

Oceanside Shelter Pilot Recording Script

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1. Getting Our Ducks in a Row

Welcome. I'm Shayla Day, Founder and CEO of DayHomes Society and Chair of the Oceanside Homeless Task Force. Whether you support this project, have questions, or have concerns, you deserve clear information. We propose a ten-space temporary winter shelter in Parksville, from October fifteenth, twenty twenty-seven to April fifteenth, twenty twenty-eight. Getting our ducks in a row means working through location, funding and responsibilities early, together.

2. A regional need, a Parksville site

People from Qualicum Beach, Errington, Coombs and other Oceanside communities come to Parksville for services. This proposal recognizes that regional need while limiting the site search to Parksville city limits. The map lets you explore the official boundary and nearby streets. A Parksville mailing address alone does not prove a property is inside the city. Every suggested location still needs parcel confirmation and owner permission.

3. What the numbers mean

Our working estimate is forty to fifty people living unsheltered with no fixed address, and a broader group of one hundred and fifty to two hundred people living rough or seeking access. These are frontline estimates, not formal count results. The groups may overlap and must not be added together. We will ask task force partners for current figures, dates and definitions, and reconcile published counts with their original reports.

4. Why ten spaces still matter

Ten spaces cannot meet every housing need. They can give ten people at a time a consistent place to rest and access support. An October fifteenth opening and April fifteenth closure provides one hundred and eighty-three nights. Full occupancy would create one thousand eight hundred and thirty bed-nights. That is capacity, not a predicted result. We will track actual use, the people served and their housing outcomes.

5. The day matters too

The day matters too. We seek a twenty-four-hour site so participants can remain indoors after the overnight sleeping period. Proposed daytime provisions include meals, hygiene, rest, practical skills, appointments and housing navigation. Churches remain a preferred option where they can accommodate that model. We will check provider schedules, eligibility and closures before publishing claims about missed meals or gaps in indoor access. A provider list alone cannot establish those gaps.

6. Booked intake and planned placement

Admission will be by booked intake and planned placement, never first come, first served. Staff will manage referrals, assess support needs, explain expectations and confirm bookings within the ten-space limit. The final plan will spell out allocation and waitlist procedures. We are removing the labels dry and low barrier. Admission, intoxication, substance use, medication and emergency procedures still need explicit wording and review. The actual rules must be clear to everyone.

7. Inside the facility

We will build on our existing modular facility concept: sleeping space, staffed intake, a daytime common area, washrooms, hygiene, food service and secure storage. The interactive walkthrough explains each area. The final layout must fit the selected property, with accessible routes, safe exits, emergency access and workable utilities. The concept is not an approved architectural plan. Technical review and the available budget will determine the final arrangement.

8. Staffing and everyday accountability

Two trained staff on site at all times is the proposed baseline. DayHomes leadership would provide supervision, with shift handovers, incident records, property checks and referrals. Training would cover de-escalation, first aid and emergency response. Because the new season is six months, we will recalculate staffing, relief coverage and payroll costs. The previous seven-month schedule cannot simply be copied, and proposed coverage must have confirmed funding before opening.

9. Safety and being a good neighbour

Participants, staff and neighbours all need safety and accountability. Proposed safeguards include controlled access, property checks, visitor rules and a Good Neighbour Agreement. Lighting, noise, waste and smoking arrangements belong in the site plan. Concerns will be logged, reviewed and followed up through a direct contact route. Urgent danger goes to emergency services. We will report operating concerns and responses while protecting participant privacy, and improve the plan when problems arise.

10. Who leads and who contributes

DayHomes Society is the proposed operator, led by me. The task force provides the community collaboration table. We will seek renewed endorsement of this revised proposal in November. Earlier support is part of our history, but does not approve every new provision. Churches, health and outreach partners, Fire Rescue, RCMP and municipal staff bring different expertise. Each role and commitment needs confirmation. Consultation, funding and operating responsibility must stay clearly distinguished.

11. Where could it fit?

We invite suggestions for properties inside Parksville: church premises, suitable community or institutional buildings, private buildings, or land for temporary modular units. These are search possibilities, not claims of availability or approval. Each suggestion needs owner interest, twenty-four-hour access, suitable space and feasible servicing. Historical sites are not selected for this new pilot. A workable location needs a willing owner, safe access, a manageable approval pathway and practical neighbour safeguards.

12. Funding and approvals

The new pilot needs current costs and confirmed agreements. The earlier seven-month budget ceiling of four hundred and ninety thousand dollars is historical context, not an approved budget for this season. We will price staffing, premises, modular units, utilities, food, insurance and closure. Municipal staff must confirm requirements for the chosen property. Site permission, funding and the operating model must align before opening, with lease conditions that avoid unresolved personal financial exposure.

13. How we will judge the pilot

We will measure occupancy, referrals, service connections and housing outcomes, alongside incidents and neighbour concerns. A three-month review will help improve operations. Public reporting will use aggregate information and protect privacy. Closure planning starts early, with participant transition plans, referrals, structure removal where required and property restoration. A future season would need a separate decision. The pilot should give the community evidence about what worked, what changed and what still needs attention.

14. The next steps belong to all of us

November's task force review begins the next stage: current numbers, partner roles and endorsement of the revised direction. We will then screen Parksville sites and work through funding and approvals. Before opening, we need confirmed agreements, staffing, operating procedures and readiness checks. Explore the map, suggest a location or raise a specific concern. Everyone can help make this proposal stronger. Leave the place better than we found it. That is our standard.