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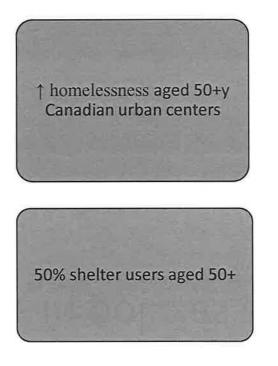
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Social Wellbeing Advisory Committee (SWAC)

March 13, 2019 Dr. Victoria Burns, PhD, RSW Assistant Professor, Faculty of Social Work, University of Calgary Volunteer member, Age-Friendly Cities and SWAC Victoria.burns@ucalgary.ca

Introduction

 Madame Chair and members of City Council. Thank you for this opportunity. My name is Victoria Burns. I am a social worker, assistant professor at the University of Calgary, and volunteer member of Age-Friendly Calgary and SWAC. As a community member with over 15 years experiencing working with older, marginalized people, including individuals experiencing homelessness, I can attest to the urgency of the adoption of the SWAC principles (i.e., equity, prevention, culture and Truth and Reconciliation). If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me: Victoria.burns@ucalgary.ca Why do the SWAC principles matter? Inequity and lack of prevention leads to homelessness and costs the city \$\$\$





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↑ Social isolation and loneliness than younger homeless (Crane & Warne, 2007)

Aging in place: assumes stable housing

Few supportive housing models meet complex health & social needs including addiction

Inequality, a poem by Anne Cartledge, age 68 lived experience of homelessness, founder AISH to Pension



