

COUNCIL REPORT - HOMELESSNESS

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MUNICIPAL STRATEGIES/WORKING MODELS

Purpose

Develop a summary of best practices and recommendations for municipal involvement in addressing homelessness and homelessness related issues.

Homelessness in Canada remains a national crisis despite the best efforts of social groups, housing advocates and all levels of government. In the 2014 State of Homelessness in Canada Report Card released last week, the most startling number remains that on any given night 35,000 Canadians have no place to call home.

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Research of Best Practices - **Continuum of Care**

- Outreach
- Intake, assessment
- Referral services to identify a client's needs and link them to appropriate housing and/or services
- Housing readiness



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Research of Best Practices - **Housing First**

- Immediate access to permanent housing with no housing readiness requirements
- Consumer choice and self-determination
- Recovery orientation to services
- Individualized and client-driven supports
- Social and community integration

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Current State in Kelowna

- Anecdotal evidence of increased levels of homelessness
- Survey needed to prove out - COF survey
- Many Agencies working individually and collaboratively
- City not actively at the table



BEST PRACTICES - WORKING MODELS

- ▶ Medicine Hat
- ▶ Abbotsford
- ▶ Kamloops
- ▶ Prince George

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Recommendations

Collective Impact – Working with Agencies

- Common Agenda
- Shared Measures
- Mutually Reinforcing Activities
- Continuous Communications with Community
- Back Bone Support

Dedicated Resource - Three years then evaluation

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Questions?

