**FACTS TO DATE - APRIL 27, 2025**

Currently there are **9** permanent supportive housing buildings in Surrey, NONE OF WHICH ARE ON THE PENINSULA OR IN SOUTH SURREY!  Further, White Rock does not have permanent supportive housing. It is a particular challenge trying to work with two municipal governments (Surrey and White Rock), which govern the Peninsula.

This is what has been done to date:

(1) June 2023. *Forum on Homelessness on the Peninsula*held at Peace Portal Alliance Church.  Approximately 160 people attended to listen to presentations from BC Housing, Options, City of Surrey and Sources.  Video vignettes of unhoused persons on the Peninsula were presented.  Unhoused advocates also attended this Forum.  This forum was sponsored by Peninsula Homeless to Housing Taskforce (PH2H).

(2) Following the Forum Cheryl Lightowlers, Kathy Booth and Bonnie Gillis were asked to video conference with Terry Waterhouse and Aileen Murphy in housing management at the City of Surrey.  We presented our information on the current state of homelessness on the Peninsula at this meeting and delivered **517** signed letters from Peninsula residents.

(3) We were invited to participate in the revamping of the City of Surrey *Homelessness Plan* which was released this year. Go to City of Surrey website to view this report.

(4) We attended Council meetings at the City of White Rock where Cheryl, a White Rock citizen, presented our information along with 517 signed letters from Peninsula residents asking for Permanent Supportive Housing.

(5) In October 2023 we gave a Powerpoint Presentation to *The Liveability and Social Equity Committee* of the City of Surrey (chaired by Pardeep Kooner), once again presenting the need for Permanent Supportive Housing on the Peninsula.  Su Wieczorek, represented the Mount Olive Lutheran Church, who hosted the extreme weather/temporary response shelter for the two years previous to our presentation.  We never heard back from the Committee.

(6) Most recently, in September 2024, Councilor Pardeep Kooner, from the City of Surrey announced at the PH2H meeting that there would be an announcement regarding permanent supportive housing on the Peninsula by the end of the year.  She stated that they were waiting to hear from BC Housing.  There was no announcement by the end of 2024 and when contacted, Councilor Kooner said they were still waiting to hear from BC Housing.

This is where we are today, not much progress and a lot of frustration!

Cheryl Lightowlers, Kathy Booth and Bonnie Gillis