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Subject: Responses for questions re: Copley TMH tenanting

Dear Mayor and Council,

We have had a few questions come in from the public regarding whether campers from Oppenheimer Park would be moving into the imminent Copley TMH. In anticipation of future questions to Mayor or Councillors, below is some prepared messaging on this matter that will hopefully assist in discussions or responses.

Key messages

- Construction is underway on 3598 Copley Street, a temporary modular housing development which will provide 58 units of housing for people who are without a home. We are hopeful that people will be able to move in by the end of March.
- As with all temporary modular housing developments, one of our priorities is to house people who are currently living in the same neighbourhood as the development and this will continue to be the plan for 3598 Copley.
- The City is currently working with our partners to identify people experiencing homelessness in the local area to move into these homes.
- Tenanting decisions are made on a person-by-person basis in the best interests of both the individual, and the operation and management of the building.
- When selecting tenants for temporary modular housing units, BC Housing, Vancouver Coastal Health, Community Builders Group and the City of Vancouver undertake a thorough and thoughtful process to understand each person's unique needs and ensure they will be met by the services and staffing provided by the building operator (in this case, Community Builders Group).
- We are in the midst of a housing crisis and across the City there are more than 2,200 people who are experiencing homelessness, including over 600 individuals who are without shelter.
- Our outreach team continues to work with people who are experiencing homelessness and sleeping in Oppenheimer Park to connect them with necessary shelter, supports and housing where available. **Consistent with our approach to tenanting and providing shelter for individuals in need, people from Oppenheimer would not be prioritized for the 3598 Copley over those currently experiencing homelessness living in the area.**

If you have any question, please contact Sandra Singh at sandra.singh@vancouver.ca.

Best,
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