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To: "All Staff (COV) - DL"
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Subject: Request for additional City Staff to support Warming Centre Operations

Dear Colleagues,

The City of Vancouver's Homelessness Services co-ordinates the operations of overnight Warming Centres, during very cold evenings in four Centres in Vancouver. These Warming Centres provide life-saving spaces for people who are sleeping outside.

Due to the recent drop in temperatures and the forecast for continuing cold and snowy weather over the next 10 days, we need additional staff for overnight shifts at the Warming Centres, and are asking for existing City Staff to consider if they are interested in taking on some of this very important work.

The Warming Centres open in Commercial Drive, Downtown Eastside, Downtown and West End from around 9pm until 7 am.; they do not have beds, but people are welcome to come in with their own bedding. Staff duties include assisting with setting up, operating and closing the Centre. During the shift, staff will distribute coffee, hot chocolate, and water to members of the public taking refuge from the cold at the Warming Centres.

If you are interested in adding some of these very important shifts to your work with the City of Vancouver, please check-in with your Supervisor to determine how this can fit in with your current work. Depending on how many hours you are working, you may be entitled to over-time.

To sign up, please email gloria.leung@vancouver.ca or call 604-968-0719.

Thank you for your consideration and help with keeping these Warming Centres open for people living outside in this cold weather.

Best,
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