

Community Survey

The Red Deer Homeless Foundation created Project Nexus. It would include shelter services and other social support services in one location in the river valley across the street from the Olymel Plant and the City of Red Deer civic yards.

Red Deer Mayor and Council want to know what people think about the possible change in zoning for the Nexus location. The location, 7740 - 40th Avenue (old Peavey Mart warehouse) is currently zoned Heavy Industrial. The Homeless Foundation wants new zoning (DC-Direct Control) that could allow for future shelter use.

The following links give more detailed information about the project and the rezoning process. Please take a moment to look over the information.

[Location of Proposed Site](#)

[Project Nexus](#)

[City of Red Deer Rezoning Information Package](#)

Volunteers are asking you to share your thoughts and needs because it is important for people that use or could use a homeless shelter to get to share their feedback on these proposed changes.

All questions are optional except for four and they are just check boxes. This survey does not ask your name and no names will be attached to your answers. Only the people who have offered the survey to you will know you were involved.

The information gathered in this survey will be shared as you have written it with Red Deer Mayor and City Council for their Public Hearing on February 25th, 2026. It will be posted on the United Way of Central Alberta website and on social media.

Another option is to speak to City Council on Wednesday, February 25th at 3 pm either online or in person. We can share more on how that works.

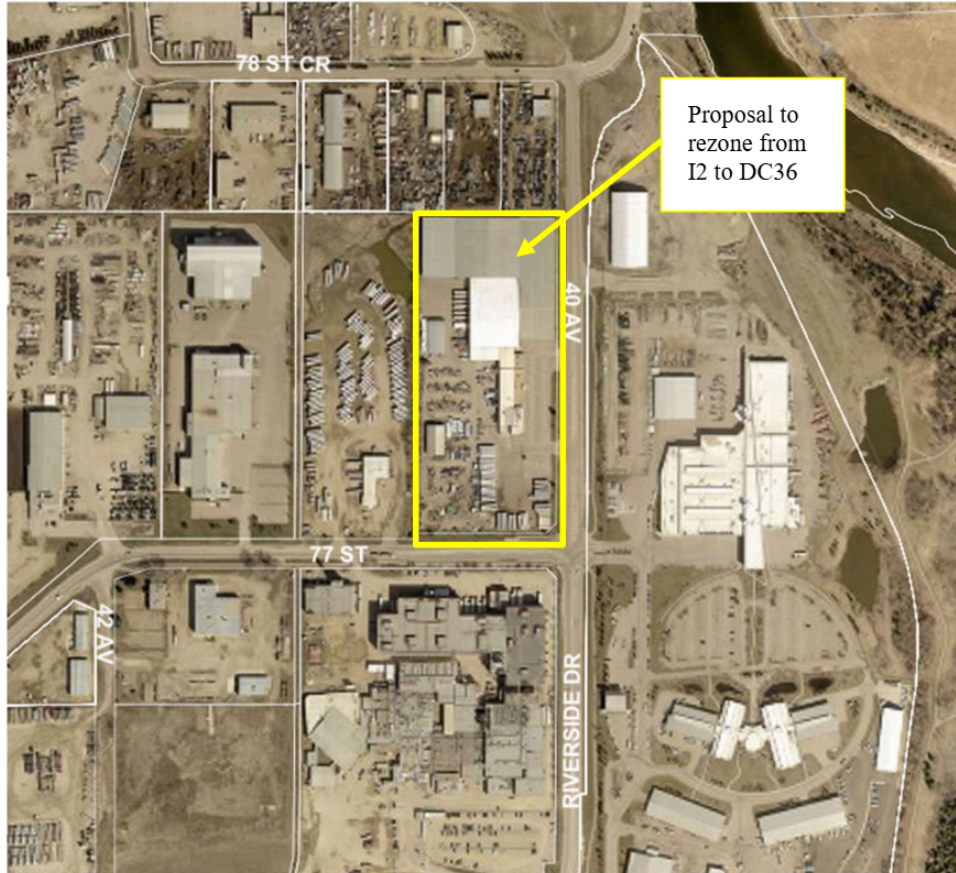
* Indicates required question

Proposed Location, Peavey Mart Warehouse

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Address: 7740 40 Avenue



Thank you for doing this survey. Please only do it once, we want at least 100 different people sharing their feedback.

1. Do you live in Red Deer? * Required Question

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Sometimes

2. Age * Required Question

Mark only one oval.

- 18 and under
- 19-25
- 26-40
- 41-55
- 56-70
- 71-85
- 86+

3. Gender * Required Question

Check all that apply.

- Woman
- Man
- Non-binary or Genderfluid
- Two Spirit
- Prefer Not to Say
- Other: _____

4. Ethnicity (if you are comfortable sharing, choose as many as apply) *
Required Question

Check all that apply.

- First Nations
- Inuit
- Métis
- Indigenous
- Black (e.g. (e.g. African ancestry, Caribbean descent, African American, African Nova Scotian)
- East Asian (eg. China, Japan, Korea, etc.)
- Hispanic or Latino
- Middle Eastern/West Asian/North African (e.g., Algeria, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel/Palestinian Territories, Jordan, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, etc.)
- South Asian (e.g., Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, etc.)
- Southeast Asian (e.g., Cambodia, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, etc.)
- White (e.g., European ancestry, Caucasian)
- Another ethnicity not listed above

5. Before this survey did you know about Project Nexus?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- I'm not sure

6. Before this survey did you know about the proposed rezoning?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- I'm not sure

7. Which best describes you?

Mark only one oval.

- I currently use a shelter
- I've used a shelter in the past 3 months
- I've used a shelter in the past 6 months
- I've used a shelter in the last year
- I've used a shelter longer than a year ago
- I may need to use a shelter in the future
- Other:

8. Where/how did you spend your night last night?

Mark only one oval.

- I didn't sleep
- Couch surfing
- Sleeping at home
- Sleeping in a shelter
- Sleeping in a vehicle
- Sleeping in a warming centre
- Sleeping outdoors
- Other:

Tell us about this possible location

9. Are you familiar with the area of the proposed location?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Kind of

10. How would you get to the shelter if it was located here? (select all that apply)

Check all that apply.

- Bike
- Bus
- Drive
- Taxi/Uber
- Walk
- I wouldn't travel to this location

11. The proposed location is 5 km from City Hall Park and would take about an hour to walk to.

How would you rate the length of this walk as part of your regular routine? (Skip if not applicable)

Mark only one oval.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Uncomfortable Comfortable Walking Distance
Walking Distance

12. Please rate the safety of the suggested location in the following areas:

Check all that apply.

	Very safe	Safe	Unsure	Unsafe	Very Unsafe	Not applicable
Access to sidewalks & crosswalks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access to somebody to help in an emergency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Biking to the location	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bussing to the location	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Heavy Industrial Traffic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lighting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Walking to the location	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wildlife interactions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

13. Do you have anything to share about personal safety while getting to this location?

14. Do you have more to share about traffic /road safety?

15. Heavy industrial zones, like the area surrounding the proposed location, may contain chemicals, industrial waste, soil contamination, fumes, and industrial noise.

Would this impact your choice to access Project Nexus?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Maybe
- I'm unsure
- Other: _____

16. Would you consider accessing this location in extreme weather? (really hot, rainy, really cold, windy, snowing)

Mark only one oval.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Unlikely Likely

17. Do you have more to share about weather and your access to this location?

18. Do you support the rezoning of this property for shelter use?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

19. What are the most important things you want Red Deer City Council to know when making this zoning decision?

Service Model

Project Nexus would include a shelter space and and a range of community services in one location

20. Knowing people who use shelters are the intended clients, what do you think of these services being included in the same building?

Check all that apply.

	Must be included	Optional	Should not be included	Does not affect me
Employment and Life-Skills Support	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
English Language Learning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Food Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Housing Intake and Navigation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health Care	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laundry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mental Health Care	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pet Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recovery Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
RCMP/Security	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Showers/Washrooms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Storage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

21. What other services would you want to see?

22. Do you think Project Nexus, as a combined shelter and support services hub, is of value to you and your community at this location?

Mark only one oval.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Not Valuable Very Valuable

23. Would your opinion of Project Nexus change if it was located somewhere else?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Maybe
- Unsure

24. What are the most important things you want anyone running a shelter and services hub to know?

25. Is there anything else you want to add?

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