

# **HEART & HEARTH**

Making homelessness rare, brief, and one time



### What is HEART? •

Homelessness and Encampments Action <u>Response Teams</u>



**Building with strong community systems** 



Resolving encampments and homelessness



**Coordination and administration** 



**Driving planning from shared data and analysis** 



Direct line to Provincial policy-makers



Providing more shelter and housing





### **HEART Outreach Will...**

- Leverage Community Resources
- Provide Help and Support
- Create shelter and Housing Opportunities
- Coordinate Resource Deployment

### What is HEARTH? ①

Homelessness and Encampment Action Response <u>Temporary Housing</u>



#### **Taking Action**

Delivering housing and shelter options.

#### **Resolving and Preventing**

Sites for new temporary or permanent assets.

#### **Creating Opportunities**

Aligning with other permanent housing and shelter investments.



## **Coordinating Homelessness Response**



#### Heart

- Encampment response plan
- Cultural supports and services
- Health and social services
- Outreach and shared by-name lists

#### Hearth

- Coordinated planning & development
- City sites and supports
- Long-term permanent housing plan
- Tenanting via CAA and Shelter

#### **SHORT-TERM SUPPORT**



Supported Rent Supplements



**Shelter Offers & Shelter Expansion** 



**HEARTH Temporary Housing** 

#### **LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS**



Supported Rent Supplements



**New Supportive Housing** 



## **Encampment Response**

The province has supported coordinated responses to encampments across B.C. in rural and urban communities, building on lessons learned and best practices - which include partner plans in three clear phases.



This model has proven more effective in many communities including Abbotsford, Vancouver, Saanich, Surrey, Nanaimo, and Victoria.



# **Understanding Encampments**

People shelter in encampments for various reasons, but encampments typically become unsafe for them and others — with fire safety and public health issues, extreme weather, crime and exploitation of vulnerable people, such as women and youth.







# What's Happening in Abbotsford?



- Lonzo
- Riverside
- Bradner Rest Stop
- Gladys Ave
- Clearbrook



# **Next Steps**



## **Abbotsford Strategic Working Group**





BC Housing recognizes the important work being done by groups on the ground (some included left).



Additional admin and coordination support to improve community-level homelessness response.



Strengthen and connect provincial and local planning and policy.



Bring community partners together, share information and strengthen collaboration.



Improve data sharing and transparency to drive collaborative service delivery decisions.



### **Abbotsford HEART & HEARTH Process**

Terms of Reference



**Encampment Response Plan** 



COORDINATED ACCESS



Supported Rent Supplements



Provincial – Municipal Conversations

**Gather External Partners** 

Establish HEART
Strategic Working Group

**HEART** 

Mobilize and Activate HEART Outreach Teams

**Identify HEARTH Sites** 

Site Work

**Site Complete** 

**HEARTH** 





Shelter Offers &/OR Shelter Expansion



**HEARTH Temporary Housing** 



### **Encampment Response Plan**

- BNL/Demographics
- HEART Services to the Encampment
- HEARTH Housing and Shelter Assets
- CAA and Tenanting
- Transition Planning
- Aftercare









**Aftercare** 





# Questions?

