

# Media Release



## **BURNSIDE GORGE CONGRATULATES CITY'S BID ON TRAVELLERS INNS**

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VICTORIA, BC – The Burnside Gorge Community Association (BGCA) congratulates the City of Victoria on purchase offers submitted on three Travellers Inn hotels. The City has stated an intention to protect and create affordable small family housing and supported housing.

“Burnside Gorge advocates strongly for new family housing units,” said Suzanne Cole, Executive Director of the BGCA. “These properties represent an opportunity to address the known, substantial need for family housing in our community.”

The BGCA’s Housing Outreach program works with families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless to find shelter and/or maintain their housing. The Outreach program sees an average of 35 families a month, and has helped over 1,500 families since its inception in 2003.

“We look forward to working collaboratively with the City and their partners to address the housing issues of families currently being housed in motels and providing long-term support for families,” said Cole. “Our goal is to support developments which enhance the neighborhood and build community.”

The Association supports well-planned developments that are safe, affordable, healthy and diverse. Development plans for the Burnside Gorge neighbourhood must have broad and meaningful public input. The community will be observing to ensure that the final use for each site serves the needs of the neighbourhood and meets all zoning requirements.

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