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Greetings Mayor and Council

To increase capacity during the upcoming cold nights on the downtown peninsula, the EWR shelters at Gathering Place and 1st Baptist Church on Burrard are being opened for the next three nights. (Usually when the EWR shelters are opened, only one of those two sites are open on a given night.) This is in addition to the information listed below.

Best

Sadhu

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**City of Vancouver
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City to re-open two warming centres for three nights

Due to expected cold weather, the Extreme Winter Response (EWR) Shelters have been activated for the next three nights (December 23, 24 and 25).

In support of this, the City will re-open warming centres at two locations for the same time period from 9pm - 9am each day:

- Creekside community centre
- The Hall at 1739 Venables (affiliated with Britannia community centre)

Last weekend, the City opened up three temporary warming centres to support the activation of the EWR which were used by more than 70 people each night. These warming shelters, while not full service shelters with beds, offer a place to get out of the weather and warm up.

Community centres and other public buildings are also available during their open hours as spaces to warm up.

There are 956 permanent shelter beds in Vancouver, an additional 195 temporary winter shelter beds, and up to 234 beds available during extreme weather. Those looking for shelter space can call 2-1-1 to check availability.

Visit the City's website for more information on the [Winter Response Shelter Strategy](#).

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