

Shelter Transition and Relocation Plan Update 2023

TAEH Update
January 11, 2023



Staff Report

- Report at ECDC January 11th, 2023
- Update on COVID-19 Shelter Transition and Relocation Plan, adopted by Council on April 6, 2022 to guide a phased, gradual transition from temporary shelter sites.
- Report includes an overview of shelter system pressures, an update on phase 1 of the COVID-19 transition work plan, and outlines next steps for phase 2 of the plan in 2023 – 2024.

Update on the 2022 Plan

- 4 sites decommissioned in 2022:
 - 195 Princes' Blvd
 - 1684 Queen St E
 - 45 The Esplanade
 - 30 Norfinch Dr
- 65 Dundas St E continues a phased transition to supportive and affordable housing that began in 2022 through 2023
- Ongoing work underway on lessons learned through this phase of transition

Update on 2022 Transition Plan

	Housing	Shelter Referral/Self-Referral	Unknown Location	Health or Correctional Facility	Deceased
65 Dundas Street East	30.4%	29.6%	28%	8.8%	2.4%
195 Princes' Boulevard	3.0%	58.4%	33.5%	5.2%	0%
1684 Queen Street East	11.6%	83.8%	2.3%	2.3%	0%
45 The Esplanade	15.9%	71.7%	11.2%	0.77%	0.4%
30 Norfinch Drive	13.8%	73.2%	7.8%	0%	0.7%

Extending lease/licensing agreements at COVID-19 temporary hotels

- At of Jan 1 2023, 23 temporary shelter sites are operating as part of the City's shelter system, making up approximately 3,000 individuals and 30% of the spaces in the City's shelter system.
- On April 6, 2022, City Council passed a motion to extend leases at existing shelter hotels provided that no such extension shall extend later than April 30, 2023 without securing further City Council approval, and to report back in Q1 2023.
- Report seeks authorities to:
 - Extend the majority of sites through April 30, 2024.
 - Implement various refugee response planning measures

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Decommissioning up to 5 sites in 2023

- The majority of sites are either already contracted to extend past April 2023 or we have requested the authority to extend them through the staff report
- Up to 5 locations will be closed in 2023 based on negotiations with hotel owners. These locations are part of a confidential attachment.
- Based on information currently available, we have begun planning with operators to support residents of sites that may not be able to operate past April 2023

Additional sites are being monitored, and we are subject to Council's approval of the staff report

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Supporting Decommissioning Sites

- When a site is closing, the City and its operators work with the clients affected to develop an individual relocation plan that may include a move to housing or another shelter.
- SSHA has supported clients with the obtaining the documentation required for securing housing, through ID clinics, tax clinics, income supports and housing application supports.
- Training and supports have also been made available to housing workers to help expedite access to housing.
- 90 days is recommended to provide the time necessary to support successful transitions to housing for as many people as possible. This allows for the time required to procure and upload essential documents, match and refer people to housing, sign leases, secure furniture, and move into units.
- Throughout temporary shelter site transitions to date, it is clear that the success of the transition plan is dependent on availability of affordable and supportive housing opportunities for people experiencing homelessness.