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Subject: Invitation to Participate in teh 2020 Homeless Count

Good Morning Mayor and Council,

Last year, I had the opportunity to participate in the homeless count. I am writing to invite you to participate in this year's count. This year's annual Homeless Count coincides with the Metro Vancouver Count which takes place every three years. The Count will take place on the evening of March 3 and March 4 during the day and is being convened by Vancity.

As you know, homeless counts provide critical information on the number and characteristics of Vancouver's homeless population, and how this population has changed over time. Although counts do not give us a full picture of the extent of homelessness, the information they provide is invaluable for planning appropriate programs to address homelessness, such as temporary modular housing.

Homeless counts began taking place across the Metro Vancouver region every three years in 2002 and the City started conducting an annual count in 2010. Each year, the count takes place throughout the city over a 24 hour period in March, inside shelters during the evening, and on the streets the next day.

Volunteer for the 2020 Homeless Count

Homeless Counts would be impossible without the help of the more than 400 volunteers we recruit and train each year. Volunteers work in teams of two and play a key role by conducting a brief anonymous survey with people who are experiencing homelessness in Vancouver. Shifts will be two to three hours and volunteers are required to attend a 2-hour training session between February 10 and March 2.

We'd like to invite you to volunteer for this year's Count. If you'd like to apply, you can complete an application form [here](#).

More information on volunteering can be found on our webpage at Vancouver.ca/HomelessCount

Last year's results

The homeless count took place in shelters on March 12, 2019 in the evening and on the street on March 13 all day.

Results were presented on June 12, 2019. The presentation can be found [here](#) and the report is available [here](#).

The 2019 count found:

- 2,223 residents in Vancouver identified as homeless
- 614 people were living on the street
- 1,609 people were living in sheltered locations, including emergency shelters, detox centres, safe houses and hospitals, with no fixed address

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Sandra Singh at Sandra.singh@vancouver.ca.

Best,
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