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His Worship John Vassilaki
Mayor of the City of Penticton
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Email: john.vassilaki@penticton.ca

Dear Mayor Vassilaki:

Your letter of May 11, 2021, addressed to Premier John Horgan, concerning the temporary winter shelter in Penticton, has been forwarded to me. As Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing, I am pleased to respond.

As I have mentioned in previous correspondence to you regarding the Victory Shelter, our government recognizes there is a need for housing supports across the province and will continue to work closely with the City of Penticton and other stakeholders to address the need for affordable housing in that community.

As you know, the closing of the shelter would mean that at least 42 people would be forced to sleep in outdoor public spaces, such as in encampments in local parks, as has been witnessed in other municipalities in British Columbia. I hope that you will be working with BC Housing to find an alternate location for the temporary shelter, and I look forward to hearing the progress on that.

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We are working very closely with many municipalities, to deliver thousands of units of housing including supportive housing, emergency shelters, hotel leases and other facilities. BC Housing and the Province will continue to work with municipalities to ensure the health and safety of its citizens.

Thank you for writing.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. Eby', written in a cursive style.

David Eby, QC
Attorney General and
Minister Responsible for Housing

pc: The Honourable John Horgan