



2023-24 Daytime Warming Centre Project Summary Report

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Located in Centennial Park in White Rock, BC

Operated by Engaged Communities in collaboration with City of White Rock (3rd year of operations)

Open daily (7am-10pm) from Nov 27 to March 8

Accommodated ~3845 visits over 103 days

Provided shelter, hot meals & beverages, personal hygiene supplies & facilities, clothing, transportation, emergency first aid & physician/nurse-directed medical services, and connection to community health and social services.



Impact

- **Protection from extreme winter weather**
 - ↓ risk of cold-related injury, illness, and death
- **Meet basic needs through tailored responses**
 - Such as culturally appropriate foods and prayer spaces
- **Addressed urgent medical concerns**
 - Emergency first aid, drug poisoning response & connection to emergency medical services
- **↑ access to longitudinal medical care on site**
 - Including assessment, treatment, prescriptions, lab requisitions, and referrals
- **Connection to external community services** (e.g., housing, income assistance programs)
 - ↓ new inflows into homelessness, returns to homelessness, and chronic homelessness
- **Roundtrip transportation**
 - Smooth transition between daytime and nighttime shelter operations
- **Supported public safety**
 - De-escalation, crisis intervention, security services, foot patrols, responding to concerns from City/public, regular physical presence during periods of closure of City services



Moving Ahead - Considerations

Shifting demographics and needs

- ↑ women, women fleeing violence, seniors, gender diverse individuals, youth, immigrants, international students, and employed/sheltered individuals facing challenges with meeting basic needs
- ↑ magnitude & complexity of services required to meet needs of shelter guests

Extreme weather continues to disproportionately impact unsheltered individuals

- Unpredictable weather patterns → life-threatening consequences

Emerging challenges impact operations (e.g., legislative/policy changes)

- Requires flexibility & ability to respond timely and effectively

Continued need for supports preventing, responding to, and reducing homelessness

