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Delegation to Executive Policy Committee
June 15, 2022

HOW DID WE GET HERE?

- NO direct engagement with people gathering in bus shelters
- NO defined consultation process
- NO forewarning to the Residents' Committee or the Community Committee

SO….

WHERE IS THE EVIDENCE FOR THIS PLAN?

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NO ONE IS ARGUING FOR THE "RIGHT" TO LIVE IN A TENT OR BUS SHACK

- These circumstances are a visible manifestation of governments' failure to uphold the human right to housing, and must not be ignored
- The only solution to homelessness is ADEQUATE HOUSING
- In the absence of adequate housing, one inadequate shelter is not inherently better than another

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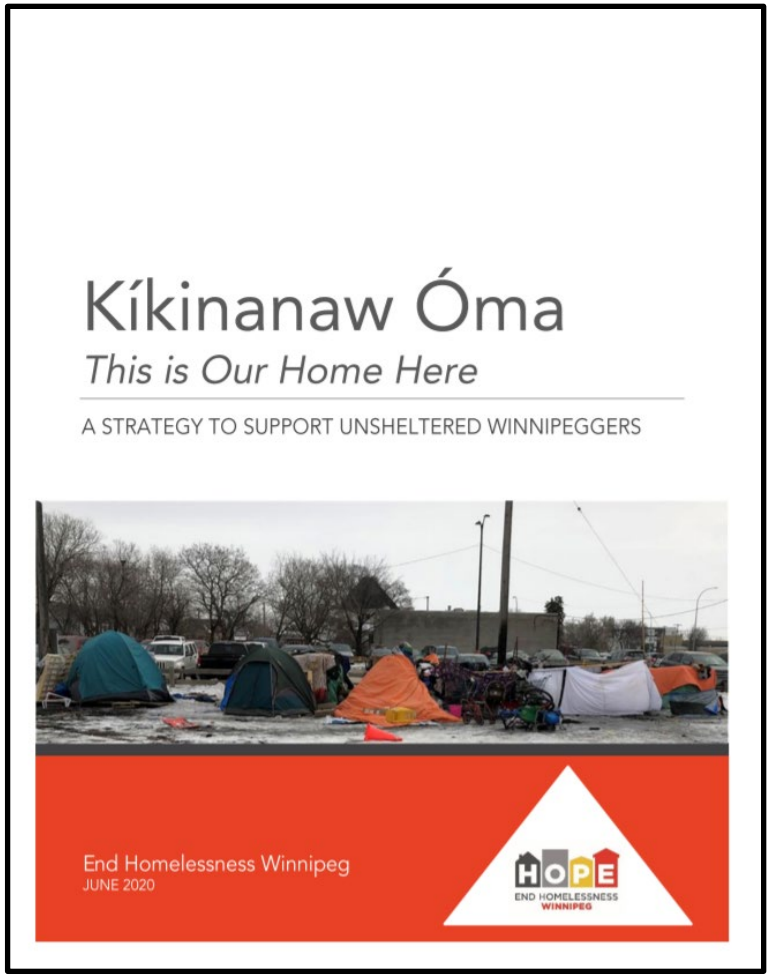
ABOUT SAINT BONIFACE STREET LINKS

- NOT the only outreach team or community agency that is housing people
- NOT a Housing First initiative
- NOT funded by Reaching Home for housing
- NOT committed to a rights-based approach

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ABOUT KÍKINANAW ÓMA

- Includes WPS, WFPS, Transit, Public Works & Community Services
- Informs the City's Encampment Support Process
- Shared commitment to **human rights**
- More information: https://endhomelessnesswinnipeg.ca/unsheltered-strategy/



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THE CITY OF WINNIPEG'S COMMITMENTS:

- the City of Winnipeg is committed to **working with partner agencies to find long-term solutions** for supporting unsheltered Winnipeggers
- At all times, the City's actions are guided by **A National Protocol for Homeless Encampments in Canada:**
  - Recognize residents of homeless encampments as **rights holders**
  - **Meaningful engagement** and effective participation of homeless encampment residents
  - **Prohibit forced evictions** of homeless encampments
  - Explore all viable alternatives to eviction
  - Ensure that relocation is human rights compliant
  - Ensure encampments meet basic needs of residents consistent with human rights
  - **Ensure human rights-based goals and outcomes,** and the preservation of dignity for homeless encampment residents
  - **Respect, protect, and fulfill the distinct rights of Indigenous Peoples** in all engagements with homeless encampments

A HUMAN RIGHTS APPROACH

A National Protocol for Homeless Encampments in Canada

COUNCILLORS' VOTING RECORDS:

	Feb. 2021, **Safe Consumption Sites**	Dec. 2021, **N'Dinawemak**	Feb. 2022, **Decriminalization of small amounts**
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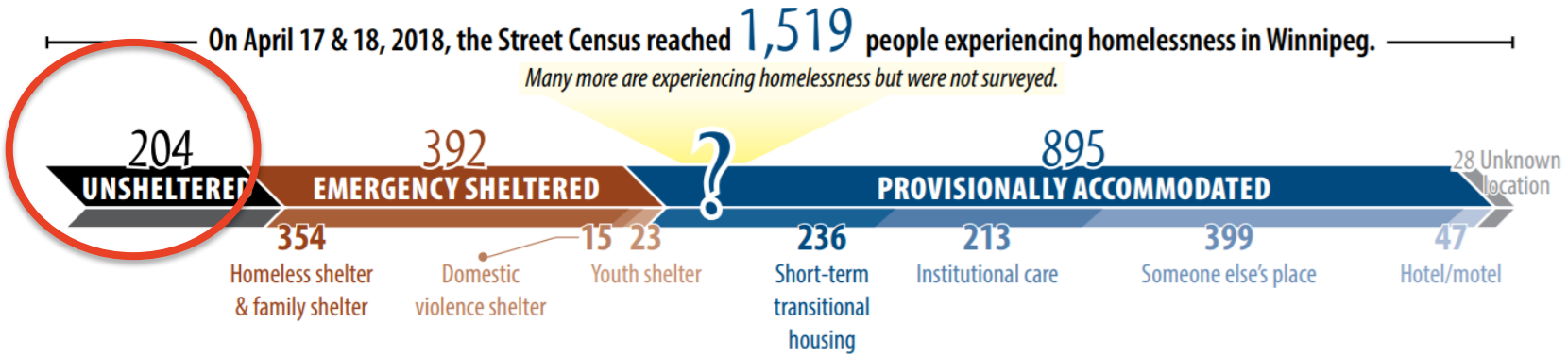
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3. Findings from the Winnipeg Street Census

3.1 Number of People Experiencing Homelessness and Where They Stay

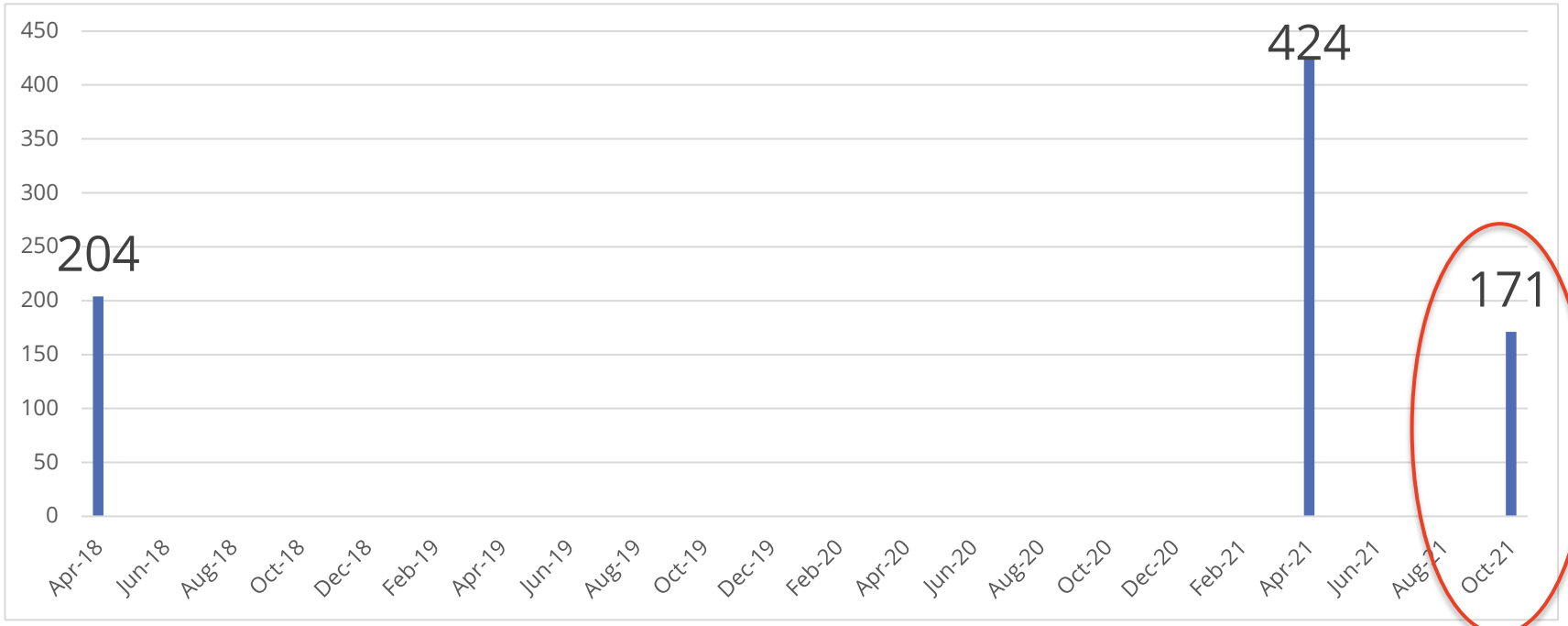
Figure 1. Where People Stayed



UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS IN WINNIPEG: APRIL 2021

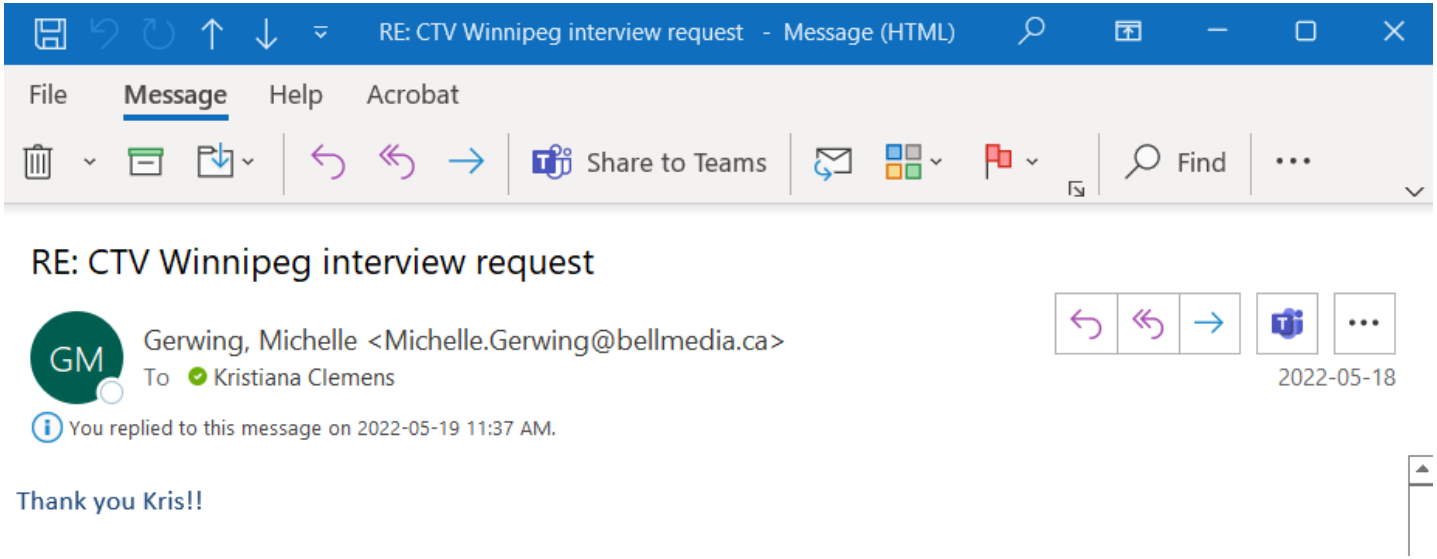


UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS IN WINNIPEG: OCTOBER 2021



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UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS IN WINNIPEG: MAY 2022



I didn't see any bus shelters that looked as though someone was/had been sleeping there.

Without any video of this, there really is no television story to do today.

I would like to keep on this and possibly find a day in the future were you or someone from End Homelessness would be available to do an on camera interview.

Please let me know if we can arrange that sometime soon.

Michelle Gerwing
Video Journalist
CTV Winnipeg

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UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS IN WINNIPEG: JUNE 2022



JUNE 9, 2022:

- **CTV**
- **CBC**
- **CITY NEWS**

REGENT BUS SHELTERS ARE **EMPTY**





Maarsii, Miigwetch, Thank you

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