

March 5, 2024

**HALIFAX**

# **Encampment update**

**Halifax Regional Council Meeting**

# February 7<sup>th</sup> Encampment Closure and De-designation

- Saunders Park
- Geary Street
- Cobequid Ball Field
- Victoria Park
- Grand Parade

## Remaining sites

- Barrington Greenway
- Lower Flynn
- Green Road
- University Avenue (berms)

# Provincial Spaces Made Available

- Halifax Forum Shelter
- Halifax and Dartmouth Modulars
- Waverley Inn
- Public Housing
- Hotel program
- Pallet Shelters

## Vacancies created at:

- Micro Shelters
- Other Shelters
- Bridge

# Saunders Park

- 2 at de-designation
- 1 resident to shelter and 1 to other designated location
- Minimal remediation required
- Park open to the public
- Regular inspections by compliance

# Geary Street

- 2 at de-designation
- Both residents housed
- Site fenced
- Removal of waste begins March 7th or 8th
- Remediation of space – Parks and Recreation - TBA

# Cobequid Ballfield

- ~25 at de-designation
- People to pallets, shelters, temporary housing, other designated locations
- Site clear of people
- Site clean up underway incl. removal of rec. assets
- Shaw planning to put up construction fence
- Finalizing contract to allow construction of tiny homes

# Victoria Park

- 15-18 people at de-designation
- People to shelters, temporary housing & designated locations
- As of March 4<sup>th</sup> - 6 people, now 1 person
- 5 people moved to University Avenue
- Ongoing work to close the site

# Grand Parade

- 8-12 people at de-designation
- People to shelters, temporary housing, designated locations, and new hotel program
- As of March 4<sup>th</sup> – 2 people
- Move to close the site after Victoria Park is completed

# Future updates

- Multi-Purpose Centre at the Forum
- Cost for services
- Encampment approach - Green Rd.
- Working the Province and service providers – long term options
- List of pending housing projects
- Strategy options to address housing and homelessness crisis