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Hello Mayor and Council,

The 2025 Metro PiT count totals have been released today. The attached memo provides an overview of the preliminary results for Vancouver and the Metro Region. Key information:

- While recognized as undercounts, PiT counts are a widely accepted and used methodology to provide information about the number and profile of people experiencing homelessness.
- On March 10 and 11, 2025, the City of Vancouver participated in the Greater Vancouver Point-in-Time Homeless Count organized by the Greater Vancouver Community Entity, Lu'ma Native Housing Society, and administered by the Homelessness Services Association of BC (HSABC).
- The 2025 Count found 2,715 residents experiencing homelessness in the City of Vancouver (compared to 2,420 in 2023): 763 people were living unsheltered on the street and 1,952 people were staying in sheltered locations, including emergency shelters, detox centres, transition houses, and hospitals or police facilities, with no fixed address (NFA).
- This represents a 12% increase since 2023 and is the highest PiT count recorded in the City of Vancouver.
- In Metro Vancouver, there were 5,232 people identified as experiencing homelessness. This is a 9% increase as compared to 4,821 people identified in 2023.
- While Vancouver represents 25% of Metro Vancouver's population, the 2025 Metro Vancouver Homeless Count indicates that 52% of people experiencing homelessness (2,715 of 5,232) live in Vancouver.
 - This is an increase from 2023, where 50% of the people experiencing homelessness in the region (2,420 of 4,821) lived in Vancouver.

Staff will be bringing forward more detailed analysis in the early fall.

We kindly ask that you refer any potential media requests to media@vancouver.ca

Please let me know if you have any questions and Acting General Manager of ACCS Chloe Miller will work with staff to respond through the weekly Q&A.

Thank you,

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The City of Vancouver acknowledges the unceded homelands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish), and Sel̓íl̓witulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

MEMORANDUM

July 30, 2025

TO: Mayor & Council

CC: Karen Levitt, Acting City Manager
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FROM: Margaret Wittgens. General Manager, Arts, Culture and Community Services

SUBJECT: 2025 Point in Time (PiT) Homeless Count Results

RTS #: N/A

PURPOSE

This memo provides an update on the 2025 Metro Vancouver Homeless Count, and the preliminary, high-level results released publicly, on July 30th, 2025.

BACKGROUND

The Point-in-Time (PiT) Homeless Count

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DISCUSSION

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Graph 1: Vancouver Homeless Population Trends 2005-2025



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NEXT STEPS

The final report will be forthcoming, anticipated in the Fall 2025. At that time, City staff will conduct analysis on the City of Vancouver data.

FINAL REMARKS

If Council requires further information, please feel free to contact me directly at margaret.wittgens@vancouver.ca and we will provide response through the weekly Council Q&A.

Chloe Miller

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