



# Shelter Operations and Funding

## Hope Mission Project Update

Community and Public Services Committee  
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## Edmonton Emergency Shelter Services

- Emergency shelters provide temporary accommodation and essential services to individuals experiencing homelessness and can function as a key portal to housing and other supports
- Emergency shelter providers in Edmonton are nonprofits typically funded by the Government of Alberta, offset by private fundraising efforts
- COVID19 has exacerbated existing gaps in Edmonton's shelter system, requiring City of Edmonton involvement to protect the lives of vulnerable members of our community

## Emergency Shelter Best Practices

- 24/7 admissions and continuous stay policies
- Provision of dignified sleeping space, including beds, storage, and private quarters
- All programs are clearly housing-focused and shelter success is measured by the number of people successfully housed
- Trauma informed, culturally-relevant, client-focused services to address physical and mental health needs (including substance use disorders)
- Clear, transparent policies regarding bans, participant expectations, and inclusivity

## Funding for Edmonton Emergency Shelters

City of Edmonton	Government of Alberta	Other Funding Sources
<p><b>COVID19 Response</b> Expo Centre: COE \$5.1M of total \$15M</p> <p>Tipinawâw: COE \$8.5m of \$11.5m)</p>	<p><b>Regular Funding</b> Edmonton shelter &amp; short term housing spaces: \$10.1m, (March 2020 - March 2021)</p> <p><b>COVID19 Response</b> Edmonton supplemental pandemic funding: \$17m (March 2020 - March 2021)</p>	<p><b>Regular Funding</b> Non-profit shelter providers offset shelter costs through private donations and leveraging in-kind partnerships. i.e. Food Bank, In-Kind Staff resourcing.</p> <p><b>COVID19 Response</b> Government of Canada COVID Emergency funding (Reaching Home top-ups)</p>

## Current Shelter Operating Models in Edmonton

- Vary in hours, access, and demographics served
- Offer a variety of essential services, including showers, meals, and a mixture of mats and beds in mostly congregate settings
- Currently, Hope Mission and the Mustard Seed are the main providers offering walk up, overnight shelter; most others require an intake process and are contingent on vacancies
- There is a lack of continuous stay emergency shelter services with integrated health supports that are housing focused

# Tipinawâw Operations & Services



Between October 30 and January 21

- 3,338 unique individuals
- 50%+ Indigenous
- High utilization by rough sleepers
- 1,043 Overdose Prevention Site, visits
- 116 incidents responded to by Overdose Response Team
- 600 interactions with cultural supports



## Herb Jamieson Redevelopment Update

- \$8 million from Government of Canada and Government of Alberta, matched by private donations
- No funding provided by City of Edmonton
- Scheduled opening fall 2021
- 400 spaces in congregate setting



**Thank you. Questions?**