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Subject: BC Housing Food Security Program Update - Extension to March 31, 2022

Dear Mayor and Council,

Sandra Singh, GM of Arts, Culture, and Community Services is pleased to update you that the BC Housing funded SRO Food Security Program has been extended to March 31, 2022.

As a reminder of some details of the Food Security Program, the program provides meals to tenants in City-owned SROs:

- In partnership with BC Housing, City staff have delivered 167,000 meals to those participating SRO tenants, since the inception of the Pandemic Food Security Program in April 2020.
- Presently there are 160 participating SRO tenants in the Food Security Program.
- The Food Security Program was not funded during the periods July 2020 to October 2020, and restarted October 22, 2020 with BC Housing second wave funding and has continued ever since.
- Meals are prepared and packaged in partnership with the Social Enterprise Consortium (Potluck Café & Have Café).
- Each meal costs \$5.20 and includes the additional cost of delivery.
- Non-Market Housing Operations provide the staffing support to receive, refrigerate, deliver and track all meal supports to participating tenants (this work is part of the unfunded NMHO staffing work in 2022; staff will need to consider how to manage the costs associated with this ongoing additional effort in 2022).
- The menus offered accommodate those tenants with dietary restrictions, i.e. diabetic, gluten free, vegetarian, Halal.
- Tenants and staff continue to report the positive effects this has on community, that go beyond satiating hunger and cultivate a culture of caring.
- As we have done last year, staff again have canvassed all City-owned SRO tenants to invite them to participate in the Christmas dinner meal delivery and anticipate the participating tenant numbers to increase for this period.

Please feel free to email Sandra directly if you have any questions and she will ensure responses through the weekly Q&A.

Best,
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