

# Media Release



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## COALITION SAYS MORE HOUSING NEEDED TO END HOMELESSNESS

Victoria, BC, Sept 6, 2013 – Today the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness (Coalition) released a white paper analyzing the housing environment in Greater Victoria. *Housing and Homelessness in Greater Victoria* finds a minimum of 250 additional supportive housing units need to be created to end homelessness and that providing this housing could save governments millions of dollars in the long term.

In the white paper *Housing and Homelessness in Greater Victoria* the Coalition calls for:

- 250 units of supportive housing
- 500 units of housing to be planned as supportive or affordable
- 1,500 units of affordable housing (subsidized or low rent)

“These findings are exciting. We can end homelessness by 2018,” said Coalition Co-Chair, Mayor Dean Fortin of Victoria. “This report shows the progress we have made in the last five years and how far we have to go. 250 is a very attainable number.”

“This paper provides clarity about just how much more cost effective it can be to house people instead of resort to emergency shelters.” explained Andrew Wynn-Williams, Executive Director of the Coalition. “The costs of homelessness to the system are extraordinary and housing people will really help to alleviate that.”

Read the full paper: [Housing and Homelessness in Greater Victoria](#)

The Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness is a partnership of local service providers, non-profit organizations, all levels of government, and the business, post-secondary and faith communities. The Coalition’s vision is to end homelessness in the Capital Region by 2018.

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