



## Statement from Mayor Helps on Housing Vulnerable Populations in Victoria

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VICTORIA, BC — Mayor Lisa Helps issued the following statement today about Housing Vulnerable Populations in Victoria:

“I want to thank the Province for their significant investment in addressing homelessness and protecting the health of the region’s most vulnerable citizens during a global health pandemic. It’s remarkable to see 308 people move inside into temporary sheltering locations in such a short time. We also thank the Province for their commitment to ensure that no one ends up back on the street.

“The work over the past few weeks has seen unprecedented collaboration between the City, the Province, BC Housing, Island Health and the many service providers. I especially want to thank the frontline staff who have continued to do the work of providing care and support to the most vulnerable people in our community.

“It’s through working together that 308 people are now on the pathway to permanent safe, secure affordable housing with supports. There is still more work to do and the relationships built during this process will help with future efforts.

“We know there are people still living outside in the city and around the region. To address their needs and get everyone indoors is going to take continued leadership and investment from the Province and federal government as well as cooperation and coordination throughout the region.”

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