



# Community Dialogue on the Downtown

Presented by the City of Terrace  
Mayor & Council

*We acknowledge that it is an honour to live,  
work, and play on the Laxyuubm Tsimshian,  
Kitsumkalum and Kitselas, toyaxsuut nuusm.*

# Welcome



- Thank you for joining us!
- This evening's structure:
  - Short presentation from the Mayor
  - Short presentation from Northern Health
  - Community members share their views
    - 5 minutes each
      - Warning at 30 seconds left (look for Kate for your cue)
    - Use “Raise Hand” to join the speakers list (if you're not already on it)
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# Why we're here

- There are multiple challenges related to social issues in our downtown.
- These challenges affect everyone.
- Along with community partners, we have taken many steps already.
- But there is still more work to be done.
- We seek your input and help.

# Challenges



# The big picture

- Advocating at Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Convention
- Collaborating with key community partners
- Listening to the public, businesses & other stakeholders
  - 2019 Public Input Opportunity on Homelessness & Related Issues
  - Tonight's Community Dialogue on the Downtown
- Taking action

# Advocating

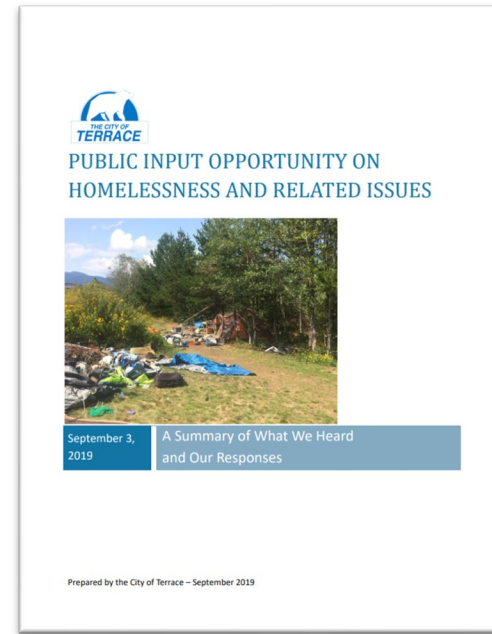
- UBCM
- Regular meetings with provincial ministries
  - Ministry of Municipal Affairs
  - Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions
  - Ministry of Public Safety
  - And more
- MLA and MP support

# Collaborating

- Community partners
  - Northern Health
  - KSAN Society
  - TDCSS
  - Salvation Army
  - Kermode Friendship Society
- Industry partners
- Government partners
  - Neighbouring local governments
  - First Nations

# Listening

- 2019 Public Input Opportunity on Homelessness and Related Issues
- Key themes:
  - Security
  - Legal system
  - Health system
  - Housing
  - More services & supports
  - Other comments





# Taking action

- Several key steps we've taken:
  - Increase downtown police/security presence
  - Support housing initiatives
  - Create Situation Table
  - Hire Social Development Coordinator
  - Complete additional small but vital projects

# Increase downtown police/security presence



Strategy	Challenges
Hired more RCMP officers	Cost (\$130,000 annually/member)
Increased presence downtown of bylaw compliance officers	Bylaw capacity limits our ability to be proactive (additional officers would be \$90,000 annually/officer)
Tried different strategies for private security	Cost and efficacy
Safe Streets Bylaw (in progress)	Making sure we get it right

# Support housing initiatives

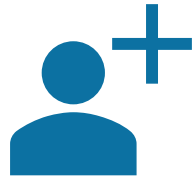


- Support housing projects at Council meetings
  - Zoning changes
  - Providing City-owned land
  - Approving development permits
  - etc
- Housing Committee
- Housing Needs Assessment (2020 update)
- Annual homeless count

# Create Terrace Situation Table

- Purpose: meet regularly to assist specific individuals facing challenges
- Members include representatives from:
  - City of Terrace staff
  - Northern Health
  - Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
  - Ksan House Society
  - TDCSS
  - Salvation Army
  - Kermode Friendship Society
  - BC Housing

# Hire Social Development Coordinator



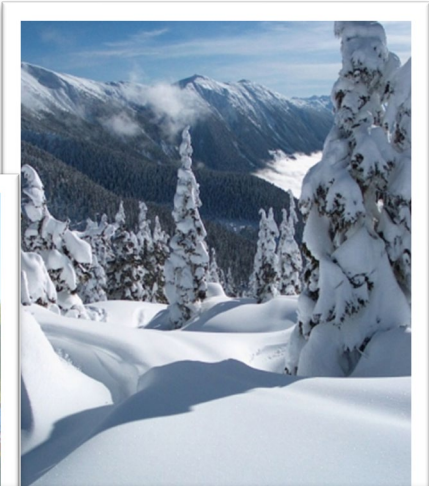
- New role for the City (hiring in progress)
- Help coordinate social planning and policy development
- Work collaboratively across City departments and with other levels of government, First Nations, community organizations, social agencies, and residents
- Funding from LNG Canada and Northern Development Initiative Trust
- We are really looking forward to filling this position!

# Other smaller but vital projects



- New downtown public washroom (fall 2021)
- Supporting detox centres or other similar amenities
- Grant writer program

# What we want for Terrace



Despite our efforts, there is still more work to do.





Let's hear from Northern Health.



# We're ready to hear from you.

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# Next Steps



- Engage Terrace is live! Go to **[engage.terrace.ca](https://engage.terrace.ca)**
  - Ideas and community forum tools will be open until September 3
- Staff will collect all feedback from tonight and the online tools into a report shared with the public and with Council
  - Council will review staff recommendations and evaluate which ideas to pursue
- Continuing with existing initiatives and advocating for our community

# Thank you

To provide additional feedback:

- [engage.terrace.ca](https://engage.terrace.ca)



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