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Informed Consent by Subjects to Participate in a Research Project : Representing Community, CMNS 4020, Fall 2022 HOUSING IN KAMLOOPS

The University and those conducting this project subscribe to the ethical conduct of research and to the protection at all times of the interests, comfort, and safety of subjects. This form and the information it contains is given to you for your own protection and full understanding of the procedures, risks and benefits involved in this research project or experiment. You may contact the Research Ethics Board at TRU at research@tru.ca.

This consent form, a copy of which has been given to you, is only part of the process of informed consent. It should give you the basic idea of what the research is about and what your participation will involve. If you would like more details, feel free to ask at any time. Please take the time to read this carefully and to understand any accompanying information.

In order to reach even the average level of per-capita housing in G7 countries, city planners in Kamloops have determined that the city requires approximately 5000 more housing units across the entire housing spectrum, from emergency shelters through to market housing. The course CMNS 4020 seeks to assist the City in telling this story. Our audience is largely Kamloops residents; we hope to provide a context through which they can understand the housing situation in Kamloops. We do not seek to tell individual stories, but rather to explain system-wide issues that contribute to Kamloops' current housing crisis. This project is yet another example of the City and the university combining expertise to engage with the community.

I have been asked by my professor, Dr. Kathleen Scherf of the Department of Communication and Visual Arts at Thompson Rivers University, to participate in this undergraduate research project (CMNS 4020) that will create an online deep map of that helps to tell the story of housing in Kamloops and that assists and informs the community about this vital topic. I am asking you to be part of this project. The map will be posted on the website housinginkamloops.trubox.ca on 30 November 2022 and may also appear on City platforms. A previous course, in cooperation with the City, mapped food security in Kamloops; it can be found at www.foodloops.trubox.ca.

The information you share with us will help us accomplish this project, and aid us in learning communication and presentation skills. We will be asking questions that will help the community understand the current housing crisis: who is it affecting, how did the current situation come about, how does the housing continuum work, what are the categories of housing, what are the City's housing goals, how do we get there, where are the roadblocks, etc. We intend to use videos, images, text, and links that you share in our deep map. We will provide anonymity if you request it by removing any identifying features of your remarks, although it is largely because of your position that you bring authoritative knowledge to bear in the issue. We will also share our draft with you before publishing, to ensure that we have captured what you want to say.

There is no risk to you in participating; rather, there is great benefit in offering your expertise to create an informed and engaged Kamloops community. We students in the course must complete a federal Tri-Agency research ethics module (<https://tcps2core.ca/welcome>) before commencing interviews; videos interviews will

focus on your expertise on housing issues in Kamloops. B-roll and still photos will include shots of Kamloops, as well as public buildings that provide examples of types of housing. In these latter, we will blur faces if any individuals are in the shot.

Your signature on this form indicates that you understand the information regarding this research project, including the low level of risk involved, and that you voluntarily agree to participate in this project as a subject expert.

You also understand that you may refuse to participate or withdraw your participation in this project up until 29 November without consequence, but once the map is published on 30 November, its content is set. You will see what we propose to publish before 29 November.

You may ask any questions or register any complaint about the project with Prof. Kathleen Scherf at 250.574.6260 or kath@tru.ca.

Participant Name: (Please Print) _____

Participant Contact info : _____

Participant's signature _____ Date _____

Student researcher's signature _____ Date _____