

THE CITY OF LANGLEY HOMELESSNESS STRATEGIC PLAN

A HOMELESSNESS STRATEGIC PLAN IS IN THE WORKS!

The City of Langley in partnership with the Langley Homelessness Task Force (LHTF) and CitySpaces Consulting are preparing a Homelessness Strategic Plan for the Langley community. The project launched in Spring of 2015, and will be completed by November 2015.

ABOUT THE HOMELESSNESS STRATEGIC PLAN

Informed by background review, best practices research and consultation activities, the Homelessness Strategic Plan will summarize the key challenges to homelessness and social services in Langley, and offer a framework of strategic directions to the City, local actors and stakeholders. Community endorsement and commitment to the Plan, as well as collaboration throughout implementation, will be key to its success.

KEY COMPONENTS OF THE PROCESS

- Preparation of a Social Services Inventory
- Preparation of a Context Brief
- Consultation with local stakeholders
- Identification of strategies and solutions suitable to the Langley Context
- Preparation of a Homelessness Strategic Plan

KEY STATS

In 2014, 92 individuals in the Langley area were recorded as homeless through the Metro Vancouver Homelessness Count.

	AMOUNT OF TIME LIVING IN THE CITY & TOWNSHIP OF LANGLEY					
	Less than 1 week	1 week to under 1 year	1 - 5 years	5 - 10 years	10 years or more	TOTAL
Langley	12%	31%	20%	9%	28%	100%
Region	2%	19%	17%	11%	51%	100%

Source: RSCH Homeless Count, July 2014

In Langley, 43% of persons experiencing homelessness have been living in Langley for less than one year compared to the region where, where 21% have been living in their communities for less than one year.

700+

Unique Men and Women
Access Gateway of
Hope's Emergency
Shelter Services
Annually

22%

of persons experiencing
homelessness in Langley
are YOUTH

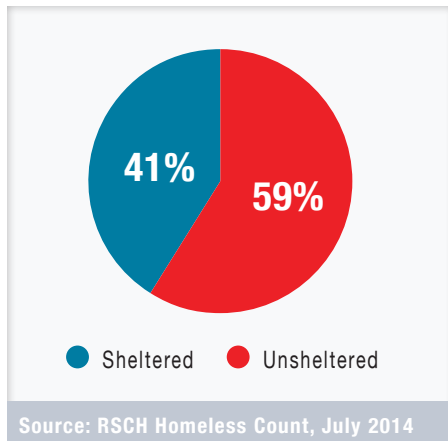
15%

of ABORIGINAL
persons experiencing
homelessness access
shelters in Langley

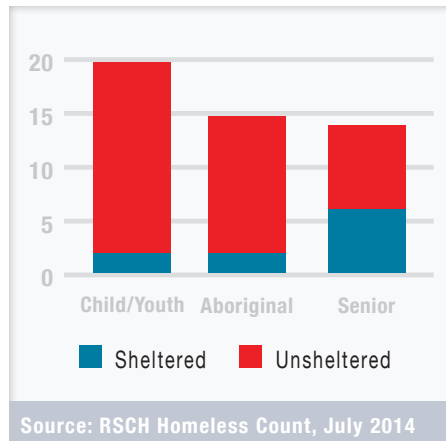
30%

of clients at Starting
Point Homeless Outreach
Services are SENIORS

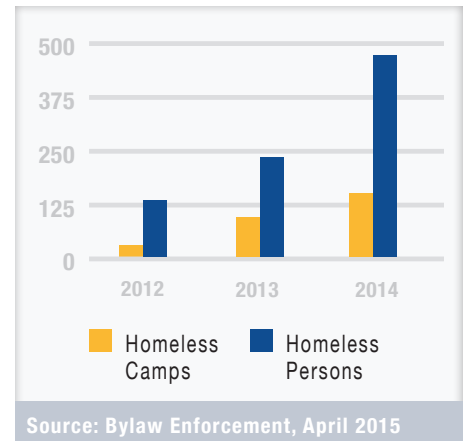
KEY STATS CONTINUED



Considerable progress has been made since the opening of the Gateway of Hope in 2008. However, more than half of Langley's homeless population remained unsheltered in 2014.



What are the barriers for youth, Aboriginal persons and seniors in accessing shelters?



The number of bylaw calls received for both Homeless Camps and Homeless Persons has tripled over the past two years.

SOCIAL SERVICES COUNT

SERVICE / TARGET POPULATION	WITHIN LANGLEY (CITY & TOWNSHIP)
Aboriginal Specific Services	1
Addictions Services	4
Emergency Shelter / Housing	2
Homelessness Related	5
Psychiatric / Mental Health	5
Senior Specific Resources	4
Single Mothers	1
Supportive / Affordable Housing	5
Youth Specific Resources	14

Source: Multiple Sources, Compiled by CitySpaces Consulting

SOCIAL SERVICES INVENTORY

There are numerous organizations in Langley that provide important and critical services, programs and housing to persons experiencing homelessness, vulnerable and at-risk groups.

Key agencies include:

- Gateway of Hope
- Ishtar Transition Housing Society
- Stepping Stone Community Services Society
- YWCA Fraser Gardens
- Encompass Support Services Society

MORE INFO?

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