

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Supportive Housing Project at 222 Corfield Street South**

By way of an update for Parksville residents, the City wishes to advise that the legal proceedings seeking to have the British Columbia Supreme Court declare the rezoning bylaw authorizing the supportive housing project at 222 Corfield Street South invalid and to have the bylaw set aside, continue through the court process.

While the Court has been notified the Council of the City of Parksville directed the City's lawyers to not defend the legal proceedings and to consent to the bylaw being declared invalid and set aside, BC Housing's application to be added as a party in the legal proceedings was approved by the Court, to allow BC Housing to defend the validity of the bylaw. The City expects it will be some months before any decision as to the validity of the bylaw is made by the Court in the legal proceedings.

The Council of the City of Parksville continues to participate in ongoing discussions with staff at BC Housing to address concerns expressed by members of our community. Council appreciates BC Housing's willingness to discuss those matters with Council, and is hopeful a satisfactory resolution of the community's concerns will be achieved. Council members continue to be available to discuss concerns about the project with our residents.

Should residents have questions about the construction of the project at 222 Corfield Street South or questions about supportive housing, these should be addressed to BC Housing at 1-866-465-6873.

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