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Greater Victoria to Participate in the 2020 National Coordinated Point-in-Time Homeless Count

On the night of **March 11, 2020**, and throughout the following day, the Community Social Planning Council, with support from the Capital Regional District, the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness and many volunteers, will conduct the bi-annual Point-in-Time (PiT) Homeless Count and Survey.

Over a 24 hour period, trained volunteers will count and survey individuals who are staying in shelters, short-term housing, and sleeping rough (without shelter). Our PiT Count survey will provide a “snapshot” of homelessness in the region and important information that improves our understanding of the needs and circumstances of the people who are affected by homelessness in our community.

“This survey allows us to build a more detailed understanding of people’s experiences of homelessness and get a better understanding of their needs,” states Colin Plant, Capital Regional District Board Chair, “and it allows us to keep up to date on any progress towards our ultimate goal: ending homelessness in our region.”

“We are building on results from the 2016 and 2018 count in Greater Victoria, also both conducted by the Community Social Planning Council in partnership with the CRD and Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness, which will allow us to get an important update on the current situation for people experiencing homelessness in the region.” adds Lisa Helps, Mayor of Victoria.

Volunteer Victoria will be joining to partner on the volunteer recruitment, training, and logistics on the day of the count. For anyone interested in volunteering for this extensive project, please contact Volunteer Victoria and ask about PiT volunteer positions. The Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness will also be joining to partner on indigenous outreach and providing a cultural lens for the research methodology, volunteer training, and communication strategy.

The 2020 Greater Victoria Point in Time Count is part of a Canada wide project with over 60 participating communities across Canada using the same survey tools and methodology to collect information on peoples’ experiences of homelessness.



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Media Participation

The media is invited to contact the PiT Count Project Director for more information. Ensuring the safety and anonymity of our participants is our utmost priority. The media will not be invited to accompany PiT Count volunteers; however, the media is invited to attend a brief press conference on the day of the count.

For more information:

[The Homelessness Partnering Strategy: Coordinated Point-in-Time Count](#)[The Reaching Home Program: Point-in-Time Count Toolkit](#)

[The Canadian Definition of Homelessness](#)

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