

COVID-19 Transition Update

Toronto Housing and Homelessness Services Planning Forum

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Agenda & Objectives

- BGM Report Update
- Jurisdictional Scan
- Transitional & Relocation Plan Update

BGM Report Update



BGM Report



- The release of BGM's final report will be later than initially anticipated to ensure that the report feedback can inform the transition plan.
- We are working with BGM on the final release date. We plan to have further updates as we get closer to that time.
- Feedback summarized in BGM's report, will still help inform SSHA's ongoing planning for the temporary shelter sites and the COVID-19 Shelter Transition and Relocation Plan
- A full return to the pre-COVID situation in the shelter system is not recommended
- The City and all key stakeholders in this process see opportunity to learn from the experiences of the pandemic
- We recently reconvened the Service Provider Advisory Committee comprising temporary shelter site providers and will continue to meet on a monthly basis to ensure ongoing consultation

Jurisdictional Scan Update



Highlights of other North American Municipalities

- Vancouver
 - Pivoting to acquisition for permanent housing
- Calgary
 - Delegation of Homelessness Response to an NPO
- Los Angeles
 - “Responsible Hotel Ordinance”
- New York
 - Resuming Leasing of Hotels

Transition & Relocation Plan Update



The COVID-19 Transition Plan Update

On April 6, Council approved The COVID-19 Shelter Transition and Relocation plan update, recommending a thoughtful, phased approach to the gradual transition out of the 27 temporary shelter sites.

Today we will be providing an update on the status of the plan to date as well as the current context.

Capacity Additions: Shelter Outflow

Housing Outcomes

- 2,171 individuals in total have moved from the shelter system to permanent housing in 2022
 - 711 individuals have moved from the temporary COVID-19 shelter sites to permanent housing in 2022

Remaining Housing Allocations for 2022

- RRHI: 201 allocations expected by end of 2022; including 49 to transition site providers
- PATHS: 199 allocations expected by end of 2022 + Unit turnovers (contingent on delivery of housing)
- COHB: Target uptake of 120 benefits/month

Transition Plan Update

- 2022 began with 27 temporary COVID-19 sites and received approval in April to decommission up to 5 sites
- 2 sites were decommissioned/relocated in spring of this year
- 1 site is currently in the process of a phased decommission as part of its acquisition to create deeply affordable and supportive housing
- Lease negotiations continue with three locations which may or may not lead to sites closing at the end of the year
- A coordinated communications plan is being developed to support these sites
- The remainder of sites are expected to extend to April 2023 or beyond

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Actions

- Extend temporary shelter locations while the phased transition plan is implemented
- Create refugee shelter sector capacity to free up existing shelter capacity
- Ensure adequate shelter capacity is maintained as temporary sites are decommissioned
- Explore increasing capacity in some temporary sites as others are decommissioned within existing 2m lateral distance
 - To be discussed with affected Service Providers if/when space is identified

Thank You!

