Homelessness on the North Shore
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Presentation Overview

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4. Potential Solution
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Housing Continuum

Existing Beds:
- 18 beds for women & children
- 4 beds for youth
- 45 beds for adults == TOTAL 67

Current Need:
- 335 (unsheltered)
- 401 (sheltered)
### Historical Stats & Trends

#### Point in Time Count

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There is increasing street homelessness in most municipalities across Metro Vancouver.
Historical Stats & Trends
Service Use Data Report

2017 Homeless Count in Metro Vancouver:
North Shore Data


- Unsheltered: 11
- Sheltered: 89
- Total: 100

The Homeless Count captures the minimum number of individuals experiencing homelessness on a single day in March. This constitutes the minimum number of people experiencing homelessness on the North Shore on this day. Services Use Data captures individuals accessing homelessness services over the course of a year, not all of whom are homeless for the duration of a year.

The average number of individuals experiencing homelessness on any given day will be higher than 100 and lower than 736.

2016 North Shore Homelessness Services Use Data Report

A one year tally of unique service recipients of all major homelessness serving organizations in 2016.

- Unsheltered: 335
- Sheltered: 401
- Total: 736
Homeless Service Use Data: Snapshot 2016

- Total unique absolute homeless service recipients: 736
- Number of homeless individuals accessing multiple services: 124
- Number of homeless adults (25-54): 453
- Number of homeless youth (under 24): 103
- Number of homeless seniors (over 55): 178
- Number of homeless or at-risk service recipients who reported domestic violence: 136
- Number of children accompanying homeless or at-risk parent(s): 143
Potential Solution

- Business Case for a Family Shelter and Supported Housing Project
- Identifying District land
- Securing funding from seniors levels of government

Municipal ➔ Provincial ➔ Federal

Collaboration

Partnership

Sustained Funding
Conclusion

- Homeless numbers are increasing
- More pressure on municipal staff
- Geographical distribution of shelters and social housing needed
- Partnerships
- Sustained and consistent funding
Recommendation

THAT staff be directed to work with non-profit partners to develop a business case for the creation of a Family Shelter and Supported Housing project in the District of North Vancouver;

AND THAT staff be directed to explore potential locations for a Family Shelter and Supported Housing project on a District-owned site;

AND THAT staff report back to Council with next steps in the first quarter 2018.
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