

Michael Thompson, Chair
Economic and Community
Development Committee
City of Toronto

September 3, 2019

Dear Councillor Thompson and committee members:

Re: EC7: 10 Implementation of Coroner's Recommendations from the Faulkner and Chapman Inquests

I was a witness at the Grant Faulkner Inquest and attended much of the Brad Chapman Inquest. You will have in front of you pages of jury recommendations and corresponding city actions.

In the community, front line agencies and workers remain concerned about the following.

1. The city's shelter system is full. The two overnight drop-ins that shelter women are full. The city's respite centres are full.

Daily Shelter Census

August 29, 2019

Shelter Sector	Occupancy	Capacity	Occupancy Rate
Co-ed	700	716	98%
Men	1,781	1,807	99%
Women	864	866	100%
Youth	526	543	97%
Family (shelters)	721	721	100%
Family (motels)	2,245	2,510	89%
Total	6,837	7,163	95%

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- **24-hour Respite Sites: 409 individuals at six sites.**
 - 351 Lakeshore East: 100. Capacity: 100.
 - 1A Strachan Ave: 95. Capacity: 100.
 - 323 Dundas Street: 40. Capacity: 40.
 - 21 Park Road: 30. Capacity: 30.
 - 705 Progress Avenue: 44. Capacity: 49.
 - 69 Fraser Avenue: 100. Capacity: 100.
- **24-hour Women's Drop-ins: 111 individuals at two sites.**
 - Fred Victor: 57. Capacity: 70.
 - Sistering: 54. Capacity: 50.

Information is intended to provide an overview of overnight activity for the date provided. The stats are as of 4 a.m. the following morning.

2. The city's cancellation of the cooling centre program was a brutal policy decision that created great hardship this summer for vulnerable people.

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/toronto/article-torontos-heat-relief-network-not-enough-to-cool-citys-most/>

3. The city's decision to not purchase the 4th Sprung dome to be used for necessary respite services is alarming given the statistics. Furthermore, the operation of the Sprung domes at 100-person capacity, without dividers between the cots is not conducive to health and safety.

4. Deaths continue and while I see some measures implemented from the Faulkner inquest clearly these measures are only bandaids on a gaping wound.

I include this appendix, which is on the public record from the Toronto Homeless Memorial.

Please include this written presentation/deputation on the city's record of this meeting.

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Appendix: Death of Grant Faulkner and names on the Toronto Homeless Memorial since January 13, 2015

207 people including Grant Faulkner and Brad Chapman have died since January 13, 2015. Those are only the names we know of that are tracked and placed on the Toronto Memorial by a volunteer team of front line workers. Toronto Public Health's homeless tracking system, which began January 2017, may or may not have these names. It is certainly known that Toronto hospitals are not reporting deaths of an individual if homeless at their locations.

2015

Jan. 13 - Grant (Gunner) Faulkner

Jan. 14 - James (Jimmy Boy) Ignace

Jan. - John Doe

Jan. - John Doe

Feb. 6 - Man Huynh

Feb. - John Doe

Feb. - John Doe

Feb. - John Doe

March 2 - Kumaravelu Kanagaskarampillai

March 12 - Thomas Charles Hall

March - John Doe

March - John Doe

March 18 - Calvin Clayton Chevrier

April - John Doe

April - John Doe

April - John Doe

April - Jane Doe

April - John Doe

April - John Doe

May 21 - Daniel Joseph Campbell

June 2 - Jamie Patrick Jones

June 3 - Avtar Sandhu

June - John Doe

June - David Westendorp

June - Gerrard Murack

June - Earl Syvret

July 5 - Ossie Carara

July - John Doe

July - John Doe

July - John Doe

August 1 - Robert Quenville

Aug. - Jane Doe

Aug. - John Doe

Aug. 26 - Brad Chapman

Sept. - John Doe
Oct. 10 - Edward (Marcel) Jason Ballantyne
Oct. - John Doe
Oct. - John Doe
Oct. - John Doe
Oct. - Orazio Zizzi
Nov. 4 - Richard Van Der Schilden
Nov. 21 - Charles Martin
Nov. 26 or 27 - Weldon Savoy
Nov. 29 - David William Brown
Dec. 12 - Anthony William Flint
Dec. - Jane Doe
Dec. 26 - Larry (Lawrence) Raponi

2016

Jan. - John Doe
Jan. - John Doe
Jan. - Jane Doe
Feb. 11 - HN
Feb. 13 - Jason Cerasuolo
Feb. 14 - Beverly (Bev) Bernardin
Feb. 28 - Brian Abel Quoquat
March - John Doe
March - John Doe
March - John Doe
March - Jane Doe
April 16 - Houston Kenwin Clarke Lecky
April 18 - Dean Hamilton
April - John Doe
April - Jane Doe
April - John Doe
April - John Doe
May 17 - Ramsey Whitefish
May 29 - Ivan Nova
May - John Doe
May - John Doe
May - Jane Doe
Date not known - Dean Lisowick
June 17 - John Doe
June - Jane Doe
July 18 - Paul Crombie
July 29 - Meghan (Princess) Johnson
Aug. 15 - Steven Doyle
Aug - John Doe
Aug. - John Doe

Oct. - John Doe
Nov. - Lawrence Cook
Nov. - Jane Doe
Nov. - Kenneth "Matthew" Dargan
Dec. 17 - Kenneth Lyons
Dec. 24 - Paul McCann
Dec. 30 - Gregory John Mcvoy

2017

Jan. - Chris
Jan. - John Doe
Jan. - John Doe
Jan. - Jane Doe
Feb. 5 - John Paul
Feb. 9 - Joshua Parisien
Feb. 12 - Steven (Tiny) Charron
Feb. 15 - Pierre Gregoire
Feb. - Jane Doe
Feb. 20 - Bradley MacLaine
March - Navneet Sondhi
April - William Peters
April - Jane Doe
April - Jane Doe
April - John Doe
May - Miki Christian Senisin
May - Saheed Mohammed
May - John Doe
May - John Doe
June - John Doe
June - John Doe
June - John Doe
June - John Doe
June - John 'J.L.' Lowther
June - Joe Williams
June 27 - Roi 'Roy' Tumelti
July 15 - John Edward Bransfield
July 15 - Alloura Wells
July - Timmy "Eevic" Ervin
July - Jane Doe
July - John Doe
July - Sylvia Iker
Aug. - John Doe
Aug. - John Doe
Aug. - John Doe
Sept. - Shawna Taylor

Sept. - John Doe
Sept. - John Doe
Sept. - Jane Doe
Sept. - Jane Doe
Sept. 1 - George Grominsky
Oct. - Jane Doe
Oct. 13 - (Jess) Dore
Nov. 5 - Brian "Newf" Hutchings
Nov. - Jane Doe
Nov. - Jane Doe
Nov. - John Doe
Nov. - John Doe
Nov. 26 - Virginia Higgerson
Dec. 2 - S.P.
Dec. - Jane Doe
Dec. - Jane Doe
Dec. Sharon Armstrong

2018

Jan. 9 - Edward Lonsdale
Jan. 13 - Joy (Dr. Revelations) Abbas
Jan. - John Doe
Jan. 18 - Billy Bishop
Feb. 18 - Richard Wayne Rudkin
Feb. - John Doe
Feb. - Jane Doe
March 14 - Judith Garneau
April 28 - Franz Bergen-Dyck
April - John Doe
April 30 - Darren Mckim
May 16 - Robin Porter
May 16 - Michael Bruce
June - Derrick (Cubby) Siemons
June - John Doe
June - John Doe
June 17 - Judith Weir-Heilig
July - John Doe
July - John Doe
July 30 - Ellie Fedak
Aug. 5 - Heather Jane Ward
Aug. 24 - Cecil Graham
Aug. - John Doe
Aug. 30 - Gary Hambley
Sept. - Michael Watts
Oct. - Ron Graham

Oct. - R. Baker
Nov. - John Doe
Nov. - John Doe
Nov. - John Doe
Dec. - James Young

2019

Jan. 3 - Chris Savoyard
Jan. 8 - Crystal Papineau
Jan. 10 - Tabitha Lewis
Jan. 14 - William James Sisson
Jan. 15 - Hang Vo
Jan. 25 - John Doe
Jan. 25 - John Doe
Feb. - Chris Cocco
Feb. - Patel
Feb. - John Doe
March - John Doe
March - John Doe
March - Jane Doe
March - Jane Doe
March 31 - Andrew (Dallas) Jackson
April - Tatiana Zryanina
April - John Doe
April - John Doe
April - John Doe
April - John Doe
April - John Doe
April - Jane Doe
April 13 - Ashley White
April 17 - Zbigniew Haramisiuk
May - Jane Doe
May - Bob
May 25 - Leon (Pops) Alward
May - John Doe
May - John Doe
May - John Doe
May - John Doe
June 8 - James Andrew Smith
July 1 - Erin James Staffel
July 5 - Jake
July 6 - Dwaine Frederick Adams
July - Jane Doe
July - John Doe
Aug. 4 - Marcia De Bitencourt
Aug. 7 Grenville Johnson