

## NOTICE OF VARIANCE APPLICATION

Dear Area Resident,

The City of Brandon has applied for a land use variance at the City owned property at 353-16<sup>th</sup> St N to allow for the development of a Sobering Centre in addition to the already approved Transitional Housing project on this site.

The City of Brandon has been fortunate enough to receive funding from the Province of Manitoba's Department of Justice to construct much needed Sobering Centre. This site has been identified as an appropriate location for this service.

The Sobering Centre will be built adjacent to the Transitional Housing on the east side. The goal is to construct them concurrently by the same builder. The Transitional Housing will be built and operated by the John Howard Society of Brandon (JHS). While the Sobering Centre will be built by the JHS, the operator of the Sobering Centre is yet to be determined through a Request for Proposal process from the City. The Province has committed to the annual operating budget for the centre.

The Brandon Sobering Centre will be a safe, supportive, trauma informed and supervised environment caring for publicly intoxicated individuals until they are sober. A Sobering Centre can be the first step to recovery and a more stable life for an individual, addressing practical and immediate needs while working with community partners or additional services.

### Benefits of a Sobering Centre for Individuals

- No cost temporary stay until able to return safe to the community
- Referrals for behavioral and physical health and social services
- Prevention of criminal record For Communities
- Community safety
- Prevention of unnecessary health and public safety expenses
- Reduced jail and emergency room crowding and usage
- Increased medical professional and law enforcement time to handle more appropriate issues



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#### 7 Characteristics of a Sobering Centre

- ✓ **Accessible:** available 24/7 to those in need
- ✓ **Collaborative:** operates in partnership with local law enforcement, emergency services, and/or health and community organizations
- ✓ **Community-based:** responsive to local needs
- ✓ **Non-punitive:** client-centred and avoids criminalizing substance use disorders
- ✓ **Safe:** regular monitoring by specialized staff
- ✓ **Trauma-informed:** acknowledges the widespread impact of societal injustices
- ✓ **Cost-effective:** avoids unnecessary interaction with more costly systems
  - National Sobering Collective, 2022

Please reach out to me via email or phone call to discuss any questions, comments or concerns you have on the application.

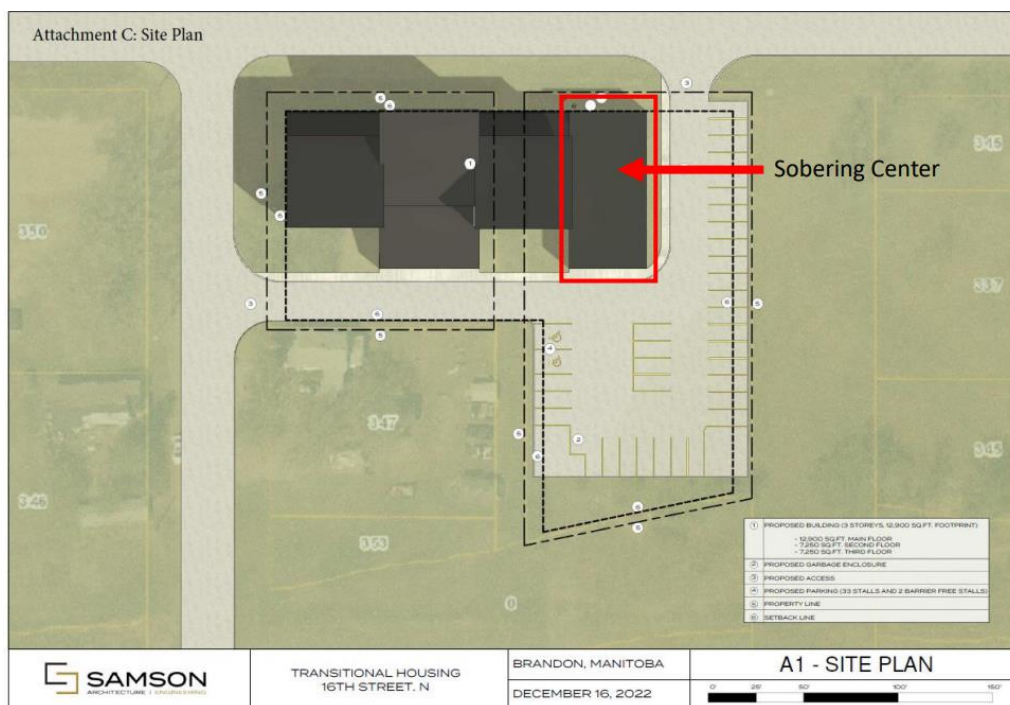
Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Saltarelli".

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Property at 353-16<sup>th</sup> St N



Concept of a potential Transitional Housing and Sobering Centre site plan (draft only)



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## Sobering Centre Community Participation Report for 353-16<sup>th</sup> St N

As per the City of Brandon Public Outreach Requirements [Section 13 of By-law No. 7124]; Prior to the public hearing, the applicant shall provide a community participation report to Administration. The report shall include the following:

Method(s) of notification;

A list of the properties that were notified;

A summary of comments or concerns;

A summary of any efforts made to address those comments or concerns; and

If a public meeting was held, the date and location of the meeting.

### **Method(s) of notification**

- Notification was provided by mailout for the following properties owners: 601-775 Broadway Ave (Winnipeg), 909 Jarvis Ave (Winnipeg), and PO Box 928 (The Pas).
- Face to face notification was provided on Sept 25<sup>th</sup> at 345-18<sup>th</sup> St N and 1535 McGregor Ave. Also spoke over the phone with the owner at 345-18<sup>th</sup> St N and the owner at 1515 Parker Blvd on Sept 25<sup>th</sup>.
- A notification was left in mailbox Sept 25<sup>th</sup> at 347-16<sup>th</sup> St N as the home owner was not home.

### **A list of the properties that were notified**

The list was provided by the City Planning Department was as follows:

PROPERTY OWNER	ADDRESS	CITY
PROPERTY OWNER	1515 PARKER BLVD	BRANDON
PROPERTY OWNER	1535 MCGREGOR AVE	BRANDON
PROPERTY OWNER	345 18TH ST N	BRANDON
PROPERTY OWNER	347 16TH ST N	BRANDON
PROPERTY OWNER	909 JARVIS AVE	WINNIPEG
PROPERTY OWNER	601 275 BROADWAY	WINNIPEG
PROPERTY OWNER	PO BOX 928	THE PAS

### **A summary of comments or concerns and efforts made to address those comments or concerns**

- The consensus for all those I spoke to on Sept 25<sup>th</sup> was that Sobering Centre is a needed service in the City and there was no resistance to the project itself or questions about the variance application or land use.

- One concern was that the area does not become “like downtown” and some questions about safety. I did speak to the security and safety of the operations and tie in with BPS and BFES. More traffic into the area and police presence should increase safety in the area.

**No public meeting was held**

