

Neighbour Information Session

2245 6th Avenue Shelter Project

January 22, 2025

BC Housing | Castlegar & District Community
Services Society | Interior Health

Land acknowledgement

BC Housing acknowledges that we conduct our activities on the homelands of thousands of Indigenous peoples and many Nations across British Columbia. Each has their own unique traditions, culture, worldviews, languages, and history.

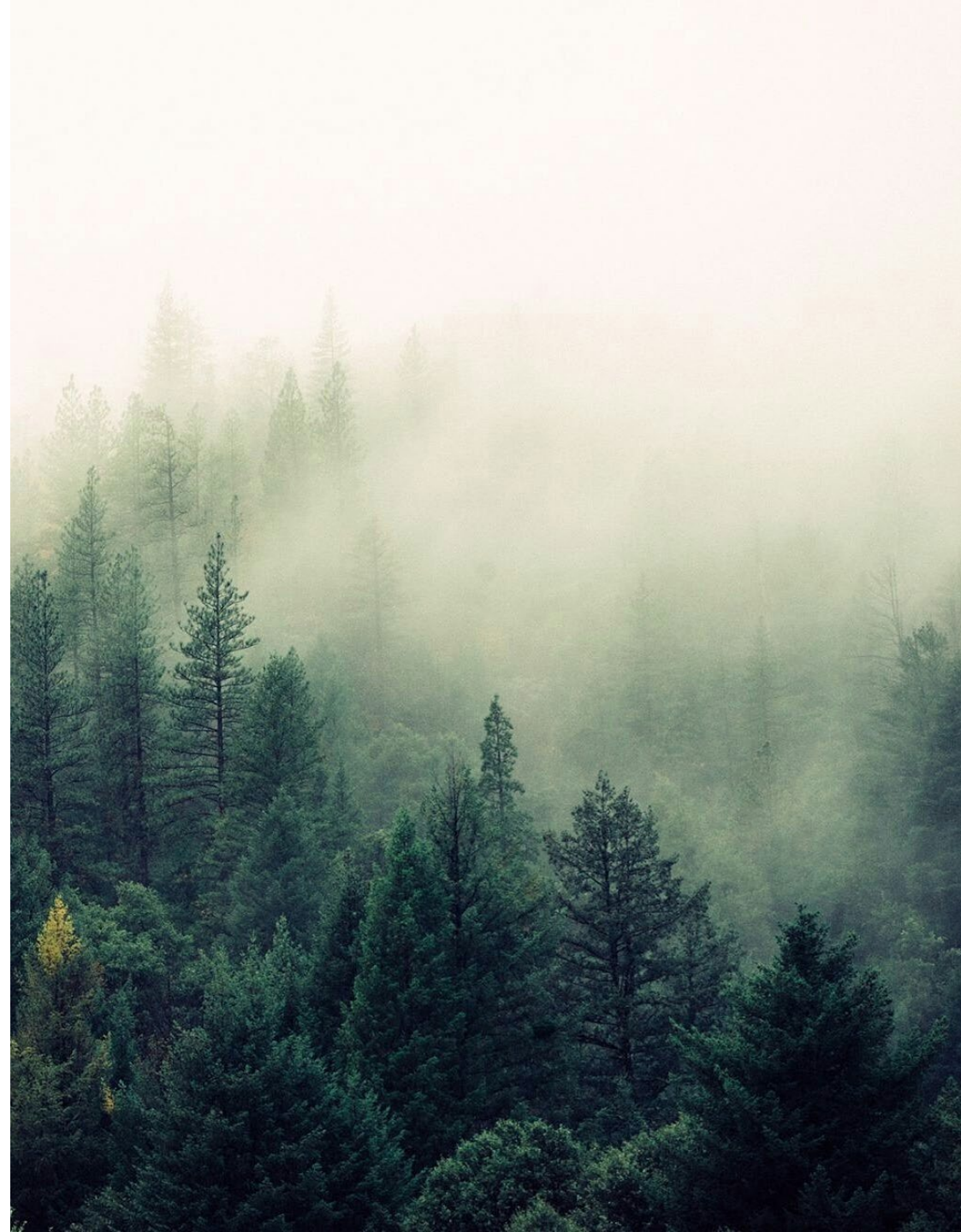
We have much to learn from Indigenous ways of knowing and being in the world and we are committed to adopting the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Calls to Action.

We acknowledge the surrounding Nations and share gratitude for the land that we gather on today.



Topics for today

- Need for shelter in Castlegar
- Site map and project timeline
- Shelter operations and programming
- Community safety and communication
- Q&A



How we help: Housing spectrum



Urgent need for shelter in Castlegar

There is currently no year-round shelter for people experiencing homelessness.

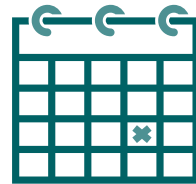
What currently exists:



Temporary Winter shelter at 1660 Columbia Ave.



10 beds



Typically operates November - April



Shelter at capacity, community need for shelter not met



Operator: Castlegar & District Community Services Society

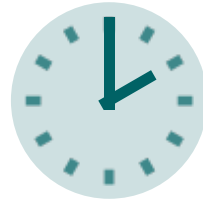
Year-round shelter project overview



2245 6th Avenue



20 beds



24/7, year-round shelter
Registered guests only



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BC Housing has applied for a Temporary Use Permit (TUP) proposed for 3 years.
TUP can only be extended once before a formal rezoning process is required.

Site map and project timeline

 TUP process begins
January 2025



Council votes on TUP
February 2025

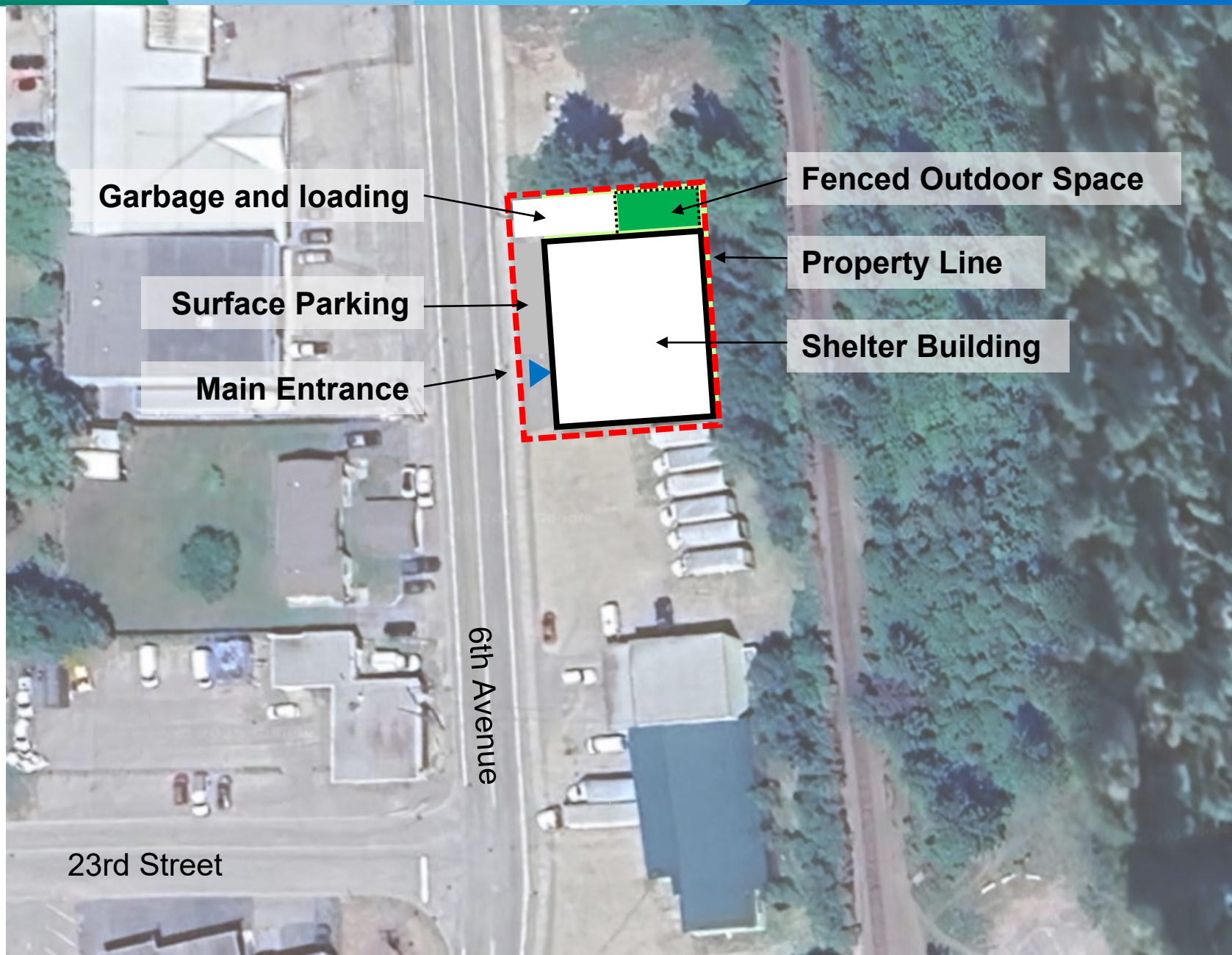


Shelter
renovations begin
Spring 2025



Shelter opens
Fall 2025

*timeline subject to change



On-site shelter supports



CDCSS will manage shelter operations and provide support, programs, services, and basic needs to registered shelter guests.

Supports and Services include:

- 20 beds
- 2 staff onsite, 24/7
- 3 meals per day
- Washroom and shower facilities
- Laundry facilities
- Storage for limited personal belongings
- Onsite harm reduction, goal planning, life skills supports
- Access to Ministry supports (income assistance) and basic first aid
- Referrals to CDCSS internal programs, other community programs and other support groups
- Access to shoes, clothing (storage area permitting)

External and partner supports



Interior Health Authority Services at 10th Street

Mental Health and Substance Use

Drop-in or call 310-MHSU (6478)

- Crisis Response
- Substance Use Counselling and Supports: 1-1 and group
- Opiate Agonist Treatment such as Suboxone
- Referrals and access to Withdrawal Management and Residential Treatment
- Case management and counselling

Urgent and Primary Care

Call for an Appointment at 250-304-1289

Services include:

- Nurse Practitioner (In-person and Virtual)
- Registered Nurse
- Social Work
- Physiotherapy

Promoting a safe space within and around the shelter

- 24/7 onsite staff
- Controlled entry and monitored perimeter
- Security cameras & lighting
- Staff regularly monitor, maintain and walk the site
- Collaboration with community partners to ensure accountability and responsiveness



Ongoing communication with neighbours

Let's communicate right away and work on issues together

- Let's Talk project page updates
- Letters to site neighbours leading up to opening
- Monthly Neighbourhood Liaison Meetings led by CDCSS
- Direct phone numbers before opening (Who to Call document)
- Open-door policy with Management team at shelter



Questions?

We welcome questions at anytime by email:
For shelter operations questions please email **info@cdcass.ca**

For general shelter inquiries or questions about the
renovations email **communityrelations@bchousing.org**

Visit the project webpage
letstalkhousingbc.ca/castlegar-2245-6th-avenue

Thank you!