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Homeless Shelter For Sale

Thursday, February 13, 2014 11:20 AM by Kevin Bernard
"The Sanctuary" is for sale, but there's hope it will stay in operation
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[A building that houses the only emergency homeless shelter in Owen Sound is now up for sale.](#)

[Pastor Randy Kennedy of the Victorious Living Centre on 2nd Avenue East, says "The Sanctuary" is listed for \\$425,000.](#)

[His hope is that someone will purchase the building and take over the homeless shelter. Kennedy says maybe someone else can get the ongoing support that the VLC has never received from the County, City of Owen Sound or the local churches.](#)

[The Victorious Living Centre has struggled to stay open and in mid-December the natural gas was turned off for unpaid bills.](#)

[However, churches in Woodford and Sauble Beach paid to have it turned back on.](#)

[Five years ago, the VLC received over \\$286,000 from the Federal Homelessness Partnering strategy.](#)

[That grant stipulated the 15 bed facility had to remain as an operating emergency shelter for five years.](#)

[That requirement ends this month.](#)

[Pastor Kennedy says if the building sells, they'll have enough to continue operating the soup kitchen, and drop-in centre.](#)

[For now, the homeless shelter will remain open, until a deal on the building is struck.](#)