

# Ending Street Homelessness: Update on 2014/15 Winter Response Shelters and Interim Housing



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# Temporary Winter Response Shelters Funding Partnership with BCH

- Funding 3 shelters in 2015 = 120 mats
  - 40 mats @ 900 Pacific Street
  - 50 mats @ 1647 Pender Street
  - 30 mats @ Beacon on E. Cordova run by Salvation Army
- BCH funds the operators and rent supplements to help shelter users move on to permanent housing
- COV funds the capital costs
- VCH offers health supports where required

# Temporary Winter Response Shelters: 900 Pacific St. and 1647 E. Pender St.

- Pacific is City-owned building/Pender is City-leased building
- RainCity is the non-profit operator of the shelters
- Approximately 40 - 50 mats in each shelter
- Operates 24/7 with regular building perimeter monitoring
- 2 meals daily
- Ongoing assessment for permanent housing through the City's dedicated Housing Outreach Team (some from Oppenhiemer Park went directly to the shelter and then on to interim housing) - 24 already moved on with rents supps
- Street and local area homeless prioritized
- Both shelters have been operating at full occupancy since opening at beginning of December 2014 (Pacific was operated by COV from late Sept - Nov 30/14)

# Interim Housing: Quality Inn @ 1335 Howe St.

- City-leased building for 2 years (November 2014 - 2016)
- 157 rooms where tenants pay rent at shelter component of income assistance - approx. 140 tenants moved in to date
- Rigorous tenant selection process with VCH
- Managed by Community Builders Foundation (CBF)
  - Well-established and experienced non-profit organization specializing in managing and operating supportive housing
- Operates 24/7 with regular building perimeter monitoring
- Two community-provided meals per day
- Focused on transitioning tenants to permanent housing
- Community Advisory Committee just getting underway

# Interim Housing: Ramada Inn 3475 E. Hastings St.

- City-owned building - opened December 2013
- 54 rooms - rents at shelter component of income assistance
  - rooms are fully occupied
- Rigorous tenant selection process
- Managed by Community Builders Foundation (CBF) in partnership with Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society
  - Well-established and experienced non-profit organizations specializing in managing and operating shelters/supportive housing
- Operates 24/7 with regular building perimeter monitoring
- Two community based meals per day
- Focused on transitioning tenants to permanent housing
- Community Advisory Committee supportive

# 14 sites Partnership BCH/COV: 3 Supportive Housing Coming on Stream

- 111 Princess Avenue:
  - Portland Housing Society
  - 139 units tenanted December 2014
- 2476 Broadway and Fraser:
  - Vancouver Native Housing Society
  - 103 units - 37 currently tenanted
- 220 Princess Avenue:
  - RainCity
  - 146 units of women-led families
  - tenanting starting April 2015

# Extreme Weather Response Shelters (EWR): Winter Season to New Years 2014

- Opened about 10 days total to date (when temps are -2 or lower, and ongoing rain)
- 8 to 13 sites open at nights across the City
- Normal occupancy across about 160 mats is around 50% (close to last year's occupancy)
- Operated by various volunteer non-profits, social service organizations & churches
- Funded by BCH

# Other Housing Coming on Stream

- Taylor Manor: COV property
  - Kettle Friendship Society
  - 56 units supportive housing for street/sheltered homeless with mental illness
  - tenanted by mid-March 2105
- Remand Centre (211 Gore): BC Housing property
  - Bloom Group in partnership with BladeRunners
  - 95 units - 24 units for street/sheltered homeless at shelter rate of income assistance
  - tenanted by June 2015
- Strathcona Library/YWCA complex: COV property
  - 21 units - supportive units for women at risk and children
  - Tenanted spring 2016



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