

Step up to offer housing



Editorial Board

The race is on to find housing for a handful of homeless people in Saint John.

The Human Development Council has launched an “In From The Cold” campaign to house 30 homeless people in the city.

Some landlords have already stepped up to offer units, the rent for which is paid for by an NB Housing subsidy. But the council says it needs more options.

We need creative solutions and compassion as the days reach their shortest ebb and colder nights set in – it’s no time to be sleeping rough in New Brunswick.

The city’s current housing supply shortage is nonetheless an impediment to finding housing. And the need is significant: the council’s data suggests 69 people have been homeless for at least six months, and 40 have been without overnight shelter.

So, we urge all city residents to spend a moment thinking of options that might be available, and reaching out to the Human Development Council if they have a way to help. Landlords are ideally placed to help, but others may have influence or leads. We’re confident the people of this city can come together in the days leading up to Christmas to find solutions.