

Downtown Eastside Housing Implementation – Amendments to the FC 1 District in the Zoning and Development By-law and the Downtown Eastside/Oppenheimer District Official Development Plan (DEOD ODP) By-law to Accelerate SRO Replacement and Increase Social Housing - Oppose

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2025-12-08	17:48	Downtown Eastside Housing Implementation – Amendments to the FC 1 District in the Zoning and Development By-law and the Downtown Eastside/Oppenheimer District Official Development Plan (DEOD ODP) By-law to Accelerate SRO Replacement and Increase Social Housing	Oppose	<p>Re: December 9 City of Vancouver Public Hearing on DTES Zoning Changes</p> <p>Dear City of Vancouver Council,</p> <p>The Aboriginal Housing Management Association (AHMA) is an umbrella organization of Indigenous housing and service providers in BC that oversee 95% of Indigenous housing units for those not living on reserve. In addition to affordable housing, AHMA's members offer many support services, including homelessness prevention, transition homes, parenting supports, mental health and substance use programs, and more. AHMA members provide a culturally safe space for Indigenous peoples to make their home wherever they live, by facilitating connections to community and cultural resources.</p> <p>Approximately half of Downtown Eastside (DTES) residents experiencing housing precarity are Indigenous. Most of these individuals are coping with the impacts of complex intergenerational trauma. AHMA’s position is that, for the most part, Indigenous residents have not been appropriately supported and have been forcefully decamped multiple times. Many urban Indigenous community members living in the DTES have either been precariously displaced or expected to accept shelter offers that may be unsafe or do not support their needs. A compassionate and appropriate approach to DTES community development is crucial, given the vulnerability of the existing residents.</p> <p>AHMA supports the statements of Michael Clague, Libby Davies, Terry Hunter, Savannah Walling, Donald MacPherson and Jean Swanson at the rezoning hearing. Together, their feedback highlighted the impact to those at risk or homelessness residents. The city’s preposed rezoning of the plan is a step backward and will open the door to massive market redevelopment at the expense of housing the city’s most vulnerable residents. Read their input here: https://vancouver.sun.com/opinion/op-ed/opinion-local-residents-need-dtes-plan-that-protects-affordable-housing</p> <p>AHMA’s Transitional Village Housing Model was developed and submitted to BC Housing and the Ministry of Housing in December 2022. Our framework supports encampment responses that embed services and empower residents to engage with a continuum of housing that will enhance wellness and stability. This is achieved by providing low-barrier housing options and wraparound support to existing DTES residents.</p> <p>Rather than condoning gentrification and risking further harm and displacement for existing DTES residents, the CoV has an opportunity to work with Indigenous community members and commit to reconciliation by supporting Indigenous-led low-barrier housing options for DTES residents. Homes that would serve the needs of existing community members would incorporate principles including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Culturally supportive housing options that embed Indigenous values into operational structures and integrate trauma-responsive approaches that empower participants to engage positively with their community.• Creating wraparound services that connect Indigenous people to the full spectrum of services required for each individual.• Housing options that are designed specifically to serve the safety and wellness needs of women and youth.• Formalized peer engagement opportunities that facilitate natural belonging, cultural sharing, and peer support models to direct community development.	AHMA Policy and Communications	Downtown	

				<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ongoing evaluation designed in collaboration with Indigenous organizations and leadership to identify criteria for success. <p>We urge you to consider the lives and well-being of existing DTES community members and focus on much-needed community housing solutions. AHMA and our members are here to support approaches that prioritize serving the people currently living in the DTES according to their needs.</p> <p>Thank you, AHMA</p>			
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2025-12-08	20:04	Downtown Eastside Housing Implementation – Amendments to the FC 1 District in the Zoning and Development By-law and the Downtown Eastside/Oppenheimer District Official Development Plan (DEOD ODP) By-law to Accelerate SRO Replacement and Increase Social Housing	Oppose	We cannot be diminishing the percentage of shelters and homes subject to Housing Income Limit, ESPECIALLY amidst the current housing crisis. It's not that there aren't enough homes, it's that there aren't enough homes that people can actually afford to live in. This will have a devastating impact on people who are already at risk.	Gavin Somers	West End	
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2025-12-09	11:31	Downtown Eastside Housing Implementation – Amendments to the FC 1 District in the Zoning and Development By-law and the Downtown Eastside/Oppenheimer District Official Development Plan (DEOD ODP) By-law to Accelerate SRO Replacement and Increase Social Housing	Oppose	Hi again am louise Boilevin i work and hustle in dtes since 2007 & i live in south granville /fairview since 94 I am opposing to this cause this plan does not reflect the people of the downtown eastsideive been opposing towers like this since mayor robterson the only housing that should be in the downtown eastside should be only for long time low income/ homeless /peer support workers / \$ex workers / low in come military /family etc its not right and it's not far and city hall knows this you don't change a nierbourhood by displacement of its people , you change bougie Robson Street by displacement of its people so don't do that here and on Broadway and else were we need more shelters ,detoxing centers , social housing, drop in centers, co op housing in the downtown eastsidenot pushing in new people who hate the original area and it's peopleI work as a peer support ,etc worker in the downtown eastside at megaphone magazine, wish drop in center, peer to peer community co op, downtown eastside market and i hustle street corners in the downtown eastside since 2007 as a \$ex worker, merch seller and etcso yah i got a long history with the downtown eastside area including Grandville night club district too lol ps we need a shelter in the granville and Broadway area thier is nothing there and ill have over the years homeless people sleeping on the residential side streets etc for years the downtown eastside people should come first in the area and not be displacement for gentrification others to move inps the social housing needs to stay on granville Street downtown cause we're people gonna go its not right kicking people out of there homes on granville Streetgo cope ,team ,green for 2026	Louise Boilevin	Fairview	
2025-12-09	14:11	Downtown Eastside Housing Implementation – Amendments to the FC 1 District in the Zoning and Development By-law and the Downtown Eastside/Oppenheimer District Official Development Plan (DEOD ODP) By-law to Accelerate SRO Replacement and Increase Social Housing	Oppose	I wholeheartedly support the letter with detailed reasonings opposed to this measure which has been signed by six members of the Order of Canada, including persons with deep knowledge of the problems and people of the DTES - and endorsed by dozens of other signatures submitted in support of that letter. Equally I support the position of First United, whose members know the history and situation of the DTES extremely well. Any councillors who vote in support of this measure deserve to lose their seats in the next civic election. Sincerely, Joan Bunn	Joan Bunn	Kitsilano	
2025-12-09	15:08	Downtown Eastside Housing Implementation – Amendments to the FC 1 District in the Zoning and Development By-law and the Downtown Eastside/Oppenheimer District Official Development Plan (DEOD ODP) By-law to Accelerate SRO Replacement and Increase Social Housing	Oppose	I live in east van and I am confused as to why we are doing nothing to help people on the streets. DISPLACEMENT is not aid. Putting people in SMALL rooms is not aid. How would you like to live your life in a 300 sq ft box?	Anne Pyatt	Grandview-Woodland	

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2025-12-09	15:59	Downtown Eastside Housing Implementation – Amendments to the FC 1 District in the Zoning and Development By-law and the Downtown Eastside/Oppenheimer District Official Development Plan (DEOD ODP) By-law to Accelerate SRO Replacement and Increase Social Housing	Oppose	I have serious concerns about this approach to "solving" the housing shortage in the DTES. We need to become a city that takes care of the most vulnerable. Rezoning and reducing the share of shelter rate and below market housing available is only going to make the problem worse.	Nancy More	Kitsilano	