

*From Shelter to Home: Greater Vancouver Shelter Strategy 2005-2015*  
Proposed Municipal Shelter Allocations for the South of Fraser Sub-Region

This bulletin provides preliminary municipal shelter space allocations for the South of Fraser sub-region in the regional shelter strategy. Community discussion is needed to finalize these municipal allocations.

**South of Fraser Shelter Space Allocation**

The regional shelter strategy recommends a total allocation of 452 new shelter spaces across the region by 2010. Forty two per cent of these new spaces (191 spaces) are allocated to the South of Fraser sub-region. The strategy is based on the findings of the 2005 Homeless Count and proposes to meet the current need identified in that count. The strategy should be reassessed in 2010 following the next regional homeless count to determine future need for new shelter resources.

The shelter strategy is based on a Housing First approach, which focuses on immediately providing housing to homeless people and connecting them with support services. As a result, the number of proposed shelter spaces does not equal the number of homeless people in the region because a significant portion of this need is expected to be met through the development of transitional, supportive and permanent affordable housing, rather than through the emergency shelter system.

**Table 1: South of Fraser allocation in Regional Shelter Strategy**

<b>Client Group</b>	<b>Number of Beds South of Fraser</b>
Aboriginal Adults	44
Seniors	15
Youth including Aboriginal	58
Single Women	30
Single Men	44
<b>Total</b>	<b>191</b>

**Preliminary Municipal Shelter Space Allocations**

The shelter allocation for the South of Fraser sub-region was used as a starting point to develop preliminary municipal allocations. Based on the preliminary analysis provided in this bulletin, 158 shelter spaces are required in the City of Surrey and 33 are required in Langley (City and Township) to meet immediate needs. It is not possible to consider the City of Langley and Township of Langley separately because the original 2005 Homeless Count data does not distinguish between the two municipalities. The number of homeless people found in the City of White Rock and District of Delta was too small to be considered in this analysis.

**Table 2: Preliminary municipal shelter space allocation for South of Fraser**

	<b>City of Surrey</b>	<b>Langley (City and Township)</b>
<b>Client Group</b>	<i>Preliminary Shelter Space Allocation</i>	<i>Preliminary Shelter Space Allocation</i>
Aboriginal Adults	37	7
Seniors (55+)	11	4
Youth incl Aboriginal	48	10
Single Women	24	6
Single Men	37	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>33</b>

## Using These Numbers

These numbers are intended as a starting point for discussion. To establish a shelter strategy for the City of Surrey, the City of Langley and Township of Langley using these preliminary numbers, public discussion is needed within each community and between communities. These preliminary allocations reflect the need in these communities, and not necessarily individual facilities required to meet that need. A common sense approach to meeting these needs is anticipated. For example, a general purpose adult shelter in Langley could also meet the needs of four homeless seniors if it was designed to do so and the appropriate support services were put in place.

## Determining Preliminary Municipal Allocations

The process used to determine preliminary municipal shelter allocations builds on the work done through the development of the regional shelter strategy to determine sub-regional allocations. Sub-regional allocations were determined through analysis of homeless count data and resource levels in South of Fraser communities, as well as a significant public consultation process. As a result, the 191 shelter spaces allocated to the South of Fraser sub-region serve as the starting point for this analysis.

To determine preliminary municipal allocations, we analyzed the original 2005 Homeless Count data and counted each homeless person by client group in the City of Surrey and Langley (City and Township). We then determined the number of homeless people in each client group in Surrey and Langley as a proportion of the number of homeless people in each client group in the South of Fraser sub-region. These percentages were applied to the South of Fraser shelter allocations for each client group to determine the preliminary shelter allocations for the City of Surrey and Langley (City and Township).

**Table 3: Developing preliminary municipal allocations from the South of Fraser allocation**

Client Group	Regional Allocation for South of Fraser	Homeless Individuals in South of Fraser	City of Surrey			Langley (City and Township)		
			Homeless Individuals in City of Surrey	Homeless Individuals as % of South of Fraser	Preliminary Shelter Space Allocation	Homeless Individuals in Langley (City and Township)	Homeless Individuals as % of South of Fraser	Preliminary Shelter Space Allocation
Aboriginal Adults	44	63	53	84%	37	10	16%	7
Seniors (55+)	15	17	13	76%	11	4	24%	4
Youth incl Aboriginal	58	65	53	82%	48	12	18%	10
Single Women	30	48	39	81%	24	9	19%	6
Single Men	44	121	103	85%	37	18	15%	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>261</b>		<b>158</b>	<b>53</b>		<b>33</b>

Notes: Aboriginal Adults – includes all Aboriginal people between the ages of 25 and 54  
 Seniors (55+) – includes all people 55 years of age or older  
 Youth incl Aboriginal – includes all people 24 years of age and under  
 Single Women – includes all non-Aboriginal women, age 25-54, who were alone on the day of the homeless count  
 Single Men – includes all non-Aboriginal men, age 25-54, who were alone on the day of the homeless count

## Questions about the Numbers

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