



## **ACTION PLAN UPDATE**

### **Housing, Supports & City Services For Overnight Sheltering in Parks**

**July 16, 2015**



## **Housing Initiatives**

1. Support Increased Shelter Capacity
2. Support Development of Micro-Housing
3. Develop Overnight Shelter Location in a Park





## Increased Shelter Capacity

- BC Housing pursuing *Housing First* strategy
- BC Housing not prepared to fund additional shelter capacity at this time
- BC Housing may consider additional rent supplements



## Shelter Capacity –Recommendation

- Advocacy to Province for additional rent supplements to free up existing capacity
- Alternative Unfunded Options:
  1. Provide City funding for shelter mats:
    - ~ \$112,000 for 40 adult mats for 6 months
    - ~ \$40,000 for 35 youth mats for 3 months
  2. Explore other emergency shelter options





## Support Micro-Housing

Discussions underway with Micro-Housing Victoria (Society) regarding:

- Concept for site and types of housing units
- Construction and life safety regulations
- Process for identifying potential sites
- Formal City site approvals
- Expectations for public consultation



## Micro-Housing - Location

- Not envisioned for City parks
- Suited to bare, level land in mixed use area
- No specific site chosen yet
- Seek expressions of interest for sites?





## Micro-Housing Victoria - Roles

- Build organizational capacity for the project
- Develop site plan & operating arrangements
- Identify and acquire a site for the village
- Obtain funding to support implementation
- Construct housing units & implement plan
- Operate the micro-housing village



## Micro-Housing – City Roles

1. Perform Regulatory Roles
2. Provide City services to the site
3. Provide advice to Micro-Housing Victoria
4. Consider grant requests for the project





## Micro-Housing – Recommendation

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- City is a regulator
- City provides municipal services
- City is an advisor
- City might be a funder
- City is not the village operator



## Designated Sheltering Area

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- Assessment of potential site underway
- City park site is likely first location
- Service partner has expressed interest





## Sheltering Area - Recommendation

- Seek a service partner to manage site
- Develop service model with the partner
- Develop a budget and confirm a site
- Consult public on site and service model
- Present service model & budget to Council



## Housing Advocacy & Support

Two projects approved in 2013/2014 from the Priority Housing Project List:

- Wilson's Walk – 108 affordable units
- Siem Lelum – 15 family units

Supportive Housing Projects:

- Two projects in grant application phase – 84 units
- One project at pre-funding stage – 60 units





## Social & Health Services Support

- Support for Coalition *Creating Homes, Enhancing Communities* report given July 9<sup>th</sup>
- Motion to support 2016 Coalition funding passed
  - 2016 Grant and Budget approval required
- Safe Consumption model being explored by Island Health and AIDS VI



## 2015 Operational Initiatives

### 1. Storage Facility Project

- Vancouver model reviewed by staff
- Discussions with Our Place & Rock Bay Landing
- Service model and site location are key issues

#### Recommendation:

- Continue with service partner discussions
- Initiate proposal call if no progress by September





## 2015 Operational Initiatives

### 2. Additional Social Service Outreach

- Defining scope of service delivery
- Seeking partner funding & coordination
- Six month pilot project contract to follow
- Implement pilot project by end of September



## 2015 Operational Initiatives

### 3. Monitoring & Services

- A. Special clean-up service operating
- B. Extended washroom hours established in:
  - Beacon Hill Park main washrooms
  - Stadacona Park

Portable toilets set-up at Topaz Park (SW corner)







## 2015 Operational Initiatives

### 3. Monitoring & Services

- C. Signs for park areas being developed
  - installation in August
- D. Information handouts being developed
  - implementation by August
- E. Maintain Bylaw Officer patrols → implemented
- F. Acknowledge cooperation → implemented
- G. Improve compliance message → implemented



## 2015 Operational Initiatives

### 4. Amend Parks Regulation Bylaw

- Draft amendments under review
- Propose bylaw amendments in September
- Consult with public after 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading
- Adopt bylaw amendments in October

### 5. Progressive Compliance Strategy

- Strategy development underway
- Propose concurrent with bylaw amendments
- Concurrent implementation with 4 in October





## Conclusions

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- Action Plan is a multi-faceted approach
- Temporary Housing Initiatives more complex  
= longer timeline
- Operational Initiatives are less complex  
= shorter timeline
- More funding is needed from the Province to support permanent housing options



## Conclusions

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- Directors Team reviewing resource needs
- Additional resourcing may be needed to support Action Plan & Task Force initiatives





**Questions?**

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