

# Summary: 10 Year Plan



North Shore Homelessness Task Force

# 2008 Snapshot



-127 homeless persons on the North Shore in 2008, a 49% increase since 2005

- 60 living in shelters
- 67 living on the streets

- Purpose of work plan: provide Task Force with a *coordinated* approach to addressing the issues related to eliminating and preventing homelessness on the North Shore

-Goal of work plan: provide a comprehensive and collaborative plan for Task Force that outlines key pieces of work to improve community understanding of homelessness, create better partnerships and alliances, and the increase the ability to seize funding



# 2018 Onwards: Key Accomplishments

1. Maintained and created linkages with various homelessness-related committees, groups, and organizations.

The NSHTF now works with more than 50 stakeholders across Metro Vancouver.

2. Gathered information and evidence to know best practices in addressing homelessness and tracking fluctuations in homelessness numbers and demographics to best serve the community.

This has been achieved through the Homeless Count, data from agencies with homes and shelters, and ongoing needs reports such as DWV's 2020 Housing Needs Report and the North Shore Homelessness Data Report



# 2018 Onwards: Key Accomplishments

## 3. Establishing and maintaining a communication strategy.

Ongoing communication has been established and achieved through the NSHTF internally with regard to distribution lists and meeting Minutes, and externally through Homelessness Resource Cards, Homelessness Action Week, Connect Day, Friendly Drop-in Soccer, and the website

## 4. Housing advocacy

Housing advocacy has been achieved on the behalf of many organizations such as the Lookout Society, NSCSS, Hollyburn Family Services, the DWV through increased housing units and diversity of bed available, and ongoing advocacy to stakeholders



# 2018 Onwards: Key Accomplishments

## 5. Advocacy for continuum of support services

Support service advocacy has been plentiful and many organizations have raised funding to better address continuums services. The NSHTF has supported opportunities for increasing mental health services and low cost food and free meal programs. A large highlight in support services is the creation of the Health Connection Clinic

## 6. Advocacy for adequate income and employment training programs

Many organizations such as the NSCSS and the Harvest project provide advocacy for adequate income and employment training programs through their monthly rental supplements



# Conclusion

- The Task Force has been extremely successful as a coordinated network working towards eliminating and preventing homelessness on the North Shore
- Strengths: Data sharing such as North Shore Homelessness Data Report and the Vulnerable Populations Report, pooling resources, dissemination of information, communication
- Areas of growth: Collective advocacy and communication towards adequate income levels and job training