



Edmonton

Office of the City Manager

Actions to Respond to Housing and Houselessness Emergency

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Housing and Houselessness Declaration

2. That the City of Edmonton declare a housing and houselessness emergency
3. That the Mayor, on behalf of City Council, invite the Government of Canada, Government of Alberta and Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations for a meeting to discuss collaborative solutions to the emergency, including those as identified in Attachment 1 of the January 15, 2024, Mayor's Office report MO02326.
4. That Administration establish a task force, led by Mayor, City Manager and an appointed member of Council, consisting of community leaders with a mandate to mobilize all sectors, expedite red tape reduction related to housing and houselessness, and allocate \$3.5 million from the Community Safety and Well-being Reserve unallocated funding to act as seed money to fund innovative solutions and attract additional sources of funding.
5. That Administration provide a report with a list of immediate actions that Administration can take, including but not limited to options such as the provision of City-owned land to service providers able to immediately increase the number of Indigenous-led transitional spaces in Edmonton, and existing recommended actions that can be expedited.

Immediate actions to consider

- 1. Identifying additional funding**

eg. Committing all or a portion of Operating Budget Amendment 12 re-allocations

- 2. Direct investments**

eg. Funding a portion of the Indigenous Housing Business Case

- 3. Streamlined and expedited processes for housing**

eg. Reviewing development approvals and charges for affordable housing

- 4. Supports for individuals experiencing houselessness**

eg. Establishing an outreach hub and increasing access to day services

- 5. Support for individuals at risk-of houselessness**

eg. Develop an eviction prevention program

- 6. Working with partners, including other orders of government**

eg. Working with utility providers to address utility poverty

Discussion