

Subject: Request for Council Statement on Community Rights and BC Housing Policies

Dear Mayor and Members of White Rock City Council,

I am writing with deep respect for the important role our Council plays in safeguarding the well-being, safety, and democratic participation of White Rock residents.

Although BC Housing has effectively tied “social housing” to requirements within the new OCP — pressuring municipalities to pre-zone land for Supportive Housing — this approach has blurred a critical distinction that matters deeply to communities.

Helping low-income families is one thing. Locating high-risk drug-related facilities inside neighbourhoods is something entirely different.

We respectfully request that White Rock City Council issue a public statement opposing BC Housing’s use of legal and procedural loopholes that restrict residents’ right of to be informed, to question, and to oppose projects such as: Supportive Housing, Complex Care Housing, Low-Barrier Housing, Single Room Occupancy (SRO), Injection Site, particularly when these models may tolerate, enable, or concentrate drug possession and drug use on site, thereby introducing significant risk and fear into surrounding communities.

In addition, we respectfully urge Council to begin legislative work to:

1. Clearly and formally distinguish, in policy and regulation, between
  - social housing where drug possession and drug use are not permitted, and
  - housing models that knowingly allow drug possession and drug use; and
2. Prohibit any housing project in White Rock that permits drug use or the possession of illegal drugs on site.

We further urge Council to clearly state that any high-risk facility of this kind should proceed only after genuine, transparent consultation and clear support from local residents.

Accordingly, we ask Council to adopt a declaration such as:

**“The City of White Rock does not welcome any project that the community does not welcome — particularly any project that lacks community consensus and risks dividing our neighbourhoods or undermining public trust and safety.”**

This is not about rejecting compassion. It is about ensuring fairness, transparency, community consent, and real public safety.

Thank you sincerely for your leadership and your continued commitment to the people of White Rock. We hope Council will stand with residents in defending our democratic right to know, to participate, and to be heard.

Respectfully,

[Your Name on ID]

WeVote White Rock

(A rapidly growing group of White Rock residents concerning the new OCP and safety)

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