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Planning Committee Meeting of
Tuesday, April 16, 2013.

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Mayor and Councillors

From: Weber, David
Sent: Thursday, 11 April 2013 4:50 PM
To: Mayor and Councillors
Subject: FW: To Mayor and Council: Invitation to Municipalities to become Members of the Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness
Attachments: 2013 RSCH Mem Invite Municipalities 12318.pdf, RSCH Constituency Table Roles and Responsibilities.pdf, RSCH Spring 2013 Governance Newsletter.pdf

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appropriate action*

From: Camille Narayan [mailto:Camille.Narayan@metrovanancouver.org]

Sent: Thursday, 11 April 2013 16:02

To: Weber, David

Cc: Sherlock, Lesley

Subject: To Mayor and Council: Invitation to Municipalities to become Members of the Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness

Hello,

Please find attached a letter and supporting material from the Co-chairs of the Greater Vancouver Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness (RSCH) to Mayors and Council inviting the region's municipalities to apply for membership the RSCH. The deadline for membership enrollment is April 30th and can be entered via the online enrollment form at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RSCH_membership_2013.

Sincerely,

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**Greater Vancouver Regional
Steering Committee on
Homelessness**

April 11, 2013

Sent electronically.

Dear Mayors and Council,

On behalf of the Greater Vancouver Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness (RSCH), we are writing to inform you of changes to the RSCH governance structure and to invite your municipality to become a member of the RSCH.

The RSCH was established in 2000 in response to the need for the Metro Vancouver region to plan and coordinate the allocation of federal funding under the Supporting Communities Partnership Initiatives program (SCPI) – currently the Homelessness Partnering Strategy – and to oversee the development and implementation of a Regional Homelessness Plan. Since then, the RSCH has grown to become the regional voice on homelessness in Metro Vancouver. Close to 40 members are involved, representing service providers, community-based organizations, the business community, and all levels of government. At present, this includes six municipalities within Metro Vancouver.

Earlier this spring, the RSCH approved a new structure to make the organization more inclusive, strategic and effective. RSCH membership is now open to all homeless-serving agencies and other interested organizations, municipalities and individuals that support our vision to eliminate homelessness in Metro Vancouver. This vision is pursued through the implementation of the Regional Homelessness Plan and our mission to inspire and lead a coordinated response to homelessness in the region. Membership is free of charge and offers the benefits of inclusion in regional planning, research and activities to raise awareness. All municipalities in the region are encouraged to become members and participate on Advisory Groups that will consider technical and strategic matters pertaining to planning, finance, knowledge development and research on homelessness.

A Constituency Table is also being created to serve as the decision-making authority for the RSCH. It will be supported by the work of Advisory Groups and will be responsible for advancing the mission of the RSCH, providing a regional perspective in addressing homelessness, and setting organizational policies and procedures. The Table will include 24 RSCH members who are regional leaders in addressing homelessness. One seat has been designated for a local government senior staff representative, and we are working with the Metro Vancouver Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) to provide a recommendation to fill this seat.

We ask that you please submit your application for membership by **April 30, 2013** to be eligible to participate in the all-members meeting scheduled for May 15, 2013. We also ask that you designate one person from your municipality to serve as the key contact and liaison to the RSCH. The application is available at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RSCH_membership_2013.



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Additional information about the RSCH, Constituency Table, and responsibilities of Constituency Table members and the governance review, is enclosed for your reference. If you have any questions, please contact Janet Kreda, Manager, Metro Vancouver Homelessness Secretariat at 604-451-6678.

Thank you and we look forward to receiving your application soon.

Sincerely,

The block contains two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature on the left is 'Alice Sundberg' and the second signature on the right is 'Susan Papadionissiou'.

Alice Sundberg and Susan Papadionissiou, co-Chairs,
Greater Vancouver Regional Committee on Homelessness

Cc:

Lesley Sherlock, Social Planner, City of Richmond, RPAC Social Issues Subcommittee Member, by email: LShellock@richmond.ca

Attachments:

- Constituency Table Member Job Description
- RSCH Governance Review Newsletter (explaining further details of the RSCH governance review, the Constituency Table Composition, and Advisory Groups)