

# Neighbourhood Update

May 21, 2025

2245 6th Avenue, Castlegar

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Dear Neighbour,

We are writing to share the latest updates about 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 February 18, 2025, the City of Castlegar approved a Temporary Use Permit for this project. BC Housing will continue to work with the City of Castlegar to obtain all necessary approvals to open this shelter.

We are currently planning to start interior demolition and exterior site work in June 2025. After demolition, renovation work will begin to support shelter operations. This will include installing washroom, shower, laundry and commercial kitchen facilities as well as fire safety systems, lighting, security cameras, roof upgrades and fencing around the outdoor amenity space.

During demolition and construction, we will install temporary fencing and clearly mark any work areas for safety. We will follow all local bylaws and share notices regarding any expected traffic or noise disruptions.

We anticipate the shelter to start welcoming guests in Winter 2025/2026. Once open, this new shelter will replace the temporary shelter at 1660 Columbia Avenue. The shelter at 1660 Columbia Avenue will continue to operate through September 2025. At that time, we will look to extend operations until the new, year-round shelter opens.

## Community engagement

A caring community can contribute greatly to the success of people transitioning out of homelessness. We commit to keeping lines of communication open throughout this project.

On January 22, 2025, we hosted three information sessions for neighbours at the Confluence in Castlegar. BC Housing, CDCSS staff and community partners shared a short presentation and answered questions. From these sessions, we gathered valuable local context and feedback that will help inform the project team as we move forward. We thank everyone for their time and participation. View the Neighbour Session Presentation and Engagement Summary Report by visiting [letstalkhousingbc.ca/castlegar-2245-6th-avenue](https://letstalkhousingbc.ca/castlegar-2245-6th-avenue).

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

## Questions?

For questions about the shelter program, please contact CDCSS by emailing [info@cdcss.ca](mailto:info@cdcss.ca).

For any other questions, please contact BC Housing by emailing [communityrelations@bchousing.org](mailto:communityrelations@bchousing.org).

Kind regards,

BC Housing

Castlegar & District Community Services Society