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Subject: Confidential - winter response shelters

Attachments: Memo to Mayor and Council - Winter Response Shelter and Hornby Shelter E....pdf

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Good morning Mayor and Council,

We have been advised that the Province and BC Housing intend to announce \$3.1 million in operating funding to keep eight temporary shelters in the city open for the next 12 months. The funding will allow for 238 temporary shelter beds in Vancouver to remain open until March 2020. The memorandum attached provides additional information on the locations that will remain open.

The Province will be announcing this funding contribution in a news release scheduled for some time this afternoon (Monday, March 4). In respect of this announcement, we ask that you to keep the information in this memo confidential until the Province issues their news release.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to connect with Sandra Singh.

Best,
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MEMORANDUM - CONFIDENTIAL

March 4, 2019

TO: Mayor and Council

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FROM: Sandra Singh, General Manager, Arts, Culture and Community Services

SUBJECT: 2018-2019 Temporary Shelter Extensions

This memorandum serves to inform Mayor and Council that BC Housing will announce its intent to extend funding for 238 temporary shelter beds in Vancouver. A news release will be sent by the Province this afternoon (Monday, March 4). In conjunction with this announcement, City staff will be notifying the public and Temporary Shelter Community Advisory Committees. The following shelter beds will remain open:

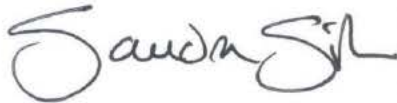
- Catholic Charities: 20 beds at 828 Cambie St. - open 4 p.m. to 8 a.m.
- Directions (Family Services): 12 beds at 1138 Burrard St. - open 9 p.m. to 9 a.m.
- Community Builders Benevolence Group: 40 beds (increase of 10 beds) at 1060 Howe St. - open 4 p.m. to 10 a.m.
- Atira Women's Resource Society: 16 beds at 131 Dunlevy Ave. - open 6 p.m. to 9 a.m.
- Salvation Army: 40 beds at 134 E Cordova St. - open 8 p.m. to 8 a.m.
- Salvation Army: 30 beds at 138 E Cordova St. - open 24/7
- 40 beds at 1648 East 1st Ave. - open 24/7 (new operator to be determined, potential new location beyond June 2019 to be determined)
- 40 beds at 1401 Hornby St. - open 24/7 (new operator to be determined)

- Since 2009, the City has partnered with BC Housing to open approximately 300 temporary shelter beds during the winter months, in addition to the more than 900 year-round shelter beds that are available in Vancouver.
- This year, Temporary Shelters were opened starting November 2018, by the City and BC Housing. 298 beds are available at 10 locations, until the end of March 2019.
- Two of these temporary locations will be closing on or after March 30, 2019, accounting for 70 beds. It is the intent of BC Housing to open 10 additional beds at one site, for a total of 238 beds to remain open until March 31, 2020.
- Temporary Shelters are currently operating at full capacity every night since opening.
- All shelters will be operated by an experienced non-profit operator, and will help to address the needs of people who are homeless while transitional and permanent social housing is made available.
- The City's Homelessness Outreach Team will continue to work with operators to provide support to guests at shelter sites and ensure residents are connected to income assistance, relevant health supports, and have access to housing.

Homelessness Services staff has a Memorandum of Understanding with BC Housing in regards to the temporary shelters. It is the intent of the City of Vancouver, in partnership with BC Housing, to keep the temporary shelters open until March 31, 2020.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,



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