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Hello Mayor and Council,

Warming Centres will open this weekend - for the first time this season. Please find below some additional information:

- For **daily updates** and information regarding which EWR and Warming Centres are open, please visit: <https://vancouver.ca/images/web/shelters/vancouver-ewr.pdf>
- Warming Centres are activated when temperatures reach -4 degrees Celsius (or feels like -4).
- Warming Centres do not provide beds or cots but do provide a place for individuals to come inside, warm up and have a snack during periods of extreme cold. Warming centres are located in community spaces, drop-in centres, and/or other available locations.
- Warming Centres operate in addition to Temporary Winter Response Shelters and Extreme Weather Response (EWR) Shelters. Over the last year, three warming centre sites have transitioned to EWR sites, which open more often than Warming Centres.

Below are the Warming Centres that operate in the City of Vancouver:

| Warming Centre Spaces 2024-2025 |          |         |       |      |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|---------|-------|------|----------|
| Address                         | Operator | Details | Hours | Open | # Spaces |

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| <b>Chinatown Peace Church</b><br>375 E. Pender St.                                      | City of Vancouver                           | All genders, couples are welcome. Accessible, pets OK, bikes OK, carts OK. Hot beverages and snacks.               | 9:30pm<br>-7:30am   | Jan 19 <sup>th</sup>                         | 15       |
| <b>Mt. Pleasant Community Centre</b><br>1 Kingsway                                      | City of Vancouver<br>(With Mt. Pleasant CC) | All genders, couples are welcome. Accessible. Pets OK. Hot beverages and snacks.                                   | Monday-Friday:<br><br>9:00pm<br>-8:00am<br><br>Sat-Sun<br><br>6:00pm-<br>6:00am | Jan 19 <sup>th</sup>                         | 20       |
| <b>Odd Fellows Lodge</b><br>1443 W. 8 <sup>th</sup> Ave.                                | Lookout Housing and Health Society          | All genders, couples are welcome. Not accessible. Cannot accept pets or carts. Bikes OK. Hot beverages and snacks. | 9:30pm<br>-8:30am   | Jan 18 <sup>th</sup><br>Jan 19 <sup>th</sup> | 20       |
| <b>Osborn Shelter,</b><br><br><b>(Additional WC Capacity)</b><br><br>27 W. Hastings St. | PHS   | All genders, Accessible. Pets OK, storage available but cannot accept carts  | 8:30pm<br>-7:00am   | Jan 18 <sup>th</sup><br>Jan 19 <sup>th</sup> | 20       |
| <b>Parish of St. Mary's Kerrisdale</b>  | Lookout Housing and Health Society          | Accessible. Carts OK outside   | 8:30pm-7am  | Jan 18 <sup>th</sup><br>Jan 19 <sup>th</sup> | 20       |

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| 2490 W.<br>37 <sup>th</sup> Ave.   |   |   |  |  |                 |
| <b>Powell St<br/>Getaway</b><br><br>450 E. Hastings<br>St.                           | Lookout<br>Housing<br>and Health<br>Society                       | All genders, couples are<br>welcome. Accessible. Pets OK.<br>Bikes OK. Carts OK, Overdose<br>Prevention Site. | 9:00pm<br>-7:30am  | Jan 18 <sup>th</sup><br><br>Jan 19 <sup>th</sup> | 25              |
| <b>West End<br/>Community<br/>Centre</b><br><br>870 Denman<br>(enter on Haro<br>St.) | City of<br>Vancouver<br>(with West<br>End<br>Community<br>Centre) | All genders, couples are<br>welcome. Accessible. Pets<br>OK. Hot beverages and<br>snacks.                     | Mon-Thurs.:<br><br>9:00 pm<br>-6:00am<br><br>Sat-Sun<br><br>5:30 pm-<br>6:00am | Jan 19 <sup>th</sup>                             | 16              |
| <b>Total</b>   |   |   |  | <b>136</b>                                       |                 |

- This year, in collaboration with our Community Centre partners, we are applying bridging hours to reduce service gaps. The result is that Warming Centres will open as the Community Centre closes in the evening.
- A full list of winter response locations can be found: <https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/shelter-beds-in-vancouver.pdf>

Should Council have any further questions please contact Margaret directly at [margaret.wittgens@vancouver.ca](mailto:margaret.wittgens@vancouver.ca) and she will ensure questions are addressed through the weekly Q&A

Thank you,

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