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Subject: Emergency response centres - update

Good afternoon Mayor and Council,

I am writing to provide you with an update on the status of the two emergency response centres that are presently in operation at Coal Harbour and Roundhouse Community Centres.

- In late March, at VCH's request, the City worked with BC Housing and VCH to deploy two recreation centres as Emergency Response Centres (ERCs) to create additional capacity to support physical distancing requirements in other shelters, and to create options for individuals being discharged from hospital with no fixed address. Coal Harbour and Roundhouse were identified as the locations based on the criteria set out by VCH.
- In anticipation of BC Restart, staff started working with VCH and BC Housing to plan for the standing down of the two ERCs over the summer.
- VCH has confirmed that they are supportive of winding down these two sites with the caveat that we may need to activate ERCs again in the fall if we see a resurgence of COVID.
- As of yesterday, RH had 32 guests and CH had 17 guests.
- Homelessness Outreach Staff are working with BCH and VCH to review and assess the needs of ERC clients to support relocation efforts – with the aim to have clients relocated to other indoor spaces by end of June.
- Our joint VCH/BC Housing/COV working group are undertaking scenario planning on various options in the event of a resurgence in the fall as well as in the event of outbreaks in the DTES. This work will consider what we learned from the last two months.
- The current plan is to have Parks staff access the community centres end of July or early August to do program and space planning for an anticipated re-opening of community centres in September or later in the fall (to be confirmed).

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Sandra Singh.

Best,
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