

Open email to Mount Tolmie Community Association (MTCA) current and past members and other interested community members

On Monday, June 14, 24 people moved from Save On Foods Memorial Centre to Mount Tolmie Hospital Temporary Housing. This week Saanich Police have increased their presence in the Mount Tolmie area with extra bike and car patrols. As recommended in their presentation last Friday, they urge local residents to call in any suspicious activity so they can respond appropriately.

A follow up Town hall meeting will be hosted and chaired by the Mayor on Friday, June 18, starting at noon.

Both BC Housing and Portland Housing Society (PHS), which is managing day-to-day operations, will be attending the meeting and available to answer your questions.

Portland Housing Society has been contracted to operate Mount Tolmie Hospital Temporary Housing for BC Housing. PHS Director of Housing, Avery Taylor, has confirmed that 24 people moved to Mount Tolmie Hospital Temporary Housing from Save On Foods Memorial Centre this week, with others able to move directly into permanent housing.

He has received many kind words and offers from Mount Tolmie residents to welcome our new neighbours. He stressed that this positive response means a great deal, both to residents and staff. To find out more about appropriate ways to welcome shelter residents, please contact Avery Taylor directly at: avery.taylor@phs.ca

Please note this will be an MS Teams meeting and not a Zoom meeting. If you have not already received an invitation to join this meeting from the Mayor and would like to attend, please register for the meeting by contacting the Mayor's office directly: Rachel.Mattiuz@saanich.ca

Additionally, the MTCA has received a "WHO TO CALL" MOUNT TOLMIE HOSPITAL sheet from BC housing including contact information for Police, Fire, Bylaw, Ambulance and Shelter. It is attached to this email.

And please forward this information to any of your neighbours.

Sincerely,

Ryon Bateman, PhD

Vice-President and acting President of the Mount Tolmie Community Association
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Information sources:

For questions regarding the duration of the temporary housing at the Mount Tolmie Hospital contact:

David Eby, BC Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing
AG.Minister@gov.bc.ca
Phone: (250) 387-1866

Murray Rankin, local MLA (NDP)
murray.rankin.MLA@leg.bc.ca
Phone: (250) 953-4844

2) For questions regarding the operation of the Mount Tolmie Hospital contact BC Housing:
Heidi Hartman <hhartman@bchousing.org>

Questions can also be submitted to BC Housing online at:
<https://letstalkhousingbc.ca/saanich-mount-tolmie-hospital>

For questions regarding the day-to-day operations and community outreach opportunities with Mount Tolmie Hospital Temporary Housing contact PHS director:
Avery Taylor:avery.taylor@phs.ca

3) For questions regarding local Block Watch (BW) in your neighbourhood, or to sign up for the next BW information session, contact the Saanich Police Dept at:
blockwatch@saanichpolice.ca

4) Should you wish to become a member of the MTCA please contact us.
Similarly, if you do not wish to receive emails from the MTCA please contact us as well.
mtcacontacts@gmail.com