

A black and white photograph showing a close-up of a person's hands holding a piece of cardboard. The cardboard has handwritten text in marker. The person is wearing a dark jacket. The background is out of focus.

# ***Homelessness in Saint John: Presentation to Saint John Common Council***

***December 2, 2019***



Human Development Council

Coordination

Data



- Reaching Home
- By-Name List
- NB Leadership Team on Homelessness



- Collect and manage homelessness data
- Reporting
- Coordinated Access





Data retrieved from the 2018 NB Point in Time Count. Human Development Council.



# HOMELESSNESS in SAINT JOHN

Highlights from the 2018 Progress Report



Saint John has seen a consistent annual increase in the number of people using emergency shelters, with a total of **417** in 2018



Emergency shelters had a combined **107%** bed occupancy rate

Individuals



Average number of nights spent in an emergency shelter

**28**



**1,155** public housing units  
**1,038** rent supplements

A decrease of **4** from 2017

An increase of **15** over 2017

## Point in Time Count

Over a 24 hr period **113** people experiencing homelessness were surveyed.



**25%** Identified as Indigenous

**27%** Were youth aged 16-24

**48%** Were in need of access to mental health counselling.



**1,796**

# of people on the waiting list for affordable housing in the SJ region\*

An increase of **228** over 2017

**363,819**

needles distributed through the Needle Exchange Program



Find the full report at [www.sjhdc.ca](http://www.sjhdc.ca)



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# 2018 Response

Saint John is a “bright spot” for tackling homelessness  
National recognition for local successes

New Brunswick

## Saint John's homeless squad fast-tracks people off the street

Bright Spot: With a 'bias for action,' Saint John moves 22 people out of shelter and into housing

April 14, 2019 - 11:00 am / [Blog News](#)

**Built for Zero Canada** community Saint John, NB; armed with no more than rent supplements, partners sitting around a table and a By-Name List, housed 22 people in a three-month pilot project. This blog is a part of our Bright Spot series highlighting outstanding work in ending homelessness happening across Canada.



to put 17 people in furnished, subsidized housing

C News - Posted: Mar 14, 2019 6:00 AM AT | Last Updated: March 14



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# 2018 Cont...

- **Highlights and Successes:**

- Building our By-Name List (BNL)
- Successfully housed and supported **67** individuals in the past year
- Developed stronger partnerships within and outside of the homelessness response system (Social Development, SJ Energy, etc.)
- Avoided opening Out of the Cold Emergency Shelter

[First Version of BNL \(1 year ago\)](#)

[Saint John BNL \(with fake names\)](#)



# 2019 Response

- Ongoing monitoring of homelessness data throughout 2019
  - Summer Snapshot
- Enhanced and improved the BNL process
  - Increase in participating agencies
  - Formalized procedures for assessment and prioritizations
  - Worked closely with Social Development
- Fall of 2019 Community Engagement Sessions
  - Review of 2018 approach
  - Identified gaps in services and need for additional resources
- Submitted requests to the Province



# ***The City's role in Community's response***

## ***Short-term Opportunities:***

- Identify City assets that could be used for:
  - Temporary warming locations in the event shelters are full
  - Day time drop-in locations for the winter months
- Finalize MOU between Community Council on Homelessness (CCH) and the City

## ***Medium-term Opportunities:***

- Review Plan SJ, Zone SJ and Develop SJ to facilitate the fast tracking of development in affordable housing in Saint John







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