

Vancouver’s Social Housing Initiative - Other

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2025-11-24	15:13	Vancouver’s Social Housing Initiative	Other	<p>I applaud many of the components the City has put forth in the SHI, and also have a few reservations. I own a townhouse in Champlain Heights, which I purchased last year specifically because of the mixed income neighborhood, access to community services, and proximity to beautiful, and ecologically sensitive, trails around the area. I understand that the City is looking for ways to expedite the building process, and I urge you to understand that every neighborhood is unique and the timelines and developments must look, and fit, each one's character.</p> <p>I completely agree that we need more social housing, specifically non-market and I support removing the many additional steps the building process currently necessitates.</p> <p>At the same time, we need to build this housing in areas people can live and thrive. This means in proximity to public transit, community centres and libraries, grocery stores and daycares. It would be a mistake to invest in density without also concurrently planning for the public resources, amenities and services that new future residents will use and require. I have not seen what transit forecasting will look like for Champlain Heights, but I know the current situation (1 bus, e.g. the #26) will be quickly overwhelmed if significant new population density is brought to the area without measured planning.</p> <p>Similarly, I caution about the need to forecast and account for increases in community services in the proposed new 'neighborhood' areas. This is as true for Champlain Heights as it is for Marpole, and is possible, but will require the City being bold and determined to hold developers accountable to and ensure development fees cover more than the bare minimum.</p> <p>I live beside an ecologically sensitive forest tract, and recognize that many of my neighbors love and benefit greatly from recreating in its trails. I urge Council to ensure that adequate and long-term planning is put in place to keep these wild places alive and healthy so our future generations can marvel and benefit from them as well.</p> <p>I know you have many competing interests in your decision making on this plan. I encourage you to listen to those who will be impacted by the Initiative - both through gaining new housing and changes to their neighborhood - and strike a balance that moves us forward but not at the expense of livability and community health.</p>	Anthea Darychuk	Killarney	