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interior, Lower Mainland, Central
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Mayor and Council
City of Nanaimo
Via Email: mayor.council@nanaimo.ca

Hello, Mayor Krog and Council,

Re: Increase in lice and request for additional access to showers & laundry in Nanaimo.

United Way BC (UWBC) is the Community Entity (CE) for the federal government's Reaching Home (RH) program in Nanaimo. Reaching Home's strategy is aimed at preventing and reducing homelessness in Canada by fifty percent by the year 2028. In Nanaimo, this work has been done by the Nanaimo RH Community Advisory Board (NCAB) with support from UWBC as the CE.

The Reaching Home Nanaimo Community Advisory Board (NCAB) recognizes and appreciates the resources that the City of Nanaimo currently provides in support of the needs of the unsheltered population. However, we are reaching out to request additional access to services that promote hygiene for the unsheltered population.

At the February 9, 2023, meeting of the NCAB, a presentation was provided by Island Health (IH) staff. IH staff reported that there has been an extraordinary increase in head and body lice amongst the unsheltered population in Nanaimo. Body and head lice are treatable with proper hygiene, however, there are currently limited resources available for the unsheltered population to access showers and laundry in Nanaimo. In response to the information about the increase in lice in Nanaimo, a motion was carried that the Nanaimo Community Advisory Board submit a letter to the City of Nanaimo to consider additional shower access.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Deborah Hollins

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