

# Information Item

Committee of the Whole



**Meeting Date:** January 18, 2023

## Topic

Addressing Homelessness in the Region

<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	Not applicable
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## Background

In 2018, the Metropolitan Council Housing and Redevelopment Authority (Metro HRA) established a partnership with Metro Transit's Homeless Action Team to address homelessness in the region. The partnership included an initial allocation of 89 Special Purpose Housing Vouchers – Mainstream vouchers – to get people experiencing homelessness and sheltering on the transit system connected to housing stability.

The Metro HRA's Special Purpose Voucher programming has grown, and the partnership has proven successful. The Metro HRA now has 471 federally allocated vouchers specifically targeted at housing people experiencing homelessness.

- 253 Mainstream Vouchers
- 218 Emergency Housing Vouchers

The Metro HRA and Homeless Action Team will provide a program overview with progress and share future strategies in how best to serve some of our region's most vulnerable people.