

Sheltering Solutions Workshop



Below is a list of potential temporary housing solutions that the City of Victoria received from the community over the summer. We are looking for temporary housing solutions that can be implemented as soon as possible, and no later than spring of 2016.

This evening, each group is asked to determine two topics to "workshop" together. The top two topics can come from the ideas noted below or other ideas suggested by members of your group. Your facilitator will help your group come to a consensus on the two topics for discussion tonight. You will have 10 minutes to do this.

Next, your group will spend 30 minutes discussing one of the topics, using the questions provided in a Worksheet. One person at your table will be asked to be the "Recorder" to complete the Worksheet questions on behalf of your group. After a short break, you will have another 30 minutes to workshop your group's second topic. Worksheets are to be submitted to your facilitator.

Once your group's two topics have been determined, your facilitator will note them on the flip chart. If you would like to discuss a topic that your group didn't select, you are invited to move to another table where a different idea is being discussed.

Topics List:

1. A sheltering in vehicles (e.g. cars, vans, RVs, etc.) program with support services.*
2. A program for residents/local groups to provide shelter in their homes or buildings.
3. Fund additional beds at existing shelters.
4. Funding to make existing buildings into temporary shelters (e.g. vacant motels, City facilities, provincial government facilities, etc.).
5. Funding to create new shelters or temporary housing facilities.
6. Supervised sheltering sites on private or public land (not in a City park) with support services.*
7. One supervised sheltering site in one City park with support services.*
8. Supervised sheltering site in more than one City park with support services.*

*Support services could include for example, supervisors, an Island Health representative, washrooms, showers, comfort stations, garbage and sharps bins, etc.

Other potential solutions:

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Recorder's name: _____

Recorder's contact information (EMAIL/PHONE): _____

Facilitator's name: _____

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Please note the name of your group's selected "Sheltering Solution" topic to be workshopped.

Why does your group think this is a good solution (rationale)? What are the pros and cons?

What next five steps should the City take to implement this solution?

1. _____

2. _____

(What next five steps should the City take to implement this solution?, continued)

- 3.

- 4.

- 5.

Which organizations, if any, should the City collaborate and partner with to implement this solution?

Is there anything else you would like the City to consider about this proposed solution?

OPTIONAL – Please provide the names, affiliations (if applicable), and neighbourhoods of the participants at your table during the discussion of this topic.

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- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____
- 7. _____
- 8. _____
- 9. _____
- 10. _____

Thank you for participating in the Sheltering Solutions Workshop. The ideas generated this evening will be provided to City staff for review and evaluation, and will inform a report to Council on how best to move forward with providing temporary housing options to those in our community without shelter.