

MAKING ROOM: A TRANSITIONAL TINY HOME COMMUNITY

The City of Victoria has set a deadline of March 31st, 2021 to ensure that everyone currently sheltering in parks is offered an indoor space so that 24/7 sheltering in parks can come to an end. There are many solutions underway to create shelter for 200 people.

One of those solutions is Making Room: A Transitional Tiny Home Community for 30 people currently living outside, unhoused.

Working in partnership with the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness (GVCEH) and other community partners, Aryze Developments is proposing these 30 housing units be built using repurposed shipping containers, which will be designed to include a bed, desk, hot plate, fridge, shared shower and washroom facilities and the potential for a shared outdoor kitchen facility.

On January 14th, 2021, Mayor Helps will bring a report to Council recommending that 940 Caledonia Avenue, the Royal Athletic Park Parking lot be used as the site for this transitional tiny home community from March 2021 to September 2022, at the latest, authorizing Aryze Developments to make the temporary use permit application on the City's behalf (the City is the owner of the property).

The project is proposed to be built by Aryze Developments using the funds raised through community donations. Aryze Developments will have no operational role in the proposed community, as all operational roles will be led by an experienced housing provider. Tenant selection for the community will be done by the housing provider, in partnership with Island Health and BC Housing.

If the January 14th recommendations of Mayor Helps are supported by Council, the next steps are for Victoria City Council to consider Aryze Development's temporary use permit application to allow the parking lot to be used for this purpose and to direct staff to expedite the land use process.

There will be an opportunity for public comment at a formal Council meeting once Council has received and reviewed the design from Aryze Developments and the GVCEH, and before Council makes a final decision.

For questions regarding the technical aspects of the proposed community, please contact Jared James at info@aryze.ca

For questions about the process and opportunity for public input, please contact mayor@victoria.ca



