



Actions to End Street Homelessness by 2015

CITY OF VANCOUVER STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN

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Strategies to Prevent Homelessness

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Enhancing Mental Health & Addictions Supports - Mayor's Task Force

- ✓ New Assertive Outreach Team for DTES residents discharged from hospital – **funded through MOH**
- ✓ Increased Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Teams for SRO tenants with severe mental health and addictions – **funded by Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH)**
- ✓ Intensive Case Mgt and Housing for Inner City Youth Mental Health - **funded by MOH**

Preventing Evictions

- ✓ \$40k for SRO tenant assistance through Residential Tenancy Branch arbitration process – **approved in DTES Plan**

Maintaining Affordability & Maintenance of SROs

Using City Tools to Leverage Results

- ✓ Continue to monitor & enforce health & safety by-laws (Coord. Enforcement Working Group prioritizing buildings - saferental.ca) – **current CoV budget**
- ✓ Require non-profit management as condition of business license for poorly maintained & managed SROs – **in Vancouver Charter/DTES Plan**
- ✓ Revoke business license for owners continuing to do work without permit & only re-issue license if suitable non-profit operator in place – **in Vancouver Charter/DTES Plan**

Implementing SRO Strategy

- ✓ \$5K per door for SRO upgrades of 400 rooms - **approved DTES Plan**

Adequate Low Barrier Temporary Winter Shelters

Require minimum of 160 Temporary Low- Barrier Winter Shelter beds

- ✓ Partnership with BC Housing - **COV funding share in operating budget since 2009**

Adequate Pace & Number of Incremental Supportive Housing – New or Interim

Expedite tenanting of supportive Housing before 2015

- ✓ Interim housing: Maintain supply
 - 100 rooms at Bosman Hotel to remain open – **request for BCH funding**
- ✓ Permanent Housing: Expedite remaining supportive housing units
 - Broadway Fraser 103 Units – occupancy Aug 2014 – **BCH funded**
 - 111 Princess – 139 units – occupancy Aug 2014 – **BCH funded**
 - Taylor Manor – 56 units – occupancy Fall 2014 – **approved by Council 2012**
 - 220 Princess – 147 units – delayed until Feb 2014 – **BCH funded**

Additional Capacity

- ✓ 100 new rent subsidies – **request for BCH funding**

THANK YOU

