

Financial costs

1st Avenue land purchase:

- Purchased for \$4 million in 2020.
- During phase 1 a portion of the land was leased to BC Housing for supportive/affordable housing.
- Phase 2 will see BC Housing provide an additional 51 affordable housing units and an integrated healthcare space operated by Northern Health.

Knights Inn purchase:

- Purchased for \$4.15 million in 2023.
- BC Housing agreed to pay their 24-month lease in advance, contributing \$1,134,000 to the purchase. BC Housing also agreed to contribute \$450,000 towards future demolition costs.

Clean-up service agreement:

- \$50,000 annual service agreement with Downtown PG for downtown street cleaning services, with additional temporary funding in 2021 and 2022 from the Union of BC Municipalities' Strengthening Communities Services Grant Program.

Waste removal at encampment?

- 2024 Spring Clean Up saw 22,650 kg of waste removed from the lower Patricia encampment.

Extra bylaw:

- \$189,051 in 2020 for two compliance assistants to bylaw enforcement officer and two additional bylaw officers, which saw bylaw presence in the downtown increase from five days per week during business hours to seven days per week from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., as part of the 2020 downtown service enhancement package.
- Two outreach coordinators were hired in October 2021 using funding from the UBCM Strengthening Communities' Services Program grant. The grant also funded de-escalation and trauma informed practices training for outreach and bylaw officers, as well as additional use-of-force training for bylaw officers in 2023. In 2024, the outreach positions will become permanent roles in the bylaw services division and are budgeted at \$195,000 to be funded through the tax levy.

Extra RCMP:

- \$273,246 in 2020 for two-member foot/bike patrols operating six hours per day, seven days a week for nine months as part of the 2020 downtown service enhancement package.
- During the past two years, 11 RCMP members and two municipal employees were added. Total annual cost of these new positions is approximately \$2.5 million.