

TO: MAYOR & COUNCILLORS
FROM: CORPORATE OFFICER
SUBJECT: **PETITION: PROPOSED DRUG-PERMITTED SHELTER AT 3020 GILMORE DIVERSION**
PURPOSE: To provide a petition from the WeVote Burnaby Gilmore Shelter Watch regarding the proposed drug-permitted shelter at 3020 Gilmore Diversion, Burnaby.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the attached Petition from the WeVote Burnaby Gilmore Shelter Watch regarding the proposed drug-permitted shelter at 3020 Gilmore Diversion, Burnaby, received by Council on February 24, 2026, be received for information.

1.0 POLICY SECTION

Section 82 of the *Community Charter* states a petition to a council is deemed to be presented to council when it is filed with the Corporate Officer; and a petition to a council must include the full name and residential address of each petitioner.

The *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA) requires those who wish to have their name on public record consent to the disclosure, which is achieved with a notice disclaimer on each petition page.

2.0 BACKGROUND

A petition is a way for residents and other community members to share concerns or issues with Council or advisory bodies.

A petition request must:

- be addressed to Council or a committee
- contain the printed full names and residential addresses of the petitioners
- be received by Legislative Services by Tuesday, noon, a week prior to the Council or committee meeting
- be legible and use respectful language
- each page of the petition must:
 - state the matter they are supporting or opposing
 - contain a privacy disclosure statement

Once a petition is received by the Corporate Officer, the petition is submitted to Council for consideration.

3.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

On February 10, 2026, WeVote Burnaby Gilmore Shelter Watch submitted a petition (Attachment 1) containing 3,515 signatures of residents, expressing opposition to the proposed drug-permitted shelter at 3020 Gilmore Diversion, Burnaby, as the location is unsuitable and will bring serious safety, crime and public disorder risks to the neighbourhood.

The residents requested that the City, BC Housing and the Province halt this project, conduct full community consultation, and consider alternative locations and treatment-focused models that do not endanger nearby residents, businesses and public spaces.

On February 17, 2026, WeVote Burnaby Gilmore Shelter Watch submitted a supplementary petition (Attachment 2) containing 372 residents' signatures.

In total there were 3,887 signatories.

4.0 COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Further details about the City's petition process are on the City's website under Meetings & Public Hearings / Petition Process.

5.0 CERTIFICATION OF THE PETITION

On February 10, 2026, and February 17, 2026, the Deputy Corporate Officer received Petitions from the WeVote Burnaby Gilmore Shelter Watch. The Deputy Corporate Officer certified that the petitions meet all requirements as per the *Community Charter* s. 82 and contains names of 3,887 residents.

6.0 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Not applicable.

Respectfully submitted,

Juli Halliwell, General Manager Legislative Services (Corporate Officer)

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Petition from WeVote Burnaby Gilmore Shelter Watch
- Attachment 2 – Supplementary Petition from WeVote Burnaby Gilmore Shelter Watch

REPORT CONTRIBUTORS

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