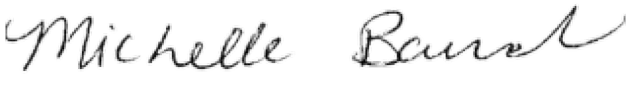




COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members of City Council
DATE:	January 13, 2025
SUBJECT:	Update #3 Temporary Emergency Shelter Expansion (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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SIGNATURES:	

This update provides City Council with a progress update on the implementation of the temporary shelter expansion recommendations approved through Report HSC24027(b) / FCS24028 / PED24162 on September 25, 2024, as a follow up to the Mayoral Directive to Staff (MDI-2024-02).

INFORMATION

City Staff, in coordination with construction and social services agency partners, continue to advance work to operationalize the 192 temporary shelter beds and the Temporary Outdoor Shelter at Barton/Tiffany. Significant progress has been made in both areas, including the onboarding of 138 temporary shelter beds, as well as substantial on-site work at the Barton/Tiffany lands to facilitate the arrival of the first shipment of temporary shelter units on January 13, 2025, working toward a safe and successful move-in of residents to the site within the targeted January timeline.

Barton Tiffany Site-Specific Progress and Activation

On January 13th, the first temporary shelter units arrived on-site at 250 Hess Street North, the site of the Temporary Outdoor Shelter. This significant milestone reflects ongoing efforts to operationalize the site as quickly as possible while adhering to all health, safety, and construction standards. Now that the initial shipment of shelter units has arrived on-site, the installation process is commencing, which includes shelter unit unloading and placement, followed by installation and safety testing protocols. Electrical connections will follow.

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Over the last several weeks, the site has been undergoing preparation for the construction, placement, and electrical connection of the shelter units to support the targeted January move-in timeline for residents. Key milestones completed or in progress since the last communication update include:

- first delivery of shelter units to the site, with safety assessment and construction installation plan initiated;
- administrative building is currently on-site and undergoing set-up;
- asphalt paving has been completed across the entire site, while finished grade around asphalt on site continues;
- permanent external fencing is complete, and internal fencing is expected to be completed this week;
- waterline installation has been completed and has passed inspection; and,
- ongoing coordination with Alectra Utilities to support hydro connections to the site and shelter units.

Housing Services staff are coordinating operational preparations with Good Shepherd, the confirmed site operator, and other City departments, including Public Works and Planning and Economic Development. Construction and operational planning remain focused on health, safety, and meeting the target operational timeline.

Remaining Key Milestones – Temporary Outdoor Shelter:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• January 13, 2025: First shipment of 20 temporary shelter units delivered; inspection and installation began. Final shipment is in Canada, en route to site.• Phased Move-In: Residents will begin moving in as initial units are installed and occupancy is granted, with construction continuing for remaining units. Site will remain secured for safety.• Week of January 27: Temporary washrooms installed; first washroom / shower / laundry trailer arrives, with the second following shortly. Temporary facilities will remain available until full installation is complete.

Progress on Temporary Emergency Shelter Expansion (192 Beds)

As of today, 138 of the 192 temporary emergency shelter beds have been brought online, with the remaining 54 beds expected to be online by the end of January. Of these, 50 of these beds initially projected to come online at the Cathedral site have been temporarily converted to up to 64 overnight drop-in spaces to accommodate additional need and capacity for overnight sheltering. These beds will transition to full shelter beds throughout January.

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