



NEWS RELEASE

Temporary Response Shelter Opens Doors Today

ABBOTSFORD, BC – December 21, 2015: The Temporary Response Shelter, a partnership project between the Province of BC, the City of Abbotsford and local outreach community groups will officially open their doors today, announced Mayor Henry Braun.

The B.C. government provided \$450,000 and the City of Abbotsford contributed \$750,000 to construct a 40-bed temporary response shelter that will operate from today until the end of April 2016. The city also provided the land for the shelter which is located at 1640 Riverside Rd.

“This shelter is a significant milestone for our community—it’s an investment in the lives of some of our most vulnerable residents, but it’s also an investment in building a complete community.” said Mayor Henry Braun. “The shelter moves us one step further in reaching our goal: ...Abbotsford is a city where everyone has a home.”

The Lookout Emergency Aid Society will operate the shelter and provide a range of health and housing support services, including serving three meals a day. Outreach workers will also connect clients with rental assistance, so they can access more stable, long-term housing.

“I want to thank the Province of BC, BC Housing, Britco, BC Hydro, Matcon Civil Construction, the Homelessness Action Advisory Committee, the Shelter Working Group, the Outreach Working Group, Lookout Emergency Aid Society, and the Salvation Army for working together to make this project a reality in such a short time frame,” said Mayor Henry Braun.

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