

2022

CITY OF VICTORIA | Victoria Fire Department

# EXTREME WEATHER RESPONSE



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE | November 10, 2022



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## Agenda

- City of Victoria Extreme Weather Response (EWR) Plan Overview
- Roles and Responsibilities
- BC Housing Funding Agreement



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## Roles and Responsibilities

- Emergency Program Act and Local Authority Emergency Management Regulation
- BC Housing Extreme Weather Response Policy, 2008
- Victoria Fire Department – Emergency Management Division

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## The Plan(s)

- Although a provincial responsibility, gaps were identified and amplified during the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- First developed and presented to Council in 2021 to address increased demand and identified gaps.
- Consisted of overarching principles on how the City will respond to both extreme hot and cold weather events.
- Define the activation criteria and both internal and external communications strategies.
- Post-action reviews identified unique characteristics of both hot and cold weather events and how we respond to each.
- As a result, two separate plans were established.

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## Activations To Date – Cooling Centre



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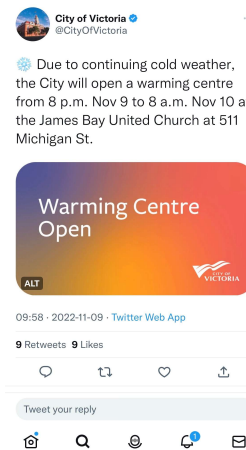


- 4 days of activation
- 3 indoor locations
- 12 misting stations
- Provided engagement opportunities and respite from the heat to over 550 guests

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## Activations To Date – Warming Centre

- 10 daytime activations
- 6 overnight activations
- 3 physical locations
- Provided a safe, dry and comfortable space for people seeking protection from the cold



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## Extreme Weather Warming Centre Locations

### Overnight:

- Salvation Army ARC (30 people)
- Rock Bay Landing (20 people)
- James Bay United Church (15 people)  
City-operated

### Daytime:

- The Youth Sanctuary (15)
- Cook Street Activity Centre (30)  
City-operated



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## Activation and Funding

	Daytime	Overnight
City of Victoria Activation Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temperatures 0° Celsius or lower; and/or</li> <li>• Sleet/freezing rain; and/or</li> <li>• Snow accumulation; and/or</li> <li>• Sustained high winds.</li> <li>• When life, health and safety at risk</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temperatures 0° Celsius or lower; and/or</li> <li>• Sleet/freezing rain; and/or</li> <li>• Snow accumulation; and/or</li> <li>• Sustained high winds.</li> <li>• When life, health and safety at risk</li> </ul>
Funding Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• - 4° Celsius or;</li> <li>• 0° Celsius with accompanying weather warning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temperatures 0° Celsius or lower; and/or</li> <li>• Sleet/freezing rain; and/or</li> <li>• Snow accumulation; and/or</li> <li>• Sustained high winds.</li> <li>• When life, health and safety at risk</li> </ul>
Funding Source	Emergency Management BC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With approved Expenditure Authorization Form (EAF)</li> </ul>	BC Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided a community response plan, an approved budget and funding agreement are in place.</li> </ul>

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## Recommendation

“That Council authorize the City to enter into an agreement, the *Extreme Weather Response Program Services Agreement*, with BC Housing, on the terms satisfactory to the Fire Chief and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor and that the resolution be forwarded to the daytime council meeting of November 10, 2022”