

## EMERGENCY INDOOR SHELTER LOCATIONS UPDATE – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

On February 6<sup>th</sup>, Environment Canada issued a special cold weather alert for Victoria, BC. An Arctic front is here with temperatures below zero all week. Snow is predicted. Please find below a list of current emergency indoor shelters, warming tents and drop-in spaces available to provide respite from the cold weather for people experiencing homelessness. *This list will be updated regularly.*

### INDOOR SHELTER OPTIONS:

LOCATION	DETAILS
<p><b>The Salvation Army ARC, Chapel</b></p> <p>525 Johnson Street</p>	<p>Mat spaces available for up to 10 individuals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening tonight, February 11<sup>th</sup> to Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Operating hours will be from 8:00 PM – 8:00 AM.</li> <li>• Call 250-384-3396 or stop by the ARC to sign up for a mat.</li> </ul>
<p><b>The James Bay United Church, Victoria Dandelion Society</b></p> <p>511 Michigan Avenue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Direction:</b> Go along the right hand side of the church and access through the back patio</li> </ul>	<p>Warming respite for up to 20 individuals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not mats, space for people to come in, sit down and warm up</li> <li>• 24/7 for the duration of the cold front presently upon us. This will be re-evaluated as necessary.</li> <li>• Toilet facilities</li> <li>• Coffee/Tea</li> <li>• Snacks</li> </ul>
<p><b>Shelter for Seniors, Downtown Accessible Location</b></p> <p>(55+ who are currently sheltering outdoors)</p>	<p>The GVCEH has 10 spaces available for vulnerable, low acuity, seniors (55+).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These spaces would be available for individuals to stay 24/7 (with a site closure for maintenance between 12-5) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Open through Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, to be reviewed on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>○ The persons accessing the space are required to stay in the designated area only.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Referral is through phone intake, please call: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Site Manager 250-589-7481 hours 7am-7pm</li> <li>○ After hours call the Site Office line 250-508-9326</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NO DROP-INS</li> <li>• PETS OKAY</li> </ul>
<b>Rock Bay Landing Seasonal Shelter</b> 535 Ellice Street	Open to come to the shelter or call to get on the list at 250-383-1951. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15 more overnight mats added this week and <u>available as long as the current extreme weather continues.</u></li> <li>• Breakfast and a bagged lunch.</li> <li>• All the seasonal mats at RBL will still be overnight-only, people will still have to leave by 8:30 AM.</li> </ul>
<b>Victoria Native Friendship Centre (VNFC), Seasonal Shelter</b> 231 Regina Avenue	<u>NO DROP-INS</u> , call any time during the day to see if there is space at 250-812-7100. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In addition to normal shelters hours, will be staying open 24/7 from Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup> to Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>

#### WARMING TENTS:

LOCATION	DETAILS
<b>MEEGAN – Community Care Tent</b> Cook Street near Dallas Road	Open: 24/7, community donations can be dropped off during daytime hours from 7:00 AM – 10:00 PM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warming tent</li> <li>• Support and access to donated supplies</li> <li>• Overnight support and crisis response</li> </ul>
<b>Royal Athletic Park (RAP)</b> 940 Calendonias	Open: 9 AM - 9 PM this week, normal operating hours 12:45 PM - 8:00 PM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Peers Victoria</u> 20 x 20 warming tent for people living at RAP, with a permit from the City and in collaboration with the North Park Neighbourhood Association.</li> </ul>
<b>Mustard Seed</b> 625 Queens Ave	Open: Monday to Saturday 9 AM - 2 PM, Friday & Saturday nights 6 PM - 8 PM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking lot warming tents accessible during Mustard Seed open hours for food</li> </ul>

<p><b>Our Place Society</b></p> <p>919 Pandora Ave</p>	<p>Open: Daily 6:30 AM - 9 PM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Courtyard tents with heaters</li> </ul>
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**DROP-IN SPACES:**

LOCATION	DETAILS
<p><b>Sanctuary Youth Centre</b> (ages 14-22)</p> <p>767 Humboldt (near Blanshard)</p>	<p>Up to 6 youth at a time can be inside and will have to wear a mask when not eating/drinking.</p> <p>Contact number: 250-385-6255</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Normal operating hours: Friday - Sunday night</li> <li>• Emergency "Snowy Day" hours: Wednesday, February 10th and Thursday, February 11th from 12:00 PM to - 6:00 PM</li> <li>• Food, showers and laundry</li> </ul>
<p><b>Our Place,</b></p> <p>919 Pandora Ave</p>	<p>Drop-in centre open every day from 6:30 AM - 9:00 PM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dry and secure storage for personal belongings of people affected by homelessness</li> <li>• Health and hygiene services including showers for the community (Showers: 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM)</li> <li>• Three meals served daily</li> </ul>

For further information on **pre-existing shelters and drop-in sites**, and in acknowledgement of the good work being done in community please refer to the [Street Community Survival in COVID Times: What's Open / Closed / New / Different in Lkwungen Territory \(aka 'Victoria'\)](#) compiled by the [Indigenous Harm Reduction Team \(IHRT\)](#) and [Poverty Kills 2020](#). *(Updated regularly)*

The Indigenous Harm Reduction Team (IHRT), or I-Heart, is a group of Indigenous (Native / Aboriginal) folks who do harm reduction by and for Indigenous people.