the above Facebook comment links to the following Vancouver Sun article noted below:  
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### **Vancouver to use its own land to create more than 800 affordable housing units**

The program, which will see the city keep control of its lands while working with housing providers and senior governments, is being rolled out under a new Vancouver Affordable Housing Agency.

By Jeff Lee, Vancouver Sun June 10, 2015



A view from above at Vancouver's River District Farmers Market. The city has identified 12 city sites on which it can build 1,350 affordable housing units, five sites of which are in the new and as-yet undeveloped River District in the southeast corner of the city.

Vancouver's new affordable housing agency plans to use seven city-owned sites to build the first 810 units of housing for low-income families, individuals and seniors.

The land, worth \$62 million, is the city's contribution to a partnership it hopes to form with non-profit housing providers and the provincial and federal governments. Under the plan, the city will give non-profit housing providers long-term leases of up to 99 years. In return, they have to organize either private or public construction and mortgage financing, and then repay those debts with rents geared to a range of housing types.

The first seven parcels are part of an ambitious plan by the city to create as many as 1,350 units on 12 properties over the next four years and 2,500 units on 20 properties by 2021.

The announcement Wednesday by Mukhtar Latif, the Vancouver Affordable Housing Agency's chief executive office and the city's director of housing, signals the city's plan to dip further into its vast stock of land for more affordable housing projects. The city has already committed \$85 million to the agency, largely in the form of community amenity contributions and development cost levies collected from developers.

But the city has stopped short of financing the construction of the housing projects itself, saying that is best left to non-profits that can use the land value as security against private financing, or to encourage the involvement of senior governments. However, both Ottawa and Victoria have been hard sells on investing in large housing projects. B.C. Housing has started to target more of its support to individuals in the form of rent supplements.

City manager Penny Ballem said the program announced Wednesday is the city's best effort to entice the federal and provincial governments back into the public housing market.

"We have a menu by which you can drive down affordability," she said. "What we are trying to do is drive through the capacity. We're saying to our senior levels of government: 'Take your pick. Participate in whatever works best for you, whether it is through capital, equity, financing and a combination of those things. We're very, very flexible.' "

Of the seven sites, Latif said, five are in the new and as-yet undeveloped River District in the southeast corner of the city. The other two include a vacant lot on West Hastings across from the Army and Navy store, and a lot in Kensington-Cedar Cottage.

This is not the first time the city has dipped into its own property holdings — in the 1980s it partnered with union pension funds to try to build rental housing. But the company, now called Concert Properties, failed to achieve its goal of 750 units a year and moved into strata condo construction.

More recently, in 2013, the city gave long-term leases on four parcels of land worth \$22 million to the Cooperative Housing Federation of B.C. for a similar plan to build 350 units.

That project has been slowed by organizational, planning and financing challenges. Construction was supposed to start this spring but has been delayed until August.



## City of Victoria - Local Government

Published by Michelle Harris [?] · June 2 at 4:17pm · 🌐

The Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability is looking for feedback on draft recommendations on how the City can increase capacity for and reduce barriers to affordable housing. Take the opportunity to view the draft recommendations online and provide feedback to [housing@victoria.ca](mailto:housing@victoria.ca) by end of day Monday, June 15. Thank you to those who were able to attend last night's Housing Affordability workshop and for your input. [www.victoria.ca/housing](http://www.victoria.ca/housing)



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The Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability invites you to participate in a workshop on TONIGHT from 5-7pm at Victoria City Hall to provide feedback on draft recommendations on how the City of Victoria can increase capacity for and reduce barriers to affordable housing.

View displays, meet the Task Force members, ask questions and give input. The workshop is co-hosted by the City of Victoria, the Urban Development Institute and the Together Against Poverty Society. You can view the draft recommendations online and provide feedback by June 8 at [housing@victoria.ca](mailto:housing@victoria.ca).

Learn more. [www.victoria.ca/housing](http://www.victoria.ca/housing)



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## Housing Affordability Task Force | Victoria

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Live webcast of [#HousingAffordability](#) Task Force Workshop is underway [#yyj](#) at [victoria.ca/EN/main/city/c...](https://victoria.ca/EN/main/city/c...)

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