

Temporary Use Permit Extension

Pathways | 142 Tranquille Road, Kamloops

March 6, 2026

Dear Neighbour,

We are writing to share that BC Housing has applied for an extension of the Temporary Use Permit (TUP) for Pathways shelter at 142 Tranquille Road. The current TUP expires in July 2026.

A TUP extension will allow this shelter to continue to support 44 people experiencing or at risk of homelessness in Kamloops. There are currently no other shelter options on the Tranquille corridor.

TUP Extension Process

A Temporary Use Permit (TUP) is a time-limited approval that allows a specific use on a property. When a TUP application is received, it is reviewed by City staff, publicly notified and considered by City Council. On March 10, 2026, Council will be asked to approve public notification of this request. At a second meeting on March 24, 2026, Council will consider the information received and make a decision on the application.

Shelter Outcomes

Since opening in January 2025, Pathways has been operating at approximately 95% capacity. Pathways has provided people experiencing homelessness on the North Shore with:

- 24/7 staff support
- A safe place to sleep
- 3 daily meals
- Access to health and cultural supports
- Support to access housing

According to ASK Wellness Society's report, from March 2025 to December 2025, Pathways and ASK Wellness Society helped:

- 16 people move into housing
- 12 people secure government ID
- 9 people access detox or recovery
- 25 people receive external Ministry-funded health supports
- 15 people connect to community resources

Shelter Guest Stories

Several current and former Pathways guests have shared the impact this shelter has had on their lives:

- "Pathways shelter accommodated myself and my elderly dog. The workers were welcoming and I settled into the routine and was so grateful to be treated with respect and dignity. Within one month of staying at the shelter, I moved into an apartment. I am now doing well and am ever so grateful for the support ASK Wellness has provided me. I never went hungry and there was always someone around for support of any kind."
- "When my marriage ended and I lost everything, Pathways kept me alive. I can honestly say without them I wouldn't be here today. Pathways is a very important place that helps those with medical

needs, mental health needs, and those trapped in addictions. Pathways has done a great job in finding long-term housing for myself and many of my close friends. It is vital that Pathways remain open. It is a positive provider of a safe, healthy environment for both the homeless it houses and the community it serves.”

- “When I stayed with you for those couple months, I was at my absolute lowest point. I was struggling deeply with addiction, and there were moments when things got very difficult. I haven't forgotten the way you stepped in to help me when I couldn't help myself. But more than the medical crisis support, I remember the way you truly saw me as a person. You saw a strength in me that I couldn't see in myself yet, and you kept reminding me that there was a beautiful life waiting for me on the other side of my struggle. Your belief that I could make it through to recovery was the spark I needed to get into detox and eventually a recovery house. Because you didn't give up on me, my life has been completely transformed. I am now 6 months clean. I am working toward a career I am proud of.”

View more guest experiences in the Pathways TUP extension report on the Kamloops City Council meeting agenda for March 10, 2026.

Community Integration

BC Housing and ASK Wellness Society are committed to being good neighbours. We have shared a direct phone number for Pathways with area neighbours. ASK Wellness Society staff are on site 24/7 to support shelter guests and provide a point of contact for neighbours. We also work openly with those who are best able to address safety issues beyond the shelter site. These include bylaw, law enforcement, or other emergency services for whom public safety is their mandate.

ASK Wellness Society staff do weekday site checks 5 times per day beginning at 7 am. These checks help maintain safety and cleanliness, mitigate potential issues, respect bylaws and support ongoing collaboration with City of Kamloops and Community Services Officers.

BC Housing continues to support the operation of Pathways. BC Housing staff provide regular on-site visits, engage with shelter staff and can adjust support levels as needed. BC Housing also participates in broader coordination tables to help ensure this area receives consistent outreach services.

Community Engagement

ASK Wellness Society, in coordination with the City of Kamloops, held quarterly meetings during the first year of shelter operations with nearby businesses and community members. These meetings were on February 20, May 12 and August 7, 2025. These meetings helped share information, address concerns, and keep open communication related to Pathways operations.

Questions?

If you have questions about Pathways' operations, please email ASK Wellness Society at **info@askwellness.ca**.

If you have general questions about this or any other shelter project in BC, please email BC Housing at **communityrelations@bchousing.org**.

Sincerely,

BC Housing
ASK Wellness Society