



## BRIEFING NOTE FOR INFORMATION

**Date:** June 5, 2020  
**Prepared For:** Kaye Krishna, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
**Title:** Decampment and COVID Housing and Homelessness Response – Next Steps  
**Issue:** Overview of workplan for decampment and permanent housing  
**Meeting With:** DM Steering Committee

### SUMMARY:

- **Next steps re: COVID-Homelessness Response:**
  1. **Treasury Board decision on immediate leasing extensions: Decampment and Emergency Response Centre (ERC).**
  2. **Cabinet consideration of options for long-term housing transitions from emergency response centres province-wide beyond decampments, including Ministry of Health's led Model of Care work, internal BC Housing funding realignment to supportive housing, Canada Housing Benefit rent supplements, and net new funding required for supportive housing/super supportive housing.**
  3. **Treasury Board decision regarding long-term housing options for decampment housing gap and people staying in temporary ERCs.**

### BACKGROUND:

- In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, emergency shelters across the province reduced or closed services and capacity to comply with physical distancing recommendations. The Province worked quickly to meet the need for homeless sheltering spaces through the extension of 1,529 seasonal shelter spaces and the establishment of 2,974 ERC spaces in hotels and community facilities across the Province.
- In May, the Province also moved 605 people from homeless camps under public safety evacuation orders in Victoria and Vancouver to hotels, motels, supportive housing and other temporary spaces and committed to providing long-term housing. These plans are underway.
- Most of the leases for all spaces are set to expire in June and July 2020.

### DISCUSSION:

- BC Housing is currently preparing a Treasury Board submission for extending leases for temporary decampment sites as well as key Emergency Response Centre sites. Draft aimed for June 15, 2020. MAH will continue to monitor and update Phase 5 operational plans for Victoria and Vancouver decampment and long-term housing spaces (Attachments 1 and 2).
- While most of the temporary decampment indoor spaces will likely be extended, there is a deficit of permanent housing spaces for the 605 people temporarily housed that needs to be addressed. In the coming weeks BC Housing is working with MAH staff to identify the scale of the deficit and timing considerations – for instance new modular housing or redeveloped SRO spaces will take months to complete.
- Cabinet needs to decide on transitions for people in temporary accommodations beyond the decampment spaces (2,974 ERC spaces).



- MAH staff are working with BC Housing to identify medium-term shelter needs based on ongoing reduced shelter capacity and current ERC and seasonal shelter usage.

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- Treasury Board directed the Ministry of Health (MoH) to develop a “model of care for a broader strategy to support homeless/shelter populations, including support from the Ministries of Mental Health and Addictions, Social Development and Poverty Reduction and BC Housing/MAH to support in the planning of distributed services and housing needs.”
- Led by MoH, the Steering Committee involves Government partners (MMHA, SDPR, MAH, and BC Housing) and Health Authority partners (Vancouver Coastal Health, Vancouver Island Health Authority, First Nations Health Authority), who are in the process of developing a new Integrated Model of Care that includes housing, social, health, and mental health and addictions supports, with a target completion date of June 30, 2020.
- This work will guide current work on options under consideration for permanent housing.
- The Steering Committee has drafted a Terms of Reference and Workplan (Attachments 3 and 4). The Workplan articulates roles and responsibilities and outlines a consultation plan for collaborating with three key stakeholder groups: Government partners, Health Authority Partners, as well as MoH partners (MHSU, PCCD, PPHD).
- A preliminary draft of the ‘Health in Housing Framework and Model of Care’ (Attachment 5) has also been circulated for feedback and virtual consultation will occur the week of June 8th and June 15th.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

- Yes; All options under consideration have financial implications



**Attachments: (1) (if applicable)**

1. Vancouver Weekly Decampment Updates – June 5
2. Victoria Weekly Decampment Updates – June 5
3. Draft Terms of Reference – Permanent Housing and Supports Steering Committee
4. Draft Workplan – Housing Model of Care
5. Health in Housing Framework and Model of Care
6. Emergency Response Shelters and Decampment Spaces
7. Hotel and Community Leased Facilities
8. Post COVID Housing Options

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Region	City	Site Name	Lease Start Date	Lease End Date	Unit Count	Extension?	Region	Total
Fraser	Abbotsford	Sandman Hotel & Suites	2020-04-10	2020-07-10	12	Uncertain as Hotel will gauge market	Fraser	332
		Travelodge Abbotsford Bakerview (Evergreen) (Extension)	2020-06-16	2020-12-15	20	Dec 15/20	Interior	436
	Burnaby	Holiday Inn Express (MetroTown)	2020-05-21	2020-08-21	62	Sept 30/20	Northern	163
		Holiday Inn Express (MetroTown) (Extension)	2020-07-09	2020-09-08	-	Sept 30/20	Vancouver Coastal	689
		Holiday Inn Express (MetroTown) (Extension)	2020-08-11	2020-09-08	-	Sept 30/20	Vancouver Island	641
	Chilliwack	Coast Chilliwack Hotel	2020-04-10	2020-07-10	3		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2261</b>
		Travelodge Chilliwack (Extension)	2020-06-16	2020-12-15	24	Dec 15/20		
	Coquitlam	SureStay Best Western	2020-06-15	2020-09-14	30			
		SureStay Best Western (Extension)	2020-08-21	2020-09-14	-			
	Hope	Colonial 900 Motel	2020-04-01	2020-07-01	14	Sept 30/20		
		Colonial 900 Motel	2020-04-03	2020-07-03	-			
	Langley	Sandman Signature Hotel	2020-04-10	2020-07-10	17			
		Sandman Signature Hotel	2020-05-21	2020-06-30	-			
	Maple Ridge	Art Inifiti	2020-05-28	2020-08-27	15			
	Mission	Diamond Head Motor Inn	2020-05-13	2020-06-30	7	Sept 30/20		
	New Westminster	The Quay (Extension)	2020-07-01	2020-09-30	27			
		Canadian Inn (Extension)	2020-07-01	2020-10-13	26			
	Surrey	Canadian Inn (Extension)	2020-07-14	2020-10-13	-			
		Linda Vista (Extension)	2020-07-06	2020-09-05	30			
		Sandman Suites Surrey	2020-04-10	2020-07-10	40			
		Sandman Suites Surrey	2020-04-10	2020-07-10	-			
		Sandman Suites Surrey	2020-04-10	2020-07-10	-			
		Sheraton Four Points Surrey	2020-06-08	2020-09-30	5			
		Cozy Pines Motel	2020-05-01	2020-06-30	2	Terminate		
Interior	Castlegar	Sandman Hotel Castlegar	2020-05-01	2020-06-30	2			
		Sandman Hotel Inn Cranbrook	2020-04-10	2020-07-10	3			
	Cranbrook	Sandman Hotel Inn Cranbrook	2020-05-25	2020-06-30	-			
		Travelodge (Cranbrook)	2020-05-01	2020-06-30	45	Sept 30/20		
		Travelodge (Cranbrook)	2020-05-01	2020-07-31	-			
	Kamloops	Travelodge (Cranbrook)	2020-05-01	2020-06-25	-			
		Acadian Motor Inn	2020-04-01	2020-07-01	20	sept 30/20		
		Panorama Hotel	2020-04-01	2020-07-01	30	Sept 30/20		
	Kelowna	Sandman Hotel & Suites Kamloops	2020-04-10	2020-07-10	10			
		Best Western Plus	2020-05-13	2020-08-13	50	Sept 30/20		
		Oasis	2020-04-15	2020-07-15	20	Sept 30/20		
	Lake Country	Sandman Hotel & Suites	2020-04-10	2020-07-10	10			
		Lake Country Inn	2020-05-07	2020-06-30	10	Terminate		
	Merritt	Ramada Merritt	2020-05-01	2020-05-30	1	Sept 30/20		
		Merritt Dessert Inn	2020-06-01	2020-06-30	3	expected to renew		
	Nelson	North Shore Inn	2020-04-01	2020-07-01	30	Sept 30/20		
		Prestige Inn (Nelson)	2020-04-16	2020-06-16	10	exected to renew		
		Prestige Inn Nelson	2020-04-08	2020-07-08	-			
		Victoria Falls Guest House (Extension)	2020-06-04	2020-06-30	5	expected to renew		
	Penticton	Villa Motel	2020-04-24	2020-07-24	15	expected to renew		
		Beachside Motel	2020-05-01	2020-08-01	20	?		
		Rochester Resort	2020-04-17	2020-07-17	8	Sept 30/20		
		Swiss Sunset Inn	2020-04-17	2020-07-17	11	Sept 30/20		
	Revelstoke	Tiki Shores Beach Motel Resort	2020-04-29	2020-07-29	18	Terminate		
		Sandman Hotel Revelstoke	2020-04-10	2020-07-10	2			
		Swiss Chalet Motel	2020-05-01	2020-07-01	10	Sept 30/20		

Northern	Salmon Arm	Hilltop	2020-05-01	2020-06-30	6	Sept 30/20
		Prestige Harbourfront Resort	2020-04-16	2020-06-15	5	Sept 30/20
	Trail	Glenwood Inn & Suites	2020-05-01	2020-07-01	3	Sept 30/20
	Vernon	Belair Inn	2020-05-07	2020-06-30	14	Sept 30/20
		Polson Park Motel	2020-04-17	2020-07-17	14	Sept 30/20
		Sandman Hotel & Suites	2020-04-10	2020-07-10	10	
	West Kelowna	Super 8 Hotel	2020-05-01	2020-06-30	40	Important Renewal uncertain
		Super 8 Hotel	2020-05-01	2020-06-30	-	
	Williams Lake	Slumber Lodge	2020-05-15	2020-07-14	6	Sept 30/20
	Grand Forks	The Victorian Motel & RV Park	2020-05-15	2020-06-30	3	Sept 30/20
	Burns Lake	Burns Lake Motor Inn	2020-04-08	2020-07-08	10	Terminate
	Dawson Creek	George Dawson Inn	2020-04-24	2020-07-24	10	sept 30/20
	Fort St. John	Fort St. John Motor Inn	2020-04-22	2020-07-22	10	Terminate
		Motel 6	2020-04-16	2020-07-16	10	Sept 30/20
	Kitimat	Chalet Motel	2020-05-07	2020-06-06	5	Sept 30/20
	Masset	Chinook Lodge	2020-04-23	2020-06-23	2	Sept 30/20
	New Hazelton	Robber's Roost	2020-04-22	2020-06-30	10	Sept 30/20
	Prince George	AWAC - Olive's Branch (Econo Inn)	2020-04-01	2020-07-01	7	Sept 30/20
		Knights Inn	2020-04-16	2020-07-16	44	Sept 30/20
		Knights Inn	2020-05-01	2020-06-30	-	
		Sandman Hotel & Suites	2020-04-10	2020-07-10	10	
	Prince Rupert	Oceanview Motel	2020-06-01	2020-06-30	5	Sept 30/20
	Quesnel	Grace Inn	2020-04-16	2020-07-16	13	Sept 30/20
		Grace Inn	2020-05-16	2020-06-30	-	
		Grace Inn	2020-05-25	2020-06-30	-	
	Smithers	Florence Motel	2020-04-16	2020-07-16	10	Sept 30/20
	Terrace	Bear Country Inn	2020-04-16	2020-07-16	10	Sept 30/20
	Valemount	Canada's Best Value Inn	2020-05-08	2020-06-30	2	sept 30/20
	Vanderhoof	Vanderhoof Inn	2020-04-16	2020-07-16	5	Terminate
Vancouver	North Vancouver	Vancouver Lions Gate Travelodge	2020-04-28	2020-05-12	21	Potential ERC coming on line?
		Vancouver Lions Gate Travelodge	2020-05-05	2020-06-30	-	
		Vancouver Lions Gate Travelodge	2020-05-08	2020-06-30	-	
		Vancouver Lions Gate Travelodge	2020-05-12	2020-06-30	-	
	Powell River	Westview Centre Motel	2020-05-01	2020-06-30	15	sept 30/20
		Seaside Villa Motel	2020-05-25	2020-06-30	3	Sept 30/20
	Sechelt	Royal Reach Motel (Extension)	2020-07-01	2020-09-30	17	
	Squamish	Budget Inn	2020-04-01	2020-05-16	15	sept 30,20
		Sandman Hotel & Suites	2020-04-10	2020-07-10	3	
	Vancouver	Buchan Hotel	2020-04-01	2020-06-30	63	Potential Purchase
		Easter Seal Property (Extension)	2020-06-03	2020-07-31	49	Will consider further extension in July?
		HI Vancouver Central (Hostel)	2020-04-08	2020-06-08	75	Potential Extension to spring 2021
		HI Vancouver Downtown	2020-05-08	2021-01-31	68	Potential Extension to spring 2021
		Holiday Inn (Downtown Vancouver) (Extension)	2020-06-01	2020-07-31	122	Will consider further extension in July
		Holiday Inn (Downtown Vancouver) (Extension)	2020-06-27	2020-07-31	-	
		Howard Johnson Hotel	2020-04-20	2020-07-20	110	Potential Purchase
		Opus Hotel	2020-04-06	2020-07-06	96	Sept 30,20
		YWCA Hotel Vancouver	2020-05-01	2020-07-01	14	Not operationalized
		The Lark	2020-04-27	2020-07-04	18	
Vancouver	Campbell River	Anchor Inn & Suites	2020-05-01	2020-06-30	7	Expected to renew
		Coast Discovery Inn	2020-05-01	2020-07-01	29	Expected to renew
		Coast Discovery Inn (Extension)	2020-06-08	2020-06-30	-	Expected to renew

	Shelter		Potential Purchase	25	
	Heritage Inn		Purchase	41	
<b>Comox</b>	Port Augusta Inn	2020-05-01	2020-06-30	17	Expected to renew
<b>Courtenay</b>	Best Western Westerly	2020-04-22	2020-07-22	10	Expected to renew
	Travelodge by Wyndham Courtenay	2020-06-01	2020-06-30	13	Expected to renew
<b>Duncan</b>	Ramada by Wyndham	2020-06-11	2020-06-30	34	Expected to renew
	Thunderbird Motel (Extension)	2020-05-08	2020-06-07	4	Expected to renew
	Thunderbird Motel (Extension)	2020-06-08	2020-07-07	-	
<b>Nanaimo</b>	Grand Hotel	2020-04-23	2020-06-23	3	Expected to renew
	Valuelodge (Extension)	2020-05-08	2020-06-08	10	Expected to renew
	Waterfront Suites & Marina	2020-04-30	2020-06-30	20	Expected to renew
<b>Parksville</b>	Travelodge by Wyndham Parksville	2020-04-23	2020-06-30	16	Expected to renew
<b>Port Alberni</b>	Tyee Village Motel	2020-05-15	2020-06-30	1	Expected to renew
<b>Port Hardy</b>	Airport Inn	2020-04-23	2020-06-23	1	Expected to renew
<b>Salt Spring Island</b>	Seabreeze Motel	2020-05-01	2020-06-30	8	Expected to renew
<b>Sidney</b>	Cedarwood Inn & Suites	2020-05-13	2020-06-30	4	Expected to renew
<b>Ucluelet</b>	Ucluelet Guest House	2020-05-01	2020-06-30	1	Expected to renew
<b>Victoria</b>	Accent Inns (Extension)	2020-06-08	2020-07-07	20	Expected to renew
	Capital City Center Hotel	2020-04-01	2020-06-30	83	Expected to renew
	HI Victoria Hostel	2020-04-30	2020-06-30	45	Expected to renew
	Howard Johnson Wyndham	2020-04-01	2020-06-30	80	Expected to renew
	Paul's Motor Inn	2020-05-01	Purchase	75	
	Travelodge Victoria (Evergreen)	2020-04-29	2021-03-31	94	
	Comfort Inn		Purchase	151	

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Region	City	Site Name	Lease End Date	Unit Count	Renew?
Fraser	Abbotsford	Bakerview Church	2020-07-15	40	2020-09-30
	Chilliwack	Evergreen Hall	2020-07-06	24	N will not permit EWR
	Maple Ridge	EWR Maple Ridge	2021-03-31	25	
	New Westminster	Massey Complex	2020-07-08	50	Can extend to Aug 8
	Richmond	Minoru Place Activity Centre	2020-07-14	45	Can extend to Aug 15
	Surrey	North Surrey Rec Centre	2020-06-30	110	Cannot extend
Interior	Kamloops	Memorial Arena	2020-07-22	50	Not likely, surge response
	Kamloops	CMHA Kamloops	2020-06-30	30	Extend to Sept 30/20
	Kelowna	Kelowna Curling Club	2020-08-15	40	Extend to Sept 30/20 surge response
	Kelowna	Temp - Capacity Expansion - Fuller Place	2020-06-30	15	Extend to Sept 30/20
	Nelson	Kalein Hospice Center	2020-07-15	8	Terminate
	Penticton	Victory Church of Penticton	2020-08-04	80	Extend to March 2021
	Salmon Arm	McGuire Lake Park	2020-08-20	58	Extend to Sept 30/20
Northern	Vernon	Vernon Curling & Athletic Club	2020-05-03	70	No Extension
	Prince George	Astoria Hotel	Not Applicable	30	PRHC Owned
	Prince Rupert	Fisherman's Hall	2021-10-08	35	
	Smithers	Summit Camps	Not Applicable	8	Private land
Vancouver Coastal	Squamish	Xwu'nekw Park	2020-10-15	49	
	Vancouver	Aboriginal Friendship Centre	Not Applicable	43	
	Vancouver	Coal Harbour Community Center	2020-06-30	64	No Extension
	Vancouver	Roundhouse Community Center	2020-06-30	79	No Extension
Vancouver Island	Nanaimo	Community Services Building	2020-09-30	36	
	Sooke	SeaPar Ice Rink	2020-07-15	45	No Extension
	Victoria	Old Girl Guides Bldg	Not Applicable	12	
	Victoria	Save On Foods Memorial Centre	2020-07-29	45	No Extension
	Victoria	Topaz Park	2020-07-03	80	Shut down

Region	Total
Fraser	294
Interior	351
Northern	73
Vancouver Coastal	235
Vancouver Island	218
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1171</b>



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## Victoria Weekly Decampment Updates – June 5, 2020

### Decampment Updates

#### BC Housing:

- Decampment housing site updates:

Site	Capacity	Updates/Issues	OPS/Harm Reduction
Travel Lodge	At capacity	No issues	OPS/Harm Reduction on site
Howard Johnson	At capacity	No issues	OPS/Harm Reduction/Inhalation on site
Comfort Inn	94 of 151 units filled	Two unit fires over the last 10 days have resulted in the tower building being closed down and residents relocated	OPS/Harm Reduction/Inhalation Area on site
Paul's Motor Inn	35 of 75 units filled	Investigating installation of sprinklers	Harm Reduction Room on site
Arena	At capacity	Discussion with PHS on Friday to determine if they would be interested in transitioning the closure of Arena and take over operation of Paul's in summer	OPS/Harm Reduction/Inhalation Area on site

#### City of Victoria:

- Topaz Park remains free of shelters, with portions still fenced off as BC Housing works on environmental assessment, remediation and transition of the space back to the City. BC Housing continues to provide security patrols during the night and who will call police to immediately remove new tents. Bylaw Services conducts daytime patrols and will also remove new tents.
- Pandora Green continues to be closed to public access as the City works on an environmental assessment and landscape remediation plan. BC Housing continues to provide security services daily along Pandora Avenue and sheltering is not occurring in green spaces. Police and bylaw continue to conduct patrols to prevent re-encampment.

## **Beacon Hill Encampment Updates**

### **BC Housing:**

- HART outreach attended Beacon Hill Park on June 3, 2020.
- Summary of visit:
  - 47 tents counted;
  - 45 campers fill out Supportive Housing applications; and,
  - The observation was that people have been long-term homeless and were missed in the census or moved around and weren't captured during critical times over the last couple of months.

### **City of Victoria:**

- Beacon Hill Park has experienced a significant increase in the number of people sheltering full-time throughout the park.
- The City is particularly concerned with the intensity of this activity in designated sensitive ecological areas, along with the risk of fire and injury due to the use of heat sources and combustible materials.
- A risk management plan is being developed by the City to mitigate some of these risks.
- Bylaw Services has engaged extra CRD officers in order to manage the increase in population and sheltering issues.

## Vancouver Weekly Decampment Updates – June 5, 2020

### Decampment Updates

#### BC Housing:

- Temporary Sites for Oppenheimer Decampment:

Temp Sites for OP	Capacity	Issues	OPS/Harm Reduction
Holiday Inn	102/122	None (current lease ending July 31 negotiating extension)	None on site but has room check system
HoJo	110/110	Neighbor complaints of increase street activity and noise at night	yes
1025 Granville Hostel	68/68	none	yes
Burnaby St Hostel	25/75 (Tenanting with ERC discharges)	None except for few neighbour complaints of non-residents	yes
103 E Hastings	29/29	none	yes

#### City of Vancouver:

- Oppenheimer is fenced and the Park Board has initiated planning and remediation.

#### Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation:

- Area is still perimeter fenced;
- Inside fencing is cleaned of debris;
- Moving into phase to remediate greenspace and structures with hope of opening in 5-8 weeks.; Major work starting next week or early the week after; and,
- Building is also being assessed.

### Crab Park Encampment Updates

#### BC Housing:

- PHS continues to do outreach to campers at Crab Park 3 – 4 times per week.
- Most recent summary:
  - 87 tents;
  - 100 - 120 people;
  - Approximately 50% - 60% Indigenous;
  - 70% men, 30% women (in couples);
  - 8 – 10% elderly;
  - Several physically disabled;

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**City of Vancouver:**

- The Fraser Port Authority is the lead on the Portside parking lot encampment so we have limited involvement.

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## APPENDIX 2: Emergency Response Shelters and Decampment Spaces –Community Snapshots

**Total confirmed sites: 97 sites, 3026 spaces (Updated: June 1, 2020)**

- Includes 239 rooms for women and children fleeing violence to June 30 – program likely to be extended.

### **Fraser Region**

**Total Confirmed: 16 sites, 491 spaces**

- Abbotsford: 3 sites, 72 spaces
- Burnaby: 1 site, 62 spaces
- Chilliwack: 3 sites, 47 spaces
- Hope: 1 site, 14 spaces
- Langley: 1 site, 13 spaces
- Maple Ridge: 1 site, 25 spaces
- Mission: 1 site, 7 spaces
- New Westminster: 1 site, 45 spaces; includes: Massey Complex - 45 spaces
- Surrey: 4 sites, 206 spaces; includes: North Surrey Recreation Centre - 110 beds

### **Regional Outlook/Issues:**

Hotel stays could be extended up to 6 months (Nov/Dec 2020), namely in key areas such as Surrey, Abbotsford, Chilliwack. Both the Canadian Inn and Linda Vista hotels in Surrey have become critical resources and could be investigated for purchase. Abbotsford and Chilliwack facilities and hotels are critical in the valley as the acceptance of all populations at the Travelodges has regional importance to make up for the lack of facilities and hotels offered at nearby municipalities.

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### **Community Snapshots:**

**Surrey:** Likely to have a shelter site to replace North Surrey Rec Centre.

**New Westminster:** Massey Gym Complex in and Minoru Place are likely to remain available until early to mid August. Bakerview Church extension agreement is being investigated to remain open past June 30th. Evergreen Hall agreement is going to Council June 2nd for a 3-month extension for continued ERC use.

**Burnaby:** Burnaby is in immediate need of 60 beds in one or two shelter facilities for the homeless population and to prevent encampments. There is a 40-unit modular project coming online in early 2021.

**Tri-Cities:** The situation in the tri-cities is also particularly concerning but has seen some relief with the recent discovery of an available apartment building for interim use.<sup>s.13</sup>

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**Maple Ridge:** Significant homelessness pressures. No ERC. The Maple Ridge shelter space has been secured until spring 2021 but is not noted on the COVID list above.

### **Housing Opportunities, Risks and Mitigation:**

While there is expected delivery of supportive housing units in 2020, they are late in 2020 or are already employed (eg Surrey decanting). Any new projects would take a **minimum of 6 months** to deliver.

**BC Housing continues to have issues in Burnaby, the Tri Cities, Langley and Chilliwack and remains a high and urgent priority to ensure there is adequate temporary and permanent spaces available.**

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Surrey and Coquitlam continue to be challenging markets to secure housing for homeless populations and BC Housing is searching for sites in Cloverdale, South Surrey and Langley.

### **Interior Region**

#### **Total Confirmed: 31 sites, 725 spaces**

- Castlegar: 2 sites, 4 spaces
- Cranbrook: 2 sites, 48 spaces
- Kamloops: 5 sites, 140 spaces; includes: Memorial Arena - 50 spaces
- Kelowna: 5 sites, 135 spaces
- Merritt: 1 site, 1 space
- Nelson: 3 sites, 55 spaces
- Penticton: 5 sites, 137 spaces
- Revelstoke: 1 site, 2 spaces
- Salmon Arm: 2 sites, 63 spaces
- Vernon: 3 sites, 94 spaces; includes: Vernon Curling Club - 70 beds
- West Kelowna: 1 site, 40 spaces
- Williams Lake: 1 site, 6 spaces

### **Regional Outlook/Issues:**

To date, 367 rooms have been booked in 21 hotels. Another 321 spaces have been secured at 7 facilities, some being seasonal shelters being extended in Kelowna, civic facilities and other privately available facilities.

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### **Community Snapshots:**

**Williams Lake:** Area of concern for hotel rooms, despite any evidence so far of demand. The team is looking at hotel rooms and civic facilities for this area.

**Oliver:** There is much concern currently with respect to the Loose Bay campground and the migrant population that traditionally flocks to the Oliver area to pick fruit. This campground is known to house 400 campers in a party type atmosphere but with very limited shower and bathroom facilities. BCH has

provided support for shower and toilet facilities and has had initial discussions to find a designated hotel in the event of an outbreak but have not been able to connect with Agriculture on a comprehensive strategy.

### **Housing Opportunities, Risks and Mitigation:**

The heavy reliance on hotels in the region is a concern as civic facilities want to return to community use and hotel owners are looking to re-open as domestic tourism revives. BC Housing is working to increase the number of leased rooms in hotels within willing properties to make up for the rooms that they may lose once leases expire. **Penticton, Vernon and West Kelowna are priority concerns where lease extensions are uncertain or tenuous.**

There are modular units in the pipeline in the region and 89 units being slated for delivery in Kelowna this summer however the bulk of these units are for delivery in 2021. Not all of the listed projects in the pipeline would house the homeless populations currently located in hotels.

BC Housing is looking at the possibility of extending leases. While it is unlikely civic facilities can be extended past June 30, 2020, facilities such as McGuire Lake, Kalein Hospice Centre and Victory Church may be more flexible.

### **Northern Region**

#### **Total Confirmed: 11 sites, 167 spaces**

- Fort St. John: 1 site, 10 spaces
- Kitimat: 1 site, 5 spaces
- Prince George: 3 sites, 68 spaces
- Prince Rupert: 1 site, 35 spaces
- Quesnel: 1 site, 5 spaces
- Smithers: 2 sites, 29 spaces
- Terrace: 1 site, 10 spaces
- Vanderhoof: 1 site, 5 spaces

### **Regional Outlook/Issues:**

Given that many of the hotel rooms are currently being held for a potential surge, some are vacant and it is expected that the number of units held may be reduced once the Public Health Officer has determined whether there is a realistic fear of the virus returning in the fall.

While 134 rooms were initially requested, 143 rooms have been delivered and BC Housing is removing or reducing the request for rooms in Fort St James, Prince Rupert, Prince George, Smithers and Terrace that have not already been operationalized. Facilities such as Astoria, Fisherman's Hall and Raffles Inn will provide longer term capacity as hotel rooms are retired provided COVID impact remains low in vulnerable populations in the north.

### **Housing Opportunities, Risks and Mitigation:**

Ongoing development projects and the active resource industry throughout the north and associated camps not only present COVID risk throughout the region, but also competes for available hotel rooms. **The North has had hotel owners either refusing clientele due to their homeless status or refusing to deal with COVID+ persons.**



## **Vancouver Coastal Region**

### **Total Confirmed: 18 sites, 967 spaces**

- North Vancouver: 1 site, 21 spaces
- Powell River: 2 sites, 18 spaces
- Richmond: 1 site, 45 spaces, Minoru Place Activity Centre - 45 beds
- Sechelt: 1 site, 15 spaces
- Squamish: 2 sites, 52 spaces, Xwu'nekw Park - 49 beds
- Vancouver: 11 sites, 825 spaces; includes: Coal Harbour Community Centre - 64 beds, Roundhouse Community Centre - 79 beds

### **Regional Outlook/Issues:**

BC Housing expects 450 hotel rooms will remain available through lease extensions or outright acquisitions past June 30th. There is some uncertainty relating to the Holiday Inn, but at present that operation seems open to extend at least until July 31, 2020.

Coal Harbour and Roundhouse facilities are expected to return to community use in July. Together the population in the community centres and in the Holiday Inn account for 265 people and will need to be rehoused, this includes people from Oppenheimer Park decampment.

### **Housing Opportunities, Risks and Mitigation:**

In Vancouver, BC Housing is looking to:

- the repair of SRO stock currently closed, 80 SRO rooms will be reopened in the coming months;
- further assess modular options, but it is expected that options are **at least 6 months away**;
- assess existing housing inventory;
- secure additional shelter space. Facilities are being investigated in Vancouver and North Vancouver;
- look for opportunities for interim use of facilities seeking development applications, such as Park Inn; and
- continue looking for additional SROs or hotel spaces.

**Vancouver decampment housing update:** There are 46 people in permanent spaces, 102 people in under purchase spaces and 113 are in spaces with leases expiring in June and July.

	Howard Johnson	Holiday Inn	Hostel Hastings	Hostel Granville	SRO, MOU, TMH	Total Spaces: (approx.)
<b>Placements</b>	102	39	28	46	46	261
<b>Status</b>	Short-term lease	Short-term lease	Short-term lease	Short-term lease	Secure	
<b>Timeline</b>	July 20 ends	July 6 ends	July 4 ends	June 8 ends	N/A	
<b>Potential</b>	Purchase	Extension likely (only to July 31) No purchase	Extension likely	Extension likely	N/A	

**Strategy:** MAH and BC Housing are working on a policy framework and operational plan to extend leases on the temporary sites and transition people to permanent housing with supports as spaces become available in newly acquired and existing supportive housing.

**Gaps:** Short term -- About 40 people may need to be moved from Holiday Inn by late July if an extension is not feasible. Long-term -- Will need to filter people from temporary spaces to permanent ones as they become available and through coordinated assessment and policy framework principles -- including Indigenous and cultural safety.

### **Vancouver Island Region**

Total Confirmed: 21 sites, 667 spaces

- Campbell River: 2 sites, 50 spaces
- Comox: 1 site, 9 spaces
- Courtenay: 1 site, 10 spaces
- Nanaimo: 4 sites, 69 spaces, includes: Nanaimo Community Services Building - 36 spaces
- Parksville: 1 site, 16 spaces
- Port Alberni: 1 site, 1 space
- Port Hardy: 1 site, 1 space
- Sooke: 1 site, 45 spaces; includes: SeaParc Ice Arena - 45 spaces
- Ucluelet: 1 site, 1 space
- Victoria: 8 sites, 465 spaces; includes: Save On Food Memorial Centre - 48 spaces and Comfort Inn - 93 spaces

### **Community Snapshots:**

**Sooke:** SeaParc Ice Rink also returns to community use in mid June and there are no replacement shelters in the area.

**Victoria:** BC Housing says hotel extensions are likely, and an extension for the Howard Johnson to Dec. 30 is under negotiation.

**Campbell River:** While the Heritage Inn acquisition similarly added flexibility in Campbell River, there is still a significant camp forming in the region.

**Nanaimo:** BC Housing is looking at additional options for both hotel, supportive housing and modular delivery in Nanaimo

### **Housing Opportunities, Risks and Mitigation:**

There are still a number of people in encampments around the city, including 75 tents at Beacon Hill Park, 20 at Rock Bay Landing, and in the region. City of Victoria council passed a motion last week to secure up to 300 hotel rooms to temporarily house Beacon Hill campers. No plans for the long-term housing announced.

### **There is a major shortage of service providers to operate sites and new supportive housing.**

Recent hotel acquisitions account for an additional permanent 232 units with 151 at the Comfort Inn and an additional 40 rooms at Paul's Motor Inn in Victoria and 41 rooms at the Heritage Inn in Campbell River.

Victoria continues to be **priority** as it is a difficult market to secure temporary and permanent housing spaces.

**Victoria's Pandora Avenue Corridor and Topaz Park:** There are 110 in permanent spaces and 231 in leased spaces.

**Strategy:** MAH and BC Housing are working on a policy framework and operational plan to extend leases

	Howard Johnson	844 Johnson	Mason St.	Hostel	Travelodge	SOF Arena	Comfort Inn	Paul's	Total
<b>Placements</b>	90	15	5	7	86	48	91	2	344
<b>Status</b>	Lease	Existing SH	Purchased	Lease	Lease	Lease	Purchase	Lease	
<b>Timeline</b>	Ends June 30	Secure	Secure	Ends June 30	Ends March 2021	July 29	Secure	TBD	
<b>Potential</b>	Extension like to Dec 31, No Purchase	N/A	N/A	TBD	No Purchase	Extension Maybe	Purchase	Purchase	

on the temporary sites and will use additional spaces created through recent hotel purchases, rent supplements and existing supportive housing to create positive flow from the temporary sites to permanent spaces. For example, about 50 to 90 spaces at Paul's Motor Inn and the Comfort Inn will become available, as will 31 rent supplements which will be used to create vacancies in supportive housing.

**Gaps:** Need to reconcile encampment temporary placements with new acquired spaces, people already in ERC spaces and coordinated access to prevent perception of encampments as avenue to housing.

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## Response - Next Steps

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Assigned To: Preece, Spencer OHCS:EX Rush: Yes Category: Briefing Note - Information Note Signature: Deputy Minister

Branch: Housing Policy Other Numbers: 255037 Link

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Preece, Spencer OHCS:EX [Assignee] has closed this item for the following reason: Completed.		6/12/2020, 9:40:50 AM
Steves, Gregory [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to Preece, Spencer OHCS:EX for action	this can be closed out ~ MSR was briefed	6/12/2020, 9:23:30 AM
Preece, Spencer OHCS:EX [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to Steves, Gregory for action	RUSH DM IBN for your review/approval.	6/5/2020, 10:40:54 AM
Rabinovitch, Hannah R [Assignee] approved the item and forwarded it to Preece, Spencer OHCS:EX for action	No Comment	6/5/2020, 10:40:00 AM
Preece, Spencer OHCS:EX [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to Rabinovitch, Hannah R for action		6/5/2020, 10:38:09 AM
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Preece, Spencer OHCS:EX added a document: 254807_MIN_IBN_App1_Hotel and Community Leased Facilities.xlsx		6/5/2020, 10:26:06 AM
Preece, Spencer OHCS:EX added a document: 254807_MIN_IBN_App2_Emergency Response Shelters Decampment Community snapshots .docx		6/5/2020, 10:26:02 AM
Preece, Spencer OHCS:EX added a document: 2020-06-04 Model of Care Framework ~ WORKING DRAFT V1.0.docx		6/5/2020, 10:20:01 AM
Preece, Spencer OHCS:EX added a document: 2020-05-29 DRAFT Work Plan RH edits.docx		6/5/2020, 10:19:15 AM
Preece, Spencer OHCS:EX added a document: DRAFT_ToR_Permanent Housing and Supports Framework.docx		6/5/2020, 10:19:11 AM
Preece, Spencer OHCS:EX added a document: Victoria Weekly Decampment Updates - June 5 .docx		6/5/2020, 10:17:39 AM
Preece, Spencer OHCS:EX added a document: Vancouver Weekly Decampment Updates ~ June 5 .docx		6/5/2020, 10:17:36 AM
Rabinovitch, Hannah R [Assignee] approved the item and forwarded it to Preece, Spencer OHCS:EX for action	Please add attachment from Avery's email, Michael's email and Appendices from Cliff 254807.	6/5/2020, 10:10:31 AM
Preece, Spencer OHCS:EX [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to Rabinovitch, Hannah R for action	RUSH BN as requested. ADM approval due ASAP.	6/5/2020, 9:01:06 AM
Preece, Spencer OHCS:EX added a document: EXEC_Information_Briefing_Note.docx		6/5/2020, 8:57:53 AM
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## ID: 26025, Title: Emergency Housing Reaching a Crisis Level in the Tri-Cities

**Full Name:** Keir Macdonald

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**Assigned To:** Petraroia, Helena PSSG:EX **Rush:** No **Category:** Correspondence - Email **Signature:** Minister

**Branch:** Office of Housing and Construction Standards **Other Number:** 616099 & 614261 **Link:**

**Due Date:** 2021-03-15 **Date Completed:** N/A **Date Initiated:** 2021-01-23 **Date Reply Sent:** N/A

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Thompson, Angella N PSSG:EX [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to Petraroia, Helena PSSG:EX for action	AG letter ready to go out	2021-10-06 8:41:42 AM
Eby, David AG:EX [Assignee] approved the item and forwarded it to Thompson, Angella N PSSG:EX for action	No Comment	2021-10-05 5:03:29 PM
Milne, Lauren [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to Eby, David AG:EX for action	Draft response for your approval, please. Thank you	2021-08-12 3:10:05 PM
Milne, Lauren made some changes to this item's details		2021-08-12 3:09:03 PM
Thompson, Angella N PSSG:EX [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to Milne, Lauren for action		2021-08-11 12:48:12 PM
Preece, Spencer [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to Thompson, Angella N PSSG:EX for action	Draft approved by ADM May.	2021-08-10 2:04:17 PM
May, Cheryl [Assignee] approved the item and forwarded it to Preece, Spencer for action	No Comment	2021-08-10 12:24:01 PM
Preece, Spencer [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to May, Cheryl for action	Overdue AG draft approved by BC Housing. For your review/approval.	2021-08-10 10:29:40 AM
XT:Miller, Jodi [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to Preece, Spencer for action	Response approved by BCH for Minster's signature. Please submit for ADMO review. Please provide BCH with a copy of the final version for records. Thank you.	2021-08-09 3:53:26 PM
XT:Shen, Cathy [Assignee] approved the item and forwarded it to XT:Miller, Jodi for action	Approved	2021-08-09 3:47:56 PM
XT:Pavan, Sara OHCS:IN [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to XT:Shen, Cathy for action		2021-08-09 3:32:36 PM
XT:Pavan, Sara OHCS:IN [Assignee] added a comment	Reviewed and approved by Tsitsi Watt. This letter addresses both reference 616099 and 614261	2021-08-09 3:32:03 PM
XT:Pavan, Sara OHCS:IN added a document: 616099 - 614261 Macdonald shelters supportive housing TriCities SP CS TW 08-09-2021.docx		2021-08-09 3:30:45 PM
XT:Pavan, Sara OHCS:IN deleted a document: 614261 Macdonald Draft.docx	Deleting old version	2021-08-09 3:29:47 PM
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XT:Miller, Jodi [Assignee] has removed the hold on this item. It was on hold for 2 days during this hold period.	Assigned to Sara for drafting.	2021-08-09 10:23:35 AM
XT:Miller, Jodi [Assignee] has put this item on hold.	On hold until Sara Pavan's account is reactivated.	2021-08-06 1:15:58 PM
Hahn, Andra PSSG:EX [Site Admin] forwarded an eApprovals item to XT:Miller, Jodi for action as a part of user cleanup (XT:Pavan, Sara OHCS:IN () was removed)	This item was forwarded as a part of user removal of: XT:Pavan, Sara OHCS:IN	2021-08-06 9:10:44 AM
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McNabb, Elizabeth [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to Pavan, Sara for action	To Sara for drafting - combine with 616099 if possible	2021-07-22 2:43:24 PM
XT:Miller, Jodi [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to McNabb, Elizabeth for action	Can both items from Keir be addressed with one response?	2021-06-03 1:30:26 PM
XT:Fralic, Coco [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to XT:Miller, Jodi for action	To Jodi for drafting.	2021-03-22 11:52:08 AM
XT:Miller, Jodi [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to XT:Fralic, Coco for action	To Coco for assigning.	2021-03-18 9:15:36 AM
Duncan, Michael [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to XT:Miller, Jodi for action	Hi Jodi, we were wondering if BCH wanted to address this letter as it's from the head of the Phoenix Society about BCH needing to fund a shelter program.	2021-03-17 11:06:36 AM
Sergeant, Christine [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to Duncan, Michael for action	For drafting	2021-02-24 9:29:30 AM
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From: AG Correspondence AG:EX <MAG.Correspondence@gov.bc.ca>  
To: keir@phoenixsociety.com  
Sent: October 6, 2021 12:31:14 PM PDT

Keir Macdonald

Email: [keir@phoenixsociety.com](mailto:keir@phoenixsociety.com)

Dear Keir Macdonald:

Thank you for your emails concerning the very challenging issue of homelessness in the Tri-Cities area. I regret the delay in responding to your email and thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts. As Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing, I am pleased to respond.

In your letter, you ask whether the Province is doing enough to help people exit the cycle of homelessness. The Building BC: Supportive Housing Fund was launched in 2018 to deliver 2,500 new homes over 10 years with 24/7 support services for people who are experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of homelessness. The Supportive Housing Fund follows the investment of \$291 million to build modular supportive housing units across BC through the Rapid Response to Homelessness initiative, which aims to deliver a mix of permanent and temporary units for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Altogether, these efforts are part of the Province's 30-point plan for enhancing affordability across the housing continuum. Over \$7M will be invested over 10 years to provide housing for people experiencing homelessness, Indigenous peoples, and to strengthen supports for women and children leaving violence, low- and middle-income renters in the rental market.

You also refer to the issue of homelessness in the Tri-Cities Area. As you know, the Province funds the year-round emergency shelter and supportive housing in these communities located at 3030 Gordon Avenue in Coquitlam. I also commend the work of Phoenix Society in operating the 30 rooms that have been leased at a local hotel until 2022 to help house individuals in need during the pandemic.

As you know, the Tri-Cities Homelessness and Housing Task Group partnered with community partners and BC Housing during freezing temperatures in February to secure a temporary Extreme Weather Response shelter to address the immediate need of homelessness. I am grateful for any role your advocacy and coordinating efforts may have contributed to this positive outcome in a challenging situation.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Yours truly,

David Eby, QC

Attorney General and

Minister Responsible for Housing



# CITY OF ABBOTSFORD ITINERARY Tour of Homelessness Camps

**Event Title:** *Tour of homeless camps and impacts in Abbotsford*

<b>Date:</b> Friday, April 1, 2022 <b>Time:</b> 9:00am	<b>Media Market:</b> Not invited
<b>Location:</b> Travelodge (1821 Sumas Way) at 9am, Red Lion (2509 Pauline Street) at 11am, and Centennial building (33660 South Fraser Way) at 11:20am – noon.	<b>English Media Spokesperson:</b> N/A
<b>Author:</b> Aletta Vanderheyden – 236-380-2617	<b>Multicultural Media Spokesperson:</b> N/A

## THE EVENT

### EVENT

Tour of Abbotsford homeless camps and discussion on impacts of current levels of homelessness related support, including housing, health care, and social services for unhoused individuals and the need for support moving forward.

### WHO'S ORGANIZING?

Mike Sikora, Housing, Homelessness & Community Development Specialist, City of Abbotsford

### BACKGROUND NOTES

Over the last 10 years, Homelessness in Abbotsford has dramatically increased. The most recent 2020 Point-in-Time count indicated 333 people experiencing homelessness in Abbotsford, which we know anecdotally is much higher. Challenges managing homelessness and its associated outcomes impact multiple layers of community well-being, including emergency services, business operations, and general community sense of safety. Additionally, for someone experiencing homelessness, by not having adequate shelter and housing resources, individual forward movement is challenging, at best. While much work has been done to add to the housing and shelter stock in Abbotsford, the increasing number of people experiencing homelessness far surpasses available options for shelter, housing, and connection to appropriate services and supports, and without considerable investments the gap between people experiencing homelessness and options for housing and shelter will continue to grow.

### VENUE DESCRIPTION

The tour will start at the Travelodge, followed by a walkthrough Lonzo/Riverside encampment, site visit at the Red Lion and conclude at the Centennial building.

### RECOMMENDED ATTIRE

Comfortable and warm clothing with footwear appropriate for winter/wet weather.

### EVENT PARTICIPANTS

- David Eby, Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing & Thea Dowler, EA
- Pam Alexis, MLA Abbotsford-Mission
- Henry Braun, Mayor, City of Abbotsford
- Peter Sparanese, City Manager, City of Abbotsford
- Katherine Treloar, General Manager, Innovation, Strategy & Intergovernmental Relations, Innovation, Strategy & Intergovernmental Relations, City of Abbotsford
- Mike Sikora, Homelessness & Community Development Specialist, City of Abbotsford
- Naomi Brunemeyer, Director Regional Development, Lower Mainland, Development Strategies, BC Housing
- Darren Lee, Fire Chief, City of Abbotsford
- Mike Serr, Chief Constable, Abbotsford Police Department
- Jason Burrows, Inspector, Abbotsford Police Department
- Magda Laljee, Senior Manager, Bylaw Services, City of Abbotsford
- Keir Macdonald, CEO, Phoenix Society
- Shayne Williams, Executive Director, Lookout Housing and Health Society

## PROGRAM

Event summary	The City of Abbotsford has coordinated a tour for Minister Eby to meet with City of Abbotsford Mayor, Henry Braun and representatives from Phoenix Society and Lookout Housing and Health Society and see first-hand the growing homeless encampment in the community and the current services provided. Along with touring the sites, the meeting fosters an opportunity to further discuss the future needs of unhoused individuals in Abbotsford.
Key contacts:	Mike Sikora - 778-598-3580, msikora@abbotsford.ca
Time	<b>Event Itinerary</b>
9 AM	Participants to meet at the Travelodge in Abbotsford at 1821 Sumas Way. Parking is available on site. <b>Mayor Braun</b> and <b>Mike Sikora</b> will be on hand to greet Minister Eby and staff, and provide welcome and introduction to participating members.
9:05 AM	<b>Keir Macdonald</b> , CEO, Phoenix Society, to conduct site visit and overview of programs running at Travelodge.
9:30 AM	<b>Mike Sikora</b> to lead walkthrough Lonzo/Riverside encampment.
10:15 AM	<b>Shayne Williams</b> , Executive Director, Lookout Housing and Health Society to conduct site visit and overview of supportive housing/emergency shelter services
10:40 AM	<b>Participants</b> drive to the Red Lion at 2509 Pauline Street. Parking is available on site.
11:00 AM	<b>Shayne Williams</b> , Executive Director, leads site visit and overview of programs currently running at the Red Lion and upcoming programs.
11:20 AM	<b>Minister Eby, Mayor Braun and staff</b> walk across the road to the Centennial building for concluding discussion (lunch will be provided) on current state of homelessness and future needs.
12:00 PM	Tour concludes.

**MINISTRY OF ATTORNEY GENERAL  
And Minister Responsible for Housing  
BC Housing  
Information BULLETS**

**PURPOSE:** Bullets to prepare Minister Eby for a tour of the Lonzo encampment in Abbotsford

**Issue:** BC Housing is working with the Ministry of Attorney General and responsible for Housing, Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction (SDPR), the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) and the City of Abbotsford to develop a strategy with housing options for people currently camping at the Lonzo Encampment in Abbotsford.

**KEY MESSAGES:**

- Our goal is to help everyone sheltering outdoors in the Lonzo Road encampment in Abbotsford move into long-term, sustainable housing to break the cycle of homelessness.

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- More housing is needed to address the growing number of people experiencing, or at-risk of, homelessness in the community and we are exploring all options to bring people indoors.
- Last summer, BC Housing purchased the Red Lion Inn and Suites in Abbotsford and its adjoined lots to provide temporary supportive housing, with the longer-term goal of redeveloping them to provide more permanent housing.
- The timeline for housing the folks at the Lonzo encampment will be 12-18 months and will align with finding a new location for the Riverside shelter and the development of the new supportive housing.

**BACKGROUND:**

- The Lonzo Road encampment in Abbotsford has been active for the past three years and has seen substantial growth during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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- The encampment is located on Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) land. There are 2 sections of the camp, the Lonzo Park & Ride (which is made up of people living in vehicles such as RVs, cars, trucks) and Riverside which is close to streams and bush (mostly with people living in tents). The two campsites are next to each other and are on MOTI owned land. s.13

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- There are approximately 50 people living in the encampment in tents, RVs and permanent structures located across multiple sites. The increase in campers has led to significant health and safety concerns at the encampment. s.13

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- A sanitation station opened in October 2021 with washrooms, operated on the Cole Starnes property through an agreement with BC Housing and Lookout Society. Fraser Health has operated a new Mobile Health unit on the encampment two days a week on MOTI property at the Park and Ride site, offering primary care and overdose prevention supports since November 2021.

### **Supportive Housing and Shelter Beds**

- All potential new supportive housing projects in Abbotsford are at least 18 months away. s.13
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- In June 2021, BC Housing purchased the Red Lion Inn and Suites, a 30-room hotel at 2509 Pauline St, as well as the hotel's adjacent lots at 2481 and 2489 Pauline Street. s.13
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- There are three supportive housing sites in Abbotsford, Cole Starnes (44 beds) and Hearthstone Place (Gladys Avenue 31 beds), and Legacy Manor (37 units) all are at capacity. The City-owned Riverside Shelter (40 beds) is also consistently at capacity.

### ***Cole Starnes Supportive Housing Site***

- Cole Starnes has 44 units of existing supportive housing.
- BC Housing and the City are adding 50 units of supportive housing to the Cole Starnes site. The Cole Starnes site and the temporary Riverside Shelter are on the same property and adjacent to the Lonzo encampment.

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### **Outreach and Cleanup:**

- BC Housing outreach teams are developing relationships with the campers and working to assess the demographics of the existing folks currently camping at the site. We want to ensure that we are following a trauma-informed process in our response to this camp.
- There are site condition issues, which include burnt out vehicles, large furniture items and garbage. Garbage removal at the encampment is still an issue and BC Housing is looking into increasing funding to the current peer cleaning team to take on this work.
- MOTI will be removing larger items and are confirming with campers that items are not anybody's personal belongings prior to moving. MOTI is also tracing the owners of abandoned trailers and RVs and asking for items to be removed.
- There is also bi-weekly garbage clean-up by teams co-funded by BC Housing and MOTI. This is being increased to weekly cleaning.

### **NEXT STEPS:**

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- BC Housing has confirmed that we can offer Canada – BC Housing Benefit (CA-BC CHB) rent supplements for RV pad rentals. The outreach team is advising people in RVs about this supplement.
- BC Housing staff are looking into funding for 4 FTE's for a non-profit outreach team to lead and coordinate the process of building relationships, assessing and developing housing plans, in preparation for moving people from the Lonzo site.
- Currently there are a number of non-profit teams working at the camp. BC Housing has recommended that Lookout Society take on the role of leading as the outreach team for continuity of relationships as they will be operating Red Lion and are already connecting with folks at the camp.

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Director Executive Office & Corporate  
Secretary  
BC Housing

**Attachment(s)**

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Full Name:

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Assigned To: Marks, Lindy Rush: Yes Briefing Note - Materials Signature: Minister

Branch: Associate Deputy Minister - Housing, Construction & Multiculturalism Other Number: 627017

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## Item History

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Hello Lindy - directing this back over to you ~Nikki

3/31/2022 08:36 AM

Stewart, Emily AG:EX [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to Papadopoulos, Nikki for action

Hi Nikki, this has already been sent to the MO and shared with the DAG for information. Sending to you in case you'd like to retain a copy for Teri's information. Can you please send eApp back to Lindy Marks at CAS to complete? Thank you!

3/31/2022 08:26 AM

Stewart, Emily AG:EX [Assignee] added a comment

Sent to MO as per Barb Pearson, due to urgency. Will send to DAG for information.

3/30/2022 09:07 PM

Cooke, Angela [Assignee] approved the item and forwarded it to Stewart, Emily AG:EX for action

No Comment

3/30/2022 10:18 AM

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Hi Angela, rush AG MBN for your review/approval please.

3/30/2022 10:17 AM

Stewart, Emily AG:EX deleted a document: CLIFF Log 627017.pdf

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Stewart, Emily AG:EX added a document: 627017 IBN MDE Tour Abbotsford.pdf

3/30/2022 10:01 AM

Di Georgio, Alexis AG:EX [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to Stewart, Emily AG:EX for action

Hi Emily, Cheryl has approved. Over to you! Thanks so much.

3/30/2022 09:57 AM

May, Cheryl [Assignee] approved the item and forwarded it to Di Georgio, Alexis AG:EX for action

approved with edits

3/30/2022 09:29 AM

Fast, Christine [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to May, Cheryl for action

Thanks, Cheryl. I have reviewed and removed comments but left track changes. C

3/30/2022 09:00 AM

May, Cheryl [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to Fast, Christine for action

Comments on your comments.

3/29/2022 06:34 PM

Fast, Christine [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to May, Cheryl for action

Hi Cheryl - for your review and approval. I have added some comments and edits for your consideration. Since this is a rush, there may not be an opportunity to address, but happy to connect first thing tomorrow if you'd like. C

3/29/2022 04:42 PM

Marks, Lindy [Colleague of Dhaliwal, Jasneet] forwarded an eApprovals item to Fast, Christine for action

Hi Christine, another rush request that needs to be sent to Angela by end of day tomorrow. Thanks!

3/29/2022 04:40 PM

XT:Miller, Jodi [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to Dhaliwal, Jasneet for action

The AG MBN has been reviewed and approved by BCH subject matter experts as well as Sara Goldvine and Cathy Shen.

3/29/2022 04:38 PM

XT:Shen, Cathy [Assignee] approved the item and forwarded it to XT:Miller, Jodi for action

Approved

3/29/2022 04:25 PM

XT:Weeks, Marie [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to XT:Shen, Cathy for action

For Cathy's approval. Approved by Sara G

3/29/2022 04:24 PM

XT:Weeks, Marie added a document: 627017 IBN MDE Tour Abbotsford.docx

3/28/2022 12:56 PM

XT:Shen, Cathy [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to XT:Weeks, Marie for action

New for assignment

3/28/2022 12:01 PM

Dhaliwal, Jasneet [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to XT:Shen, Cathy for action

Hi Cathy, please see below request for briefing materials. Please send materials back to me by 2pm on March 29th for CAS approval. Thank you!

3/28/2022 11:55 AM

Stewart, Emily AG:EX added a document: Event Plan - Homeless camp tour. April 1.2022.pdf

3/28/2022 11:55 AM

Stewart, Emily AG:EX created this item

**\*\*RUSH\*\*** Requesting briefing materials for MDE's Tour of Homeless Camps and Impacts in Abbotsford on April 1st, 2022 - 9:00am-11:00am. Agenda and further info attached - we will need these materials for Angela's approval by EOD March 30th at the very latest. Thank you!

3/28/2022 11:55 AM

Stewart, Emily AG:EX has created a new eApprovals item and assigned it to Dhaliwal, Jasneet

3/28/2022 11:55 AM

Stewart, Emily AG:EX added a document: CLIFF Log 627017.pdf

3/28/2022 11:55 AM

Stewart, Emily AG:EX added a document: FW\_ Question Re\_ MDEs Tour of Abbotsford on April 1st\_ 2022.msg