



**HOMELESSNESS  
ACTION WEEK**

**OCT 9-15, 2016**



VANCOUVER  
**HOUSING**  
INITIATIVE

A CITY  
EVERYONE  
CAN CALL  
HOME

# Homelessness Action Week 2016 and Updates

Presentation to Council

Housing Policy & Projects

October 5, 2016



# Presentation Outline



- Homelessness Action Week 2016 Update
- 2016/2017 Temporary Winter Shelters
- Reset - Updating the Housing and Homelessness Strategy





# Update Homelessness Action Week 2017

# Homelessness Action Week 2016 October 9-15



## 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Metro Vancouver Homelessness Action Week

### Coordinated Regionally

- Federal funding ended in 2013
- Community Homeless Tables HAW Subcommittee
- CoV Support: Logo, Poster, Transit Shelter Ads

### World Homeless Day

- October 10, 2016

## Homelessness Action Week

October 9-15, 2016



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#HAW2016



# Homelessness Action Week 2016 Goals



**Create innovative solutions to local homelessness**

**Build neighbourhood capacity to raise awareness and respond to issues of homelessness**

**Build healthy, safe and inclusive communities**

**Support existing partnerships and create new ones to leverage opportunities to address homelessness and affordable housing needs**



# Homelessness Action Week 2016

## HAW 2015 Results



**5,000+** meals served

**900+** care kits distributed

**790** people attended educational events

**200+** community partnerships established

**7,500+** homeless or at-risk individuals directly impacted



# Homelessness Action Week 2016

## HAW 2015 Highlights



SRO Tenant Convention

# Homelessness Action Week 2016

## 2016 Actions: HAW Grants



## \$36,650 in Grants to 13 Community Non-Profits (Up to \$3,000 each)

**Stew and Bannock:  
Circle of Eagles Lodge Society**

October 10 & 12

**Gallery Gadget Exhibition:  
*If Not for Dreams***

September 9-October 23

**PACE Society Sex Work Storytellers Event @ VPL**

October 11

**Frog Hollow Hunger Banquet &  
Community Dialogue**

December 21



2015 SRO Tenant Convention



Much Ado About Something 2014



UGM 2014



# Homelessness Action Week 2016

## 2016 Actions: Connect Events



### CoV Connect Events

- **Evelyne Saller Community Centre**
  - May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- **Gathering Place Community Centre**
  - TBA - November 2016

### Grant-Funded Connect Events

- **Aboriginal Mother Centre Community Open House**
  - October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- **Under One Umbrella (Watari)**
  - TBA - March 2017



# Homelessness Action Week 2016

## 2016 Actions: CoV Special Event



## SRO Exhibit

### *King Rooms #31*

Greg Masuda

## VPL Central Branch Promenade

- October 11: 6-7pm
- October 12-14: 11am-3pm





# 2016-2017 Temporary Winter Shelters



# Winter Shelters - 2016/2017



- Located in areas where there are high numbers of homeless people - targeted outreach to ensure they get beds
- Access to transit and other community services
- Professional and experienced shelter operator
- Time limited Development Permits - open 5 months from December to end of April
- DE process includes community notification and dialogue sessions



# Winter Shelters - 2016/2017



## Benefits of temporary shelters:

- Opportunity for people to come inside – count findings show street homeless accessing beds
- At least two meals/day - Positive impact on blood sugar and ability to cope
- Connections with health and housing services

**Over 1,000 housed since 2009**





# Update on Housing RESET

# RESET Objectives



## Why are we doing RESET?

- Opportune timing – mid-way through 10 yr strategy, a lot of success and a lot of lessons learned
- Federal gov't interest: National Housing Strategy underway
- Housing crisis being experienced by the whole community in Vancouver

## Our Approach

- Gain better understanding of Vancouver Housing Market
  - identify drivers of affordability
  - modelling medium and long term outlook of population and employment who needs what level of housing and where to place it?
  - Examine global best practices
- Propose New Housing Strategy
  - Identify interventions and actions the City and partners could take

## How are we doing it?

- Share knowledge and seek out input - locally, regionally, provincially, nationally and globally



# RESET Process



June - Oct

Jul - Oct

Nov - Dec

Jan 2017

RESEARCH

IDEA GENERATION & ENGAGEMENT

STRATEGIC ANALYSIS

FINAL REPORT

ERNST & YOUNG  
CAUSE + AFFECT

MAYOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
CREATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEES

- *RE:ADDRESS INTERNATIONAL HOUSING SUMMIT & WEEK (Oct 24-29)*
- *NATIONAL HOUSING STRATEGY SUBMISSION*

Global Market  
(supply/demand);  
partner interviews,  
public research,  
technical analysis

Shared learning and partner  
engagement on key topic areas  
and themes

Evaluation  
and impact  
analysis

HOUSING AND  
HOMELESSNESS  
STRATEGY  
UPDATE

5 & 10 YEAR  
ACTION PLANS  
BROUGHT TO  
COUNCIL

# Re:Address Housing Week



re:address

re:addresssummit

re:addressweek

**re:address Summit** – Housing and the Future of City Building – **October 27**, Vancouver Convention Centre: East

**re:address Week** – Numerous activities leading up to the conference – **October 24 -28**



**RE:ADDRESS SUMMIT**  
**HOUSING AND THE**  
**FUTURE OF CITY BUILDING**  
**HOSTED BY: THE CITY OF VANCOUVER**



# Homelessness Action Week 2016 Communications



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