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Good afternoon Mayor and Council,

Please be advised that there will be a Metro Vancouver Homeless Count in 2025, one year earlier than the anticipated 3-year cycle would suggest (we had anticipated the next one to be in spring 2026). The change in date is tied to requirements for federal Reaching Home funding for their community entities who facilitate funding disbursement in communities. As staff we think having updated 2025 numbers will be useful given some of the mounting pressures facing Vancouver, including increases in asylum seekers and ongoing loss of SRO stock.

Further information:

- The count will take place on March 11th (shelter count on March 10th) throughout Metro Vancouver.
- As in 2023, the Count will be led by the Homelessness Services Association of BC for Reaching Home's Community Entity for Greater Vancouver (Lu'ma Native Housing Society).
- ACCS Homelessness Services team will support the implementation of the Homeless Count in Vancouver and work with HSABC and Lu'ma to ensure consistency with previous counts.
- Please note that Lu'ma and HSABC will issue a formal press release to announce the Count within the next two weeks so we would appreciate your keeping this information internal until then.
- We will provide more information as planning work proceeds, including about opportunities to participate in the count.

To view the 2023 Greater Vancouver Homeless Count Report: https://hsa-bc.ca/Library/2023_HC/2023_Homeless_Count_for_Greater_Vancouver.pdf

For the City of Vancouver Homeless Count presentation to Council: https://council.vancouver.ca/20231031/documents/regu20231031p1_2023_Homeless_Count.pdf

Please don't hesitate to let Margaret Wittgens and me know if you have any question and we will ensure a response through the weekly Q&A.

Thank you,

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