

MOTION ON NOTICE

6. Motion Calling for 600 More Units of Modular Housing in 2019

SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Swanson

WHEREAS

1. 2181 homeless people were counted in Vancouver this year;
2. Homeless people have about half the life expectancy as housed people;
3. Being homeless causes suffering and poor health;
4. The city spends millions of dollars dealing with the impact of homelessness with shelters, outreach programs, street cleaning, etc.;
5. The BC government's Homes for BC plan promises an additional \$291 million in capital funding and \$216 million in operating funding for housing for homeless people over the 2018-2021 period;
6. Many people who get into modular homes feel they have won the lottery;
7. Hundreds of SRO residents face poor conditions, rent hikes, gentrification, and building closures and need alternate housing;
8. Hundreds of SRO units have been lost to low income people in the last two years through closures and rent hikes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council direct staff to find sites for 600 more modular housing units for people who are homeless.
- B. THAT Council task the Mayor with working diligently with provincial officials to secure at least an additional 600 modular housing units in 2019.