

A photograph of the Burnaby skyline across a large body of water. The skyline consists of numerous high-rise apartment buildings and commercial structures, some with distinctive architectural features like rounded tops. The buildings are situated on a hillside covered in lush green trees and vegetation. The water in the foreground is calm with gentle ripples. The sky is overcast and grey.

***Burnaby Task Force
On Homelessness***



Burnaby Task Force On Homelessness
Working Together to END Homelessness in Burnaby
www.burnabyhomelesstaskforce.org

The Burnaby Task Force On
Homelessness
was established in January 2005
and leads local initiatives
to END homelessness in Burnaby.

The Burnaby Task Force On Homelessness is comprised of representatives from

- government agencies,
- the health authority,
- community organizations,
- businesses,
- faith communities and
- concerned citizens

who have come together to identify and address issues of homelessness in the City of Burnaby.

The primary areas of focus are:

- Community Awareness and Provision of Services
- Extreme Weather Shelter
- Developing Housing Solutions To Homelessness
- Developing Community Partnerships
- Improving Income for People with the Issue of Homelessness or At Risk of Homelessness



In 2006 the Burnaby Task Force on Homelessness supported the opening of an
Extreme Weather Response.

It is operated by Lookout Emergency Aid Society.

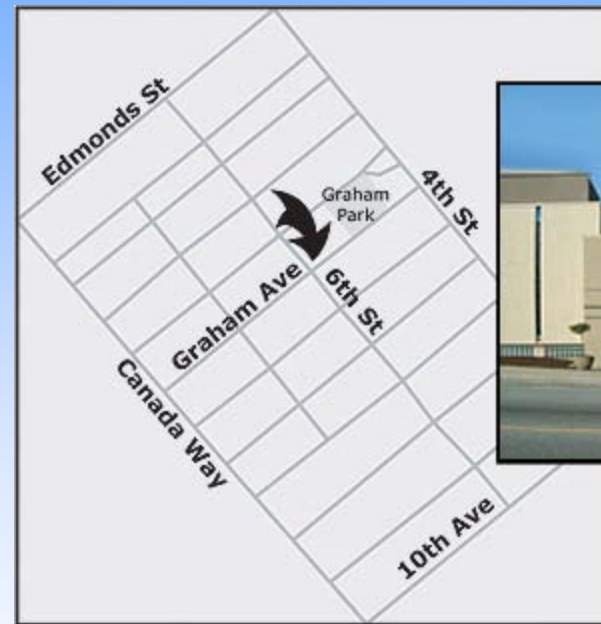
The Extreme Weather Shelter is opened on a weather dependent basis between October and April when the weather is deemed too unsafe for people to be outside.

Extreme Weather Shelter

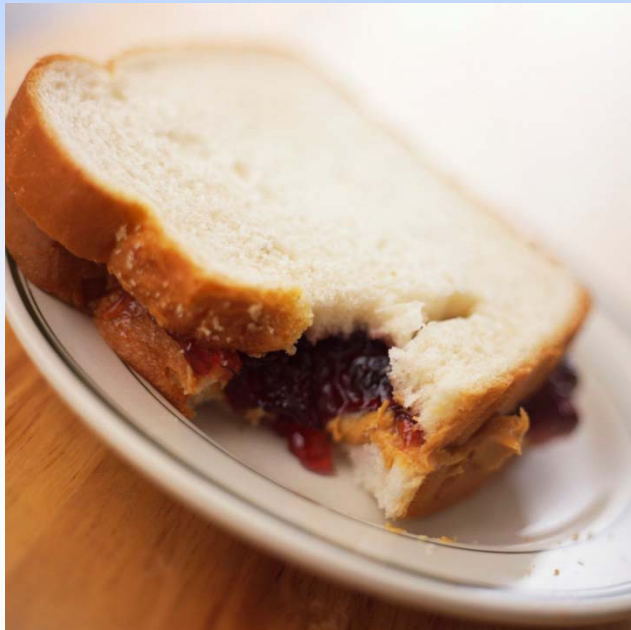
Burnaby's Extreme Weather Shelter
is located at
Westminster Bible Chapel
7540 6th St Burnaby

Hours of operation are:
7:00 pm until 7:00 am

People will be offered food
and a safe warm dry place
to sleep and referrals to needed services.



Progressive Housing Society's Homeless Outreach Program with support from the Burnaby Task Force on Homelessness opened an **Outreach Resource Centre** in November 2006. This centre provides weekly access to outreach workers, food, clothing, medical care, a 'learning table' monthly and flu shots seasonally.





Progressive Housing Society's Homeless Outreach Program expanded in 2008 to include Mobile Outreach services that are available in all areas of Burnaby.

This program provides food, clothing, comfort kits, and outreach worker support to conduct housing searches, advocacy, assistance with obtaining ID for a few examples.

Schedule for the Mobile Outreach Van

Monday Brentwood North Burnaby

12:30-1:30pm- McGill Library 4595 Albert Street) @ Willingdon Ave

Tuesday Metrotown

West Burnaby United Church 6050 Sussex Ave. near Kingsway/Sussex

10-11am in basement 11-1pm Upstairs at lunch

Wednesday Lougheed North Burnaby

10am -2:00pm New Life Community Church

8765 Government Street Access path off Lougheed Highway East of
Gaglardi Skytrain station on south side of street

Thursday Edmonds

9am to 11:30am Outreach Resource Centre

Southside Community Church 7135 Walker Ave

Homeless Outreach Program

The Progressive Housing Society's Outreach Workers have assisted over 401 people to find housing since October 2006.

The Outreach Resource Centre has served over **19,600** meals and sees an average of **100 – 120** people per week.



Top 5 Priorities For Next 3 Years

1) To solidify and further
the **stability of the Burnaby Task Force On
Homelessness**
through the Community Development
Coordinator position



Recent Successes Since 2010

- March 2011:
Burnaby Community Connections contracted to be **Host Agency** for the Task Force
- Task Force enabled to:
 - apply for the **HAW** grant
 - receive financial contributions from corporate & political donors



Recent Successes continued.....

- **Vancity** grant provided funds to hire Event Coordinator in 2011 (11 weeks 90 hours)
- **Vancouver Foundation** grant provided funds to hire a Community Development Coordinator (1 year 40 hours per month)

The logo for Vancity, featuring the word "Vancity" in a bold, red, sans-serif font.The logo for Vancouver Foundation, featuring the word "vancouver" in a grey, lowercase, sans-serif font with a blue infinity symbol replacing the "o", and the word "foundation" in a grey, lowercase, sans-serif font below it.

Priorities

2) Relationship development between the City of Burnaby, the Burnaby Board of Trade and senior government to work together to build community support for homelessness initiatives.



Recent Successes

- Positive partnership with Burnaby Board of Trade
- Regular meetings with City of Burnaby
- Meetings with Constituency Assistants across parties from all four MLA's and 2 MP's and City Councillor to pursue ways to effectively work with senior levels of government

3) Solid Base of Support

- for the creation of housing, expansion of support services in Burnaby
- within all levels of government, business and Burnaby citizens
- Currently have strong support in specific areas: faith community, schools, business
- Know that strong city wide support will be needed to move forward on housing and support services

Initiatives

- Baseline survey of general public in Burnaby
- Continued presence at Community Events
- Community Presentations
Power Point/ Educational Game
- Comprehensive Community Awareness Campaign



4) Housing and Associated Services

- Shelter and Supported Housing Continuum
- Permanent Outreach Resource Centre: food, clothing, outreach support, housing searches, laundry, showers, addiction and mental health programs, medical and dental clinic



Challenges

Funding:

- to create continuum of housing and permanent Outreach Resource Centre

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5) Safe City Micro Cleaning

In process of establishing Safe City Micro Cleaning Supported Employment Initiative based on models of United We Can and I's On the Street

- Business Plan finalized,
- Commitment of BIA,
- Agency of Record,
- Public Donations
- Applying for Start Up Funding





If you wish to learn more about the
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**Thank you
for your time
and consideration.**



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