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The 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness

Calgary's 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness is a bold and innovative plan designed to shift our focus from managing or coping with homelessness, to a community-wide effort to end it.

The plan is a culmination of a full year's work that included a series of public consultations, a community summit and countless hours of research that drew on the knowledge and experience of local front-line service providers and best practices across North America.

The plan rewards personal accountability and initiative; it helps people move to self-sufficiency and independence; it ensures people will receive the care and support they need when they need it; and, it will result in a net cost savings to taxpayers.

In the short term, the plan aims to create rapid, visible and meaningful change by focusing on chronic homelessness and prevention.

In the longer term, the plan calls for the creation of 11,250 affordable and specialized housing units over the next decade and proposes major systemic changes that will eliminate barriers that currently entrench homelessness.

To truly end homelessness, there are three core components that must first be dealt with:

Close the Front Door

People experiencing homelessness are helped every day, but more come in to take their place.

Open the Back Door

Most people experiencing homelessness transit the process relatively quickly. They tend to find housing, although affordable housing is in short supply.

Build the Infrastructure

People will continue to live with instability until there is a stable supply of affordable housing options.

"We understand the issue and its economic and human cost to our city."

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