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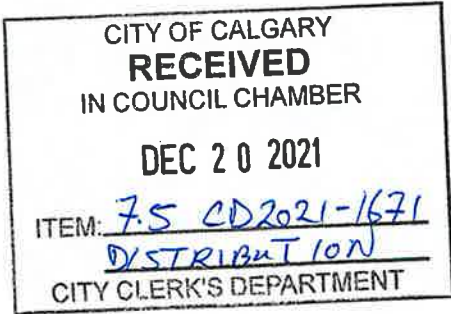


# **Supporting Calgarians Experiencing Homelessness Through Cold Weather Events (Verbal)**

**CD2021-1671**

**Combined Meeting of Council**  
**2021 December 20**

# 3 Action Areas for this Winter



### Create more warm spaces

- Identified locations almost triple current day/evening spaces
- Wider geographic reach



### Provide basic winter safety essentials

- Support people to stay safe where they're at
- Increase awareness of existing services and supports



### Reduce barriers to access shelters

- Pets, couples, belongings, barred list, transportation, safety/trust

## Action Area 2 - Basic Winter Safety Essentials

- Portion of the \$750K would be spent on items to help people stay as safe as possible outside
- Distribution through:
  - Agencies
  - Outreach teams
  - Frontline City services





## Examples of Barriers being Addressed



- Pets
- Couples
- Belongings
- Barred list
- Transportation
- Safety/trust
- Information

### Cold Weather Emergency Shelter and Support for Calgarians Experiencing Homelessness

Location	Services, Hours & Requirements
Alpha House Calgary 203 - 15 Ave SE 403-234-7388	24/7 shelter, basic needs, food, clothing, showers, and detox access
Calgary Drop-In Centre 1 Dermot Baldwin Way SE 403-266-3600	24/7 shelter, basic needs, food, clothing, showers, and housing
Inn from the Cold #106 110 11 Ave SE 403-389-4083	24/7 shelter, basic needs, food, clothing, and essentials for families: Adults with dependent children, pregnant mothers, and expecting couples. Participants must meet family eligibility criteria and complete a shelter intake
Mustard Seed Calgary - Shelter 7025 44 St SE 403-723-9422	24/7 shelter, food, clothing, hygiene, and overnight stays. Adult (18+) sober environment. Intake required for new clients
Salvation Army Calgary 420 - 9 Ave SE 403-410-1111 403-410-1112	Shelter, three meals per day, and basic needs. Monday - Friday 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m. Saturday and Sunday open 24 hours Male 18 - 65 years old Sober, dry living
Trellis - Avenue 15 938 15 Ave SW 403-543-9651	24/7 youth shelter (ages 12-17)
YWCA Calgary 1715 17 Ave SE 403-262-0498	Food, shelter, women's support, and counselling Weekdays 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Participants must register as a client to access services.

All facilities have capacity limitations and are following COVID-19 masking and prevention protocols as required by Alberta Health Services.



## Recommendation

**That the Community Development Committee recommend that Council direct Administration to allocate up to \$750 000 to the Calgary Homeless Foundation to coordinate a community cold weather response to support Calgarians experiencing homelessness and report back on outcomes of the investment to the Community Development Committee by the end of Q3 2022.**