

Plan to Meet Immediate Housing Need - Update

City Council
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Agenda

1. Homelessness & Shelter Update
2. Funding Update
3. Plan to Meet Immediate Housing Need
 - Immediate - Temporary 24/7 Pandemic Accommodation
 - Short Term - Bridge Accommodation
 - Medium Term - New Modular Supportive Housing/
Converted Hotels

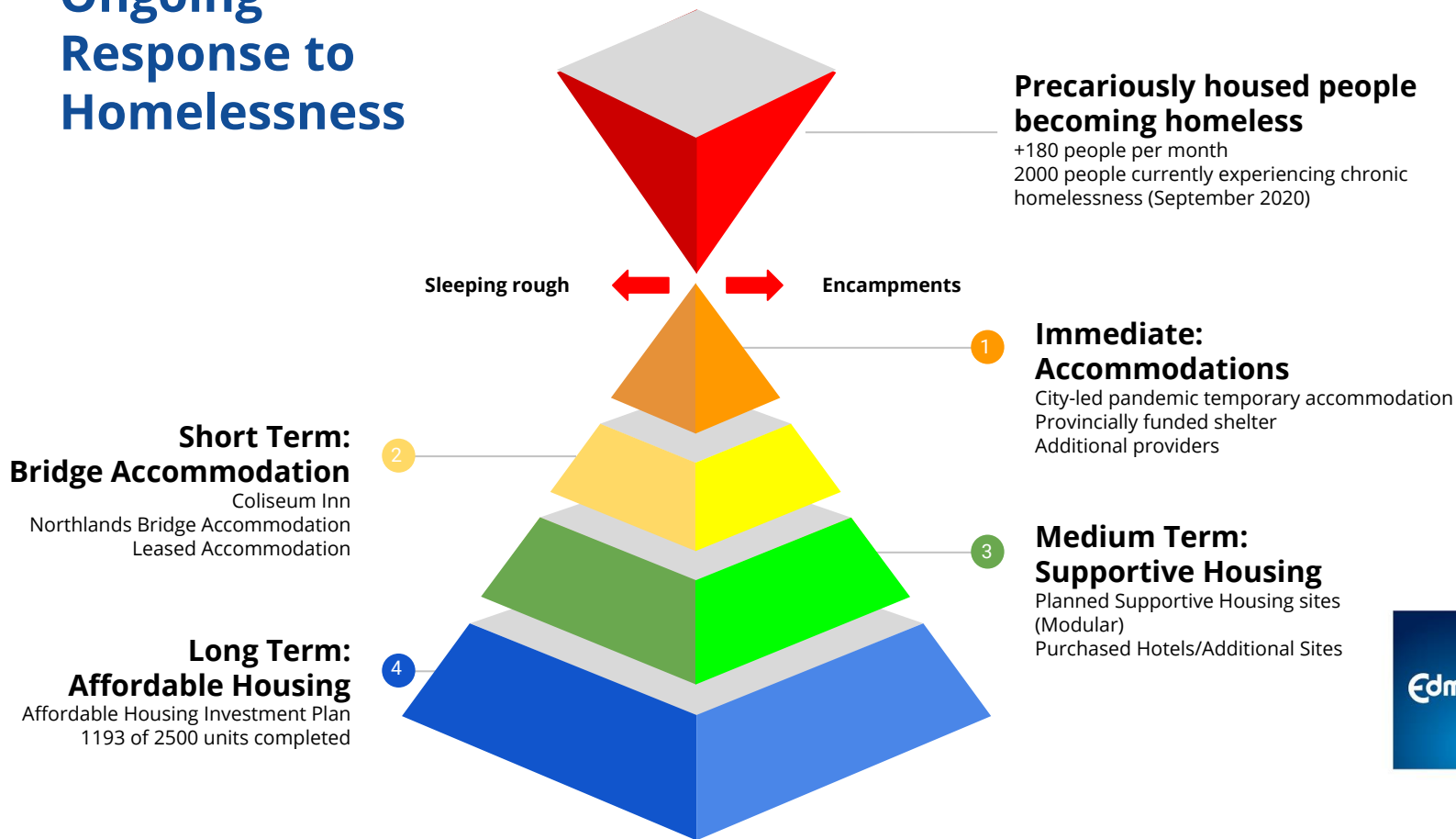
Homelessness & Shelter Update

- Overnight and emergency shelter services experienced significant service interruption due to COVID19
- Approximately 600 people are sleeping outside on any given night
- Organized encampments meet some of the needs of vulnerable people, but they are not viable solutions

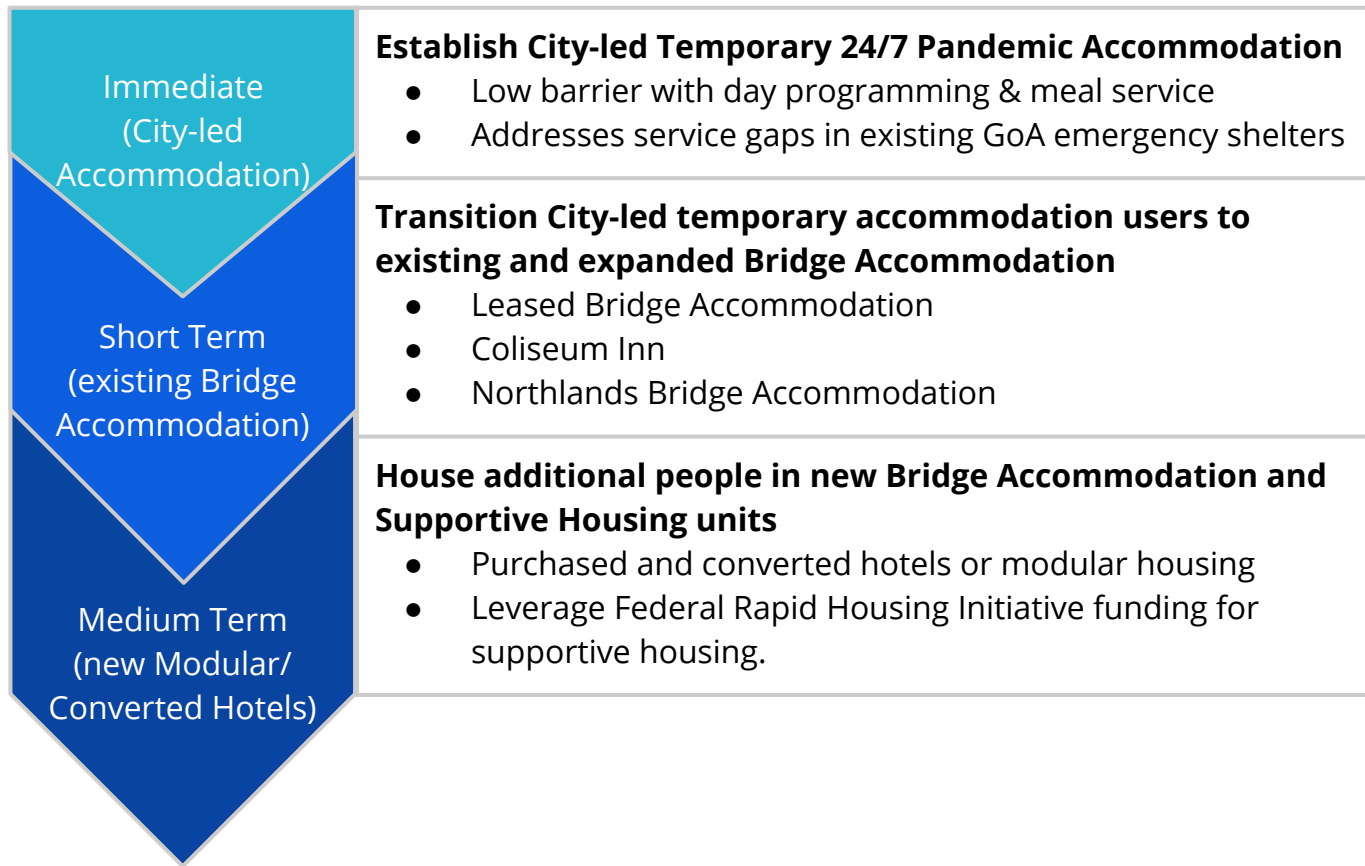
Funding Update

- \$1 billion Rapid Housing Initiative to cover construction of modular housing, acquisition of land, and conversion of existing buildings to affordable housing.
- \$236.7 million one time operational top-up through Reaching Home to extend and expand the emergency response to the COVID-19 outbreak.
- \$688,000 through FCM for rapid bridge accommodation program.

Ongoing Response to Homelessness



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Immediate Temporary Accommodation

Activate a City of Edmonton led Temporary 24/7 Pandemic Accommodation by October 30

- Safe and helpful client experience
- Integrated with existing services
- City-led and community operated
- Accessible location
- Indigenous and culturally appropriate
- Trauma informed and low barrier

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Short Term - Bridge Accommodation

Phased licensing/leasing of buildings

- Successful model piloted at Coliseum Inn
- Work to identify suitable properties underway
- Positive response from industry partners who want to be a part of the solution

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Medium Term - Supportive & Affordable Housing

Work with partners to prepare submissions for Rapid Housing Initiative funding for:

1. Modular supportive housing projects
2. Conversions of existing buildings to affordable housing

Considerations

- The City-led 24/7 Pandemic Accommodation is a temporary response to the service gaps created by COVID-19.
- Approach considers the work being undertaken by the Ministry of Social Services to expand shelter capacity.
- Federal funding allocations and details are not yet known.

Questions