



than 20 parks already on the no-sheltering list,<sup>1</sup> and the four noted above are being added to that list.

As the number of parks where sheltering is allowed shrinks, the need for more careful analysis grows. The City needs to look even more closely at capacity, locations, and other factors to ensure we are complying with legal obligations and treating people humanely. Staff will be presenting such an analysis.

The no-sheltering list will continue to evolve over time, guided by proper analysis. The list will hopefully be getting longer as more people are connected with better sheltering and housing options.

## **Conclusion**

These actions that the City has temporarily undertaken need to be taken over by programs under Belonging in BC - as soon as possible.

In the meantime, in addition to further funding the Relocation Coordinator service, Council can provide direction to expand its operations to support more people who are sheltering to find better shelter and housing options. Council can also have staff provide analysis and advice on further sequencing of locations for sheltering in order to ensure the decisions made are the right decisions.

## **Recommendations**

That Council direct staff to:

- work with the Relocation Coordinator to continue that work in other locations (e.g. parks, streets, boulevards, etc) based on staff's assessment of needs, court decisions, etc.; and,
- bring forward recommendations to Council in relation to where sheltering should be allowed or not allowed in parks, streets, boulevards and other locations.

Respectfully submitted,



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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.victoria.ca/home-property/housing/homelessness-initiatives/sheltering-parks>