

Shelter Project Update

June 16, 2026

2245 6th Avenue, Castlegar

Dear Neighbour,

We are writing to share an update on the year-round 20-bed shelter at 2245 6th Avenue. This project is an important part of our continued efforts to address and prevent homelessness in the community.

Development update

On May 21, 2025, we advised neighbours that interior demolition and exterior site work would begin in June 2025. This was completed in September 2025.

In mid-November 2025, we received a building permit and began renovation work to support shelter operations. This includes installing washroom, shower, laundry and kitchen facilities and fire safety systems. Exterior work includes lighting, security cameras, roof upgrades and fencing around the outdoor spaces.

We originally planned to open this shelter in Winter 2025/2026. Several factors have delayed this timeline including additional design time for the shelter layout. We currently expect work to be complete by Winter 2026/2027.

We will continue to follow all local bylaws and share notices regarding any expected traffic or noise disruptions.

Community engagement

A caring community can contribute greatly to the success of people transitioning out of homelessness. We will continue to share updates with neighbours and keep lines of communication open.

When the shelter opens, we will share direct contact information with neighbours and work to address any concerns quickly and collaboratively.

Questions?

Visit bchousing.org/projects-partners/projects/castlegar-2245-6th-avenue or scan the QR code at the bottom of the page for more information.

For questions about the shelter program, please contact Castlegar Community Services Society by emailing info@castlegarcommunityservices.ca.

For questions about renovations or other shelter programs in BC, please contact BC Housing by emailing communityrelations@bchousing.org.

Kind regards,

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