City of Kelowna

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 8, 2005

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TO: City Manager

FROM: Kelowna Partners – Premier's Task Force on Homelessness

SUBJECT: ST. PAUL STREET SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROJECT, PREMIER'S TASK

FORCE

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Report from the Kelowna Partners – Premier's Task Force on Homelessness dated December 8, 2005, Re: St. Paul Street Supportive Housing Project, be received for the information of Council.

BACKGROUND & COMMENTS:

The Premier's Task Force on Homelessness was announced in the Fall of 2004 and the City of Kelowna was selected as one of seven municipalities in the Province to receive funding to address the homelessness issue. A local committee of the Premier's Task Force initiative was formed between Interior Health, BC Housing and the City of Kelowna. The Kelowna project, a 30 unit residential housing complex that includes supportive services for homeless people with addictions, was announced on Tuesday, November 29, 2005.

A meeting with the neighbourhood immediately surrounding the selected site was held on Thursday, December 1, 2005. An open house for the entire community was held on Thursday, December 8, 2005. Questions raised and comments received as a result of those two (2) meetings are available for Council's information.

On Friday, December 9, 2005, a meeting was held with proponents who will be submitting Expressions of Interest to act as building operators for this housing project.

The process agreed to by the Partners anticipated that the neighbourhood would have concerns over the look and operation of this facility. The Partners will continue to collect and document any concerns raised. Once an operator has been selected through the EOI process, the

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Partners and this operator will implement a process to review all concerns raised with the neighbourhood and all stakeholders.

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cc: Consultation & Performance Strategist (via e-mail)

cc: BC Housing (via e-mail)

cc: Interior Health Authority (via e-mail)