



Memorandum

TO: Krista Power, Director – Legislative Services/City Clerk **FILE:**

FROM: Mayor Ken Boshcoff

DATE: 07/17/2025 (mm/dd/yyyy)

SUBJECT: Amendment – Report 239-2025- Temporary Village Initiative – Alternate Locations

MEETING & DATE: City Council – 07/21/2025 (mm/dd/yyyy)

This memorandum provides confirmation that I believe that the temporary village is a safer, healthier alternative to unmanaged encampments. The initiative is a short-term measure necessary to manage encampments and act as a bridge until more affordable, accessible housing options are available. The status quo is not working.

I am asking Council to consider the following amendment to the motion presented in Report 239-2025, which would ask Administration to report back in 2027 with a full report of the status of the village. This would allow City Council to consider necessary changes and evaluate the success of the project and the associated costs.

I present the following amendment for Council's consideration:

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Mayor Ken Boshcoff dated July 17, 2025 and Report 239-2025, we recommend the following paragraphs be added after paragraph 1;

AND THAT Administration provide an update on the temporary village and its associated operation on or before the end of Q2 2027;

AND THAT following the report back in 2027, Council may provide alternate direction relating to the continuation of the temporary village;

Should Council approve the amendment, the amended motion would be as follows:

WITH RESPECT to Report 239-2025, we recommend that 114 Miles Street East be approved as the site for the Temporary Shelter Village Initiative;

AND THAT Administration provide an update on the temporary village and its associated operation on or before the end of Q2 2027;

AND THAT following the report back in 2027, Council may provide alternate direction relating to the continuation of the temporary village;

AND THAT the Director, Strategy & Engagement have delegated authority to make decisions regarding operationalizing the Temporary Shelter Village Initiative;

AND THAT the Director, Strategy & Engagement be authorized to execute documents for the Temporary Shelter Village Initiative for the duration of the project, on terms satisfactory to the City Solicitor and City Manager;

AND THAT the municipally owned property at 142 Simpson Street and immediately adjacent property be excluded in the future identification process for recognized encampment locations;

AND THAT the Miles Street and Simpson Street be added to the Eye on the Street program's Code of Practice, pending a public consultation process;

AND THAT a recurring financial contribution, reviewed annually, of \$125,000 be included in the 2026 Fort William Business Improvement Association (BIA) Budget to support their revitalization efforts and address concerns related to security and cleanliness;

AND THAT Appropriation Change Order 07-2025 be approved;

AND THAT any necessary by-laws be presented to City Council for ratification.