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Subject:

Winter Shelters and Extreme Weather Response Beds

**Attachments:** 

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Greetings Mayor and Council-

Given the extreme cold weather, we are working to make sure that there is adequate space for people to get inside off the streets. Please find attached a summary of the 195 winter shelter beds and 274 Extreme Weather Beds that are open tonight.

This afternoon and evening Community Services Staff have worked to understand if there is access to enough Extreme Weather Shelter for people on this cold night.

## Situation:

- 1. We have followed up with the EWR Response Shelters and been advised by Salvation Army's Belkin and Lighthouse shelters that they will not turn anyone away during this cold spell.
- 3. Capacity reports for the last few days are showing 110-115% for EWR beds.
- 2. We have directed the Gathering Place to open early at 8:30 pm tonight and tomorrow night. They have 40 mats. Last night Gathering place had 10 empty mats.
- 3. Carnegie Outreach team are on the streets and directing outdoor sleepers to shelters
- 3. VPD advises officers regularly help outdoor sleepers find shelter through 211 and transport them there. Also VPD has legislative authority to arrest a person exhibiting hypothermia and take them to hospital for their safety.
- 4. Carnegie Outreach advises that there are no outdoor sleepers at Evelyne Saller.

We will continue to monitor the situation tonight and tomorrow to determine is there is additional actions that should be undertaken.

Best

Sadhu

## 2016-2017 Temporary Winter Shelter Beds

Address	Opening Date	Operator	Hours	# Beds	Target Demo	Comments
134 E. Cordova	Wed, Oct. 14	Salvation Army	8:00pm- 8:00am	40	Men and Women	Opened early for encampment - one person took a spot - now full
119 E. Cordova	Tues. Nov. 1	Salvation Army	24 hours	30	Men only	
49 W. Cordova	Tues. Nov. 1	PHS	9pm- 9am	30	Men and women	Beds reserved for encampment
1648 E 1st Ave	Tues. Nov. 15	RainCity	24 hours	40	Men and women	Community Dialogue Session: Nov. 7, 6-8 WISE Hall
1401 Hornby	Thurs. Dec. 1	RainCity	24 hours	40	Men and women	Community Dialogue Session: Nov. 15 6-8pm Chateau Granville Hotel
1138 Burrard	Thurs. Dec. 1	Directions	6:30am	15	Male and female youth (19-24 only)	
Total TWS beds 195						

## 2016-2017 Available Extreme Weather Beds (TOTAL 274 beds:

- 1. Catholic Charities 828 Cambie Street 24 beds for men.
- 2. Directions Youth Services Centre 1138 Burrard St, 15 beds for youth (24 year of age and under)
- 3. First Baptist Church 969 Burrard St 25 beds
- 4. The Gathering Place 609 Helmcken St 40 beds
- 5. St Mark's Extreme Weather Shelter 1805 Larch St 25 beds
- 6. Tenth Alliance Church 10th Ave W 25 beds
- 7. Union Gospel Mission 601 East Hastings St 20 beds for men
- 8. The Salvation Army Belkin House 555 Homer St 13 beds for men and 7 for women

- 9. The Salvation Army Harbour Light 134 East Cordova 40 beds10. Evelyne Saller Centre 320 Alexander St 40 beds

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