

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 - Other

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2025-11-27	14:13	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	Other	<p>We are writing as concerned residents of the Granville Street corridor (between Drake and Robson Streets) to urgently request decisive action regarding escalating safety, health, and sanitation issues in our neighbourhood. The situation has reached a point where residents no longer feel secure walking in their own community, and the current conditions are unacceptable for a major downtown area.</p> <p>Photo 1- Granville Street between Davie and Helmcken 8:00 AM November 26, 2025 In recent months, we have experienced a sharp increase in hazardous debris—discarded needles, human waste, garbage, and food remnants—on sidewalks and in public spaces. These conditions pose serious public health risks, particularly for families with children, elderly residents, and people with mobility challenges. Strong odours, vermin, and unsafe debris are becoming daily occurrences. Equally concerning are the rising incidents of aggressive or unpredictable behaviour in the area. Several residents, including myself, have been involved in or witnessed situations that have compromised personal safety. One recent incident involved an aggressive dog attack at Granville and Davie, which was reported to the police and the City. Despite this, no apparent follow-up action has occurred, and the issue persists.</p> <p>Photo 2- Granville Street between Helmcken and Nelson 8:00 PM November 26, 2025 We are also extremely concerned about conditions in several Single Room Occupancy (SRO) buildings on and around Granville Street. Many of these buildings contributing directly to the ongoing safety and sanitation issues spilling over into public areas. Immediate removal of these SROs is required. With Vancouver preparing to host globally significant events such as the 2026 FIFA World Cup, it is essential that our city take prompt and visible action. The current state of the Granville corridor is incompatible with the expectations residents and visitors rightly have for Vancouver’s downtown core.</p> <p>Photo 3- Granville Street between Nelson and Smith 8:00 PM November 26, 2025 We are requesting urgent and concrete measures, including: 1. Immediate increase in sanitation operations, including daily cleanup of hazardous materials, bio-waste, and garbage. 2. Rapid deployment of additional community safety resources, including police, mental-health outreach teams, and street-level support personnel. 3. A complete removal of all SRO buildings in the Granville area. 4. Clear, time-bound plans for relocating individuals into appropriate shelters, treatment programs, or supervised facilities outside downtown where they can access the services they need. 5. A public safety strategy specifically for the Granville corridor, with measurable outcomes and regular updates to the community. We want to emphasize that our goal is not to overlook the needs of vulnerable individuals but to ensure that both residents and unhoused people have access to safe, appropriate, and properly managed environments but is separate areas. Allowing the current situation to continue serves no one. Given the urgency of these concerns, we request written confirmation of this letter and a clear timeline for the actions the City intends to take. Residents are expecting meaningful intervention—not long-term studies or delayed responses. Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter. We look forward to your prompt response.</p>	Fred Borji	Downtown	Attachment 1

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2025-12-02	19:41	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	Other	<p>It seems to me the city consistently ignores the deplorable and unhealthy conditions of SRO buildings.</p> <p>Health, safety and fire regulations have been set aside as if they dont matter. That suggests an alarming level of disregard for a specific sector of the population, a clear case of discrimination against low income people, many of which battle legitimate, diagnosed mental disorders, including those related to substance use.</p> <p>It's as obvious as it is sad why a blind eye has been turned to the condition of these buildings: if the rules were applied, many would have to be emptied immediately and shut down temporarily or permanently, which would increase the number of homeless people by hundreds, maybe thousands.</p> <p>So, the rules and regs are ignored and people live in buildings full of bugs, rodents, disease and stuff I cant write about without my stomach turning.</p> <p>The non profits managing these buildings are complicit in this shameful scenario. They seemingly do little about hoarding, people passing out in stairways and hallways, people smoking deadly fentanyl in hallways and staircases, feces and all manner of disgusting things all over the bathrooms, drug dealing and violence.</p> <p>It would be nice if more residents showed more pride about where they lived. But they dont. And its not like management is leading the way in the pride-of-place department. It's shocking what some people, organizations, city staff and councilors accept as the norm these days.</p> <p>So, whenever they discuss SROs, its my hope the mayor and city council understand clearly they are talking about buildings they have created a new type of zoning for, the Health and Safety Rules Do Not Apply zone. I challenge the mayor and council members to go for an unannounced tour of a half dozen of these buildings and report back on whether they'd let their dog live in them.</p>	John Harding	Arbutus Ridge	

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2025-12-03	10:00	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	Other	<p>Comment on SRO Conditions in the Downtown Eastside - from a Downtown residents' perspective</p> <p>I am writing to express my concerns about the current conditions and management of Single Room Occupancy (SRO) buildings in the Downtown Eastside. While SROs are intended to provide stable, transitional housing to residents who are working toward recovery, stability, and reintegration, the reality is increasingly alarming.</p> <p>Residents report that many SROs have become hubs for criminal activity, including bike theft, open drug dealing, and alcohol abuse. The lack of oversight or on-site monitoring creates an environment where anyone can enter the buildings, bring in drugs or stolen property, and compromise the safety of the people who live there. Basic hygiene and sanitation are often below any standards, which further worsens living conditions.</p> <p>This situation puts pressure on individuals who are trying to rebuild their lives, people who are working, seeking treatment, or striving to maintain stability. Instead of supporting recovery and progress, many SROs expose residents to constant risks and harm.</p> <p>Us, residents living next to SROs feel unsafe and anxious, as the constant presence of crime and disorder spills into the surrounding community, affecting our daily quality of life and sense of security.</p> <p>I urge the City to review the SRO model and implement stronger oversight and accountability measures. Proper monitoring, controlled access, improved safety standards, and consistent enforcement are essential. SROs should be places that promote dignity and stability.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Eva Ciesielska</p> <div></div>	Eva Ciesielska	Downtown	