

MOTION

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

At the Regular Council meeting on December 4, 2018, Vancouver City Council referred this matter to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on December 5, 2018, in order to hear from speakers, starting at

*Note: at the Regular Council meeting, changes were made to the original Motion on Notice. Those changes are noted in **bold italics** below.*

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 **and report back by January 2019.**
- B. THAT Council task the Mayor with working diligently with provincial officials to secure at least an additional 600 modular housing units in 2019.
- C. **THAT any new modular housing must make accommodations for family units and for Indigenous women's specific needs for safe housing as an absolute high priority.**

- D. THAT women must be better represented in all modular housing buildings with specific needs for safety and women’s leadership taken into account; and***
- E. THAT all levels of government must ensure that women are prioritized in placements into modular housing, and must require all operators of all modular housing to have an intersectional gender strategy in place that keeps women safe and housed.***

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