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Good morning Mayor and Council,

Further to the memo provided yesterday with the confidential high-level results of the 2023 Metro Homeless Count, please see below some recommended speaking points for consideration should you be asked to speak about the results following the public announcement planned for later today.

- Homeless counts have been conducted in the Metro Vancouver region every three years since 2005. In 2010, the City of Vancouver began its own counts in the intervening years.
- On March 8 and 9, 2023, the City of Vancouver participated in the Metro Vancouver Homeless Count. This was the first homeless count since the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The report released today shows that homelessness continues to be a pressing issue not only in Vancouver but in communities across the region and further demonstrates the need for a regional response to homelessness.
- While point-in-time counts are known to undercount the extent of the issue, it is a widely accepted and used methodology and provides important information about the number and profile of people experiencing homelessness.
- The data will help inform policies on homelessness and support our requests to senior government for additional shelter spaces, housing and other community services needed here in our city and across the region.
- The City of Vancouver has only just received the data and staff will be doing a more detailed analysis of the results and reporting to Council later this month.
- The City of Vancouver has made significant investments to support people experiencing homelessness; far more than any other municipality in the region:
 - The City's current 4-year capital plan includes an allocation of over \$600M to create and preserve affordable housing.
 - Since 2018, we have committed more than 30 parcels of City-owned land to create 750 supportive housing units and approximately 2,500 units of social housing.
 - Since 2020, in partnership with the Province, the City has supported the creation of 443 new shelter spaces, 346 year-round and 97 seasonal.

Please let Sandra know if you require any further information.

Best,
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