

Municipal Update: Emergency Accommodations

For the period of Nov. 15-21 2021

Date of issue: Nov. 23, 2021

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 has commenced on site at the Dartmouth location.
- Four modular units will be arriving on Nov. 30 and will be stored nearby until they are installed on the structural cribbing expected on Dec. 3.
- Connections for utilities are targeted for completion on Dec 10.
- Based on 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, which is responsible for determining placement of individuals and providing wrap-around services onsite through its service provider (Out of the Cold).

Halifax Site

- A meeting is scheduled with the service provider (Out of the Cold), the Province, and municipal staff this week to complete a final review of requirements for the site before a purchase order is issued.

Staffing support

- The homelessness coordinator position has been filled and they will commence work on Dec 6.
- The position will support ongoing efforts across the municipality, with a focus on current encampments, to ensure those experiencing homelessness are connected with housing workers and appropriate service providers.

Communications efforts

- Updates regarding municipal efforts to support those experiencing homelessness while preparing for, and responding to, the forecasted severe weather event
 - Storm update and impact on municipal services – November 22, 2021, 5:40 p.m.
 - Municipal update regarding efforts to prepare for significant weather event – November 21, 2021 - 2:43 p.m.
- Information updated on [website](#) and shared via social media as well as digital screen network at numerous municipal facilities (including us and ferry terminals, recreation centres, etc.).

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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.

We are currently aware of 28 individuals, 49 tents, and 6 shelters throughout HRM at various locations, and we will not publicly advertise the exact locations due to safety concerns.

Number of individuals transitioned from living rough to alternative accommodations (Nov. 15-21): **11**

Reports from the public

- Total of nine (9) calls to 311 regarding homeless encampments, for the period Nov. 15-21, 2021. Majority of reports are complaints regarding presence of encampments and garbage at sites.