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Attachments: Winter Response Beds 2019-2020.pdf

Hello Mayor and Council,

As the weather gets colder, we are all concerned about the health and safety of people sleeping outside across our City. Sandra prepared the following remind for you:

We have several activations over the winter and during extreme cold. We understand that these services are not viewed as the best fit for everyone, but they are warm and the staff of these space providers work very hard to provide welcoming and safe environments. We are hoping that community organizers and workers encourage people to come inside from the cold where it is warm and safe.

Attached is the full list of our winter response activations: Winter beds, EWR, and Warming Centres. As well, below are some potential key points in case you are asked about where people can go to keep warm during this cold weather.

Warming Centres

- Warming Centres are activated at -5 degrees Celsius (or "feels like" -5) or below and act as a life-saving response to extreme cold weather that presents a life safety risk to those experiencing homelessness and sleeping outside.
- Warming centres are welcoming to all, reduce barriers to access warm space, by allowing visitors may bring their pets, bikes, and carts with them. Hot drinks and snacks will be available.
- While they are not set up with beds or mats, they provide a safe, warm space for people who might be living outside, and people with their own bedding may choose to sleep at the warming centre.
- This season, 4 sites (for roughly 150 people) will be opened.
- Community centres and other public buildings are also available during their opening hours as spaces to warm up during extreme weather conditions
- Visit the City's website for more information on the Winter Response Shelter Strategy

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Winter Shelter Response in Vancouver 2019-2020

Temporary Winter Shelter Beds – Opened Nov 1, 2019 until March 31, 2020

Temporary Winter Shelter Address	Beds	Operating Hours	Operator	Call Ahead to Confirm Availability	Accessibility/Pets/Carts
1401 Hornby St.	40, all genders	24 hours, 7 days per week	Community Builders Group	604.620.9253	Not accessible. Pets Ok. Shopping Carts Ok.
609 Helmcken St. (Gathering Place)	30, for men and women	8:30pm – 7:30am, 7 days per week,	The Gathering Place Community Centre	10am to 8pm, 604-665-2391 and 8pm to 7:30am, 604-257-3846	Not fully accessible, Mat program. No supports. Walkers, Canes ok. No pets, no cart storage
134 East Cordova Ave. (Anchor of Hope)	40, all genders	8pm – 8am, 7 days per week,	Salvation Army	604-646-6846 During evening hours of operation (604 833 2142)	Wheelchair accessible. No pets. No cart storage
138 East Cordova St. (Sutherland)	30, for men	24 hours, 7 days per week,	Salvation Army	604-646-6846 During evening hours of operation (604 833 2142)	Not Accessible. No pets. No cart storage.
119 East Cordova St. (Chapel Shelter)	40, for men and women	10pm – 7am, 7 days per week,	Salvation Army	604-646-6846 During evening hours of operation (604 833 2142)	Not Accessible. No pets. No cart storage.
1648 E 1st Ave.	40, all genders	24 hours, 7 days per week,	Community Builders Group	604.620.9513	Not accessible. Pets Ok. Shopping Carts Ok.
1138 Burrard St. (Directions)	12, for youth	9pm - 9am, 7 days per week,	Directions Youth Services	Lottery for available beds at 8:30pm each night 604-633-1472	Not fully accessible, Mat program. No supports. Pets ok (with restrictions) No cart storage.
828 Cambie St. (Catholic Charities)	20, for men	4pm – 8:00am, 7 days per week,	Catholic Charities Men's Hostel	604-443-3292	Not accessible. No pets. No cart storage.

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Temporary Winter Shelter Address	Beds	Operating Hours	Operator	Call Ahead to Confirm Availability	Accessibility/Pets/Carts
1060 Howe St.	40, for men and women	4pm - 10am 7 days per week	Community Builders Group	604-428-3686	Not fully accessible, Mat program. No supports. Walkers, Canes ok. Pets Ok. Shopping Carts Ok.
131 Dunlevy Ave. (Sister Space)	16, for women	6:00pm – 9am, 7 days per week,	Atira Women's Resource Society	604-602-9463	Not fully accessible. Walkers, Canes ok. Pets ok (with restrictions) No cart storage
342 Alexander St (The Sisterhood)	21, for women	24 hours, 7 days per week	Atira Women's Resource Society	604-681-7916	Not fully accessible. Walkers, Canes ok. Pets ok (with restrictions) No cart storage

Extreme Weather Response Sites 2019-2020

This program is designed to provide time-limited, weather responsive, temporary shelter spaces in Vancouver when there is not sufficient emergency shelter bed capacity during extreme weather conditions. EWR shelter beds are activated by Homelessness Services Association of BC (HSABC) under the following criteria:

- Temperatures near zero with rainfall that makes it difficult or impossible for those experiencing homelessness to remain dry
- Sleet or freezing rain
- Snow accumulation
- Sustained high winds
- Temperatures at or below 0°C, or "feels like" 0°C with wind chill
- Rainfall of at least 50mm in a 24-hour period

Site	Address	Beds	Operating Hours	Operator	Notes	Details
10th Avenue Alliance Church	11 W. 10 th Ave	25, for all genders		Lookout Health and Housing Society	Will only activate Monday-Friday only	
Directions Youth Services Centre	1138 Burrard St	15 for youth, all genders	10:00pm-7:00am	Directions Youth Services	Youth only	Will provide overnight accommodation to 15 youth (24 years of age and under). Mats provided after midnight. Pets accepted to a maximum of 4 animals.
First Baptist Church	969 Burrard	25, for all genders		First Baptist Church	Will only activate Monday-Thursday only	
Belkin House	555 Homer St	15 men, 5 women	11:00pm -7:30am	The Salvation Army		
Evelyne Saller Centre	320 Alexander St	55, all genders	Operates between 11:00pm and 8:00am Monday through Friday and between 10:00pm and 8:00am on weekends	City of Vancouver		A variety of food options offered before going to sleep and in the morning. No pets.
Walton EWR Shelter	261-B East Hastings St	20, all genders	8:30pm-7:30am	Lookout Health and Housing Society		Pet friendly, some restrictions apply

If you have questions, or would like to be added to the EWR activation list, please contact Chloe Good at HSABC : chloe.good@hsa-bc.ca ; Cell: (778) 855-2575

Warming Centres 2019-2020

-5°C or below (or it feels like -5°C or below).

Warming centres are activated by the City of Vancouver Warming Centre coordinator, when the temperature reaches -5°C or below (or it feels like -5°C or below).

Each site can accommodate everyone, and accept pets, bikes, and carts. Hot beverages and snacks are available. No reservation required. While they are not set up with beds or mats, they provide a safe, warm space for people who might be living outside, and people with their own bedding may choose to sleep at the warming centre.

Site	Address	Operating Hours	Operator	Notes	Details
Powell St Getaway	528 Powell St	9:00PM to 7:00AM	Lookout Health and Housing Society		Accessible, Pets Ok with leash. Shopping Carts Ok.
Britannia Community Centre	1739 Venables St	9:00pm-8:30am	Britannia Community Centre		Accessible, Pets Ok with leash. Shopping Carts Ok.
Vancouver Aquatic Centre	1050 Beach Ave	10:00am- 6:00am	City of Vancouver		Accessible, Pets Ok with leash. Shopping Carts Ok.
Overdose Prevention Society	58 East Hastings St	11pm to 8am	Overdose Prevention Society	*This site is an overdose prevention site that provides harm reduction overnight during Warming Centre activations	Accessible, Pets Ok, with leash. Shopping Carts Ok.
Carnegie Community Centre	401 Main St		City of Vancouver	(Backup site, If and when needed only; starting January)	Accessible, Pets Ok with leash. Shopping Carts Ok.

If you have questions, or would like to be added to the Warming Centre activation list, please contact Gloria Leung : Gloria.Leung@vancouver.ca
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