

Municipal Update: Emergency Accommodations

For the period of Nov. 22-28, 2021

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Municipal updates will be issued on a weekly basis to provide progress reports on efforts to establish emergency accommodations sites in Dartmouth and Halifax. These updates will be provided until modular units have been installed at both sites by the municipality and the Province of Nova Scotia has begun to place individuals at the sites and provide wrap around services. Depending upon the status of progress, frequency of updates may vary.

Topline update

Dartmouth site

- Preparatory work continues at the Dartmouth site to build structural cribbing for the modular units.
- Four modular units are expected to arrive in the coming days and will be stored nearby until Friday, Dec. 3 when installation is scheduled to begin.
- Based on the current rate of progress, installation of the modular units is expected to be completed by Dec. 20. Exact timing for occupancy is dependent upon the Province of Nova Scotia, which is responsible for determining placement of individuals and providing wrap-around services onsite through its service provider (Out of the Cold).



Structural cribbing being installed at Dartmouth site

Halifax site

- Nine (9) modular units are being secured to provide capacity for 44 individuals.
- Based on current projections, installation of the modular units is expected to be completed by late January 2022. Exact timing for occupancy is dependent upon the province, which is responsible for determining placement of individuals and providing wrap-around services onsite through its service provider (Out of the Cold).

Community efforts

- Temporary shelters are being built by the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth – and placed on church property. Recognizing the urgent need for safe emergency temporary shelters, the municipality has placed a priority on facilitating permitting for the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth. All permitting will require adherence to established regulations to ensure municipal building standards are being met. More information about [this initiative by the Archdiocese is provided on its website](#).

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Communications efforts

- Information continues to be updated on the [halifax.ca website](https://www.halifax.ca), shared via social media and posted to the municipal digital screen network at numerous municipal facilities (including bus and ferry terminals, recreation centres, etc.).
- Councillors continue to host meetings with constituents and share information through their communications networks, including social media.

Status of encampments

The municipality is currently aware of nine (9) encampments within the municipality. Staff from the municipality and partner organizations are visiting each of these sites daily. Due to the transitory nature of the occupants of homeless encampments the number of individuals onsite can vary on a daily basis.

As of Sunday, Nov. 28, there were 22 individuals, 49 tents, and six (6) shelters at various homeless encampment locations throughout the municipality. In consultation with professional service providers, it has been determined that the specific locations of the encampments will not be shared publicly to protect the privacy and safety of encampment occupants.

Number of individuals transitioned from living rough to alternative accommodations (Nov. 22-28): 11