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Good afternoon Mayor & Council,

In follow up to my January 8, 2025, email (see attached), I am reaching out to invite you to volunteer for the 2025 Metro Vancouver Homeless Count on Tuesday, March 11th.

Homeless Counts are conducted by service providers, volunteers, and researchers. The Count involves conducting short surveys with individuals experiencing homelessness to help estimate the number of people experiencing homelessness in our city and across Metro.

We recognize Tuesday, March 11 is a Council meeting day and will accommodate based on your availability. Staff will provide training in advance and will partner you with an experienced staff from the Homelessness Services team for your volunteer shift.

The count provides an opportunity to directly engage in conversation with people sheltering outdoors to better understand the circumstances that led them there, and what they need to move indoors.

Please reach out to (Dustin Lupick [Dustin.Lupick@vancouver.ca](mailto:Dustin.Lupick@vancouver.ca)) who can provide more information and coordinate your participation.

Thank you,

Sandra

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Subject: Update: 2025 Homeless Count

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:

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- \\*\pn\pnlvblt\pnf2\pnindent360\pntxtb· \li360 \fi-360 \pntext \* 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).
- \\*\pn\pnlvblt\pnf2\pnindent360\pntxtb· \li360 \fi-360 \pntext \* 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.
- \\*\pn\pnlvblt\pnf2\pnindent360\pntxtb· \li360 \fi-360 \pntext \* 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.
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To view the 2023 Greater Vancouver Homeless Count Report: [https://hsa-bc.ca/Library/2023\\_HC/2023\\_Homeless\\_Count\\_for\\_Greater\\_Vancouver.pdf](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](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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