



VANCOUVER HOUSING INITIATIVE

A CITY EVERYONE CAN CALL HOME

Homelessness Action Week 2015

Presentation to City Council September 29, 2015



HAW 2015 Presentation Overview





"PHOTO 101" UGM HAW 2014

Alley Health Fair 2015

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Homelessness Action Week October 11-17, 2015



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Homelessness... together we can solve it.

Homelessness Action Week: October 11 – 17, 2015

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- 10th Annual HAW in Metro Vancouver
- Until 2013, coordinated by Metro Vancouver Homelessness Secretariat with federal funding
- 2014 and 2015, loss of federal funding, regional coordination provided by the Council of Metro Vancouver Community Homeless Tables
 - CoV support design of posters and transit shelter ads
- World Homeless Day Oct 10, 2015

Homelessness Action Week 2015 Goals

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- Support people who are homeless to connect with services
- 2. Raise awareness of issues of homelessness among the general public
- Build capacity of neighbourhoods to address homelessness
- 4. Build healthy, safe and inclusive communities



Reaching HAW Goals in 2015



Support people who are homeless to connect with services

\$43,000 in City

Build capacity of community groups

address

homelessness

\$9,000 towards CoV Homeless Connect events

Build healthy, safe and inclusive communities Raise awareness of issues of homelessness

Looking Back: **Results of HAW 2014 Activities**

HAW 2014:

- 4,600 homeless and at-risk individuals impacted
- 4,000 meals served
- 2,000 care kits handed out
- 2,100 people attended educational events
- 160 community partnerships established





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HAW 2015: Homeless Connect Events



Three connect events hosted by COV:

- Gathering Place Community Centre
- Evelyne Saller Community Centre
- Carnegie Library

Four connect events hosted by HAW Grant Recipients:

- Community Open House (Aboriginal Mother Centre)
- Preventing Homelessness, Promoting Growth (John Howard Society)
- Connecting the Ends (St. Paul's Church)
- Under One Umbrella (Watari)



HAW 2015: Sneak Peak of Other Events



UGM HAW 2013

- Triple A Transit Affordable, Available and Accessible: Forum on homeless access to public transit, learning from Calgary & Seattle Thurs, Oct 8, 7pm, SFU Woodward's
- The Hello Neighbour Project: Community-led DTES tours Sat, Oct 17, tours throughout the day Register at <u>www.ugm.ca/haw</u>
- SRO Tenant Convention Sun, Oct 18, 10am, Japanese Language School



HAW 2015: Sneak Peak of Other Events



- For a Muse of Fire: Community-engaged theatre Wed Oct 28 - Fri Oct 30, 8pm, InterUrban Gallery
- Frog Hollow Hunger Banquet & Community Dialogue Wed, Dec 16, 6pm, Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House
- Forum on Housing & Homelessness among Refugee Claimants Winter 2016 (date TBA), Inland Refugee Society and UBC



And much, much more...



HAW 2015 Proclamation



- City Hall Tuesday, October 13 11:30 12:30
- Mayor Robertson will present organizations that shelter or house homeless youth in Vancouver with the HAW 2015 Proclamation
- Please join us





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