



# COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

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Community Services Committee Meeting  
**Monday, February 10, 2020**  
Tom Davies Square - Council Chamber

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**COUNCILLOR RENE LAPIERRE, CHAIR**

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**Geoff McCausland, Vice-Chair**

4:30 p.m. COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING  
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## **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **MANAGERS' REPORTS**

- R-1. Report dated January 20, 2020 from the General Manager of Community Development regarding Splash Pad Update. **4 - 11**  
**(RESOLUTION PREPARED)**  
(This report provides a recommendation regarding splash pads including Azilda, Delki Dozzi, Val Caron, Twin Forks and Copper Cliff.)
- R-2. Report dated January 29, 2020 from the General Manager of Community Development regarding Social Services - Discretionary Benefits. **12 - 18**  
**(RESOLUTION PREPARED)**  
(This report provides a recommendation regarding changes to service levels and updates the Discretionary Benefits policy to meet individual client needs.)

### **MEMBERS' MOTIONS**

### **CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

- I-1. Report dated January 8, 2020 from the General Manager of Community Development regarding 2020 Homelessness Enumeration. **19 - 21**  
**(FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**  
(This report provides information about the Coordinated Point-In-Time Homelessness Enumeration to be completed in March 2020.)

### **ADDENDUM**

### **CIVIC PETITIONS**

### **QUESTION PERIOD**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

## Request for Decision

### Splash Pad Update

Presented To: Community Services Committee

Presented: Monday, Feb 10, 2020

Report Date: Monday, Jan 20, 2020

Type: Managers' Reports

### Resolution

Recommendation #1:

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves \$35,770 to be drawn from Parks Section 50 Reserve Fund in order to advance the Azilda (Whitewater Lake) splash pad project as outlined in the report entitled "Splash Pad Update", from the General Manager of Community Development, presented at the Community Services Committee meeting on February 10, 2020.

Recommendation #2:

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury name the Delki Dozi splash pad Club Montessori of Sudbury Splash Pad, as outlined in the report entitled "Splash Pad Update", from the General Manager of Community Development, presented at the Community Services Committee meeting on February 10, 2020.

### Relationship to the Strategic Plan / Health Impact Assessment

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan in the area of Creating a Healthier Community as it aligns with the Population Health Priorities of Play and Families. The Parks, Open Space and Leisure Master Plan Review (2014) notes the development of splash pads as a key contributor to the City of Greater Sudbury's goal of creating a healthy community as these facilities have no admission fees and are particularly appealing to families with young children.

### Report Summary

Council has committed funding to splash pad development at five identified locations (Azilda, Copper Cliff, Delki Dozzi, Twin Forks and Val Caron) through previous budget allocations or Healthy Community Initiative Fund capital approval. Municipal funding was allocated to projects with the expectation that community

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fund-raising efforts would be undertaken to secure necessary funds to advance each of the projects. This report provides a status update for each of the five splash pad projects and seeks approval to draw from Parks Reserve funding to advance the Azilda project in 2020 to be located at Whitewater Lake Park.

### **Financial Implications**

\$35,770 will be drawn from Parks Section 50 Reserve Funds upon Council approval.

\$15,327 originally allocated to Azilda Project Enhancement will be utilized for the Azilda (Whitewater Park) Splash Pad.

Operational funding in the amount of \$10,000 per location was approved as part of previous capital budget process or HCI capital approval. Operational funds will be reflected in budgets once projects are completed.

# Splash Pad Update 2020

## Purpose

This report provides Council with an update on the status of splash pad projects with capital funding commitments.

## Executive Summary

Council has committed funding to splash pad development at five identified locations (Azilda, Copper Cliff, Delki Dozzi, Twin Forks and Val Caron) through previous budget allocations or Healthy Community Initiative Fund capital approval. Municipal funding was allocated to projects with the expectation that community fund-raising efforts would be undertaken to secure necessary funding to advance each of the projects.

This report provides a status update for each of the five splash pad projects and seeks approval to draw from Parks Reserve funds to advance the Azilda project in 2020 to be located at Whitewater Lake Park.

## Background

At the April 3, 2017 Community Services Committee meeting Council received a report entitled "Splash Pad Update". The report noted dollars committed to splash pad development in Onaping, Capreol, Garson and at Delki Dozzi Playground as part of the 2016 Capital Budget. The report also sought direction on where to allocate \$50,000 originally assigned to seed funding for a splash pad at Bell Park as part of the 2010 Capital Budget and another \$50,000 assigned as part of the 2016 Capital Budget for a site to be determined.

By resolution, Council directed the remaining \$100,000 to be allocated to support splash pads in underserved areas identified in the Parks, Open Space & Leisure Master Plan Review, namely Azilda and Val Caron.

Since the April 3, 2017, Community Services Committee meeting, two additional projects have been funded; the development of a splash pad at Twin Forks Playground through Healthy Community Initiative funds, and seed funding was allocated for a splash pad in Copper Cliff as part of the 2018 Capital Budget.

Lopes Limited donated a third project, the Adelie Splash Pad located at Coniston Centennial Park.

The total number of operational splash pads in Greater Sudbury is fourteen (14). Locations as follows:

- Adelie Splash Pad (Coniston)
- Capreol Splash Pad

- Côté Park (Chelmsford)
- DJ Hancock Memorial Park (Sudbury)
- Garson Splash Pad
- Howard Armstrong Recreation Centre (Valley East)
- Kinsmen Sports Complex (Walden)
- Memorial Park (Sudbury)
- Morel Family Foundation Park (Sudbury)
- O'Connor Playground (Sudbury)
- Onaping Community Centre
- Ridgecrest Playground (Sudbury)
- Victory Park (Sudbury)
- Westmount Playground (Sudbury)

### **Parks, Open Space & Leisure Master Plan Implications**

The City of Greater Sudbury Parks, Open Space & Leisure Master Plan Review (2014) called for the expansion of splash pad inventory using a 1.5-kilometre service radius within urban residential areas. The plan notes that splash pads are facilities that contribute to the City's goal of creating a healthy community providing no cost recreation opportunities for children and families. The plan noted that seven to eight new splash pads would need to be added to meet targets, including sites within Garson, Onaping/Dowling, Capreol, Sudbury (South End, Minnow Lake and Bell Park), and possibly Azilda and Val Caron.

The Parks, Open Space & Leisure Master Plan Review also includes several considerations to assist in determining locations for splash pad development:

- Splash pads should be provided in community parks that have access to washrooms, change areas and off-street parking.
- Shade and seating options are desired features at splash pad locations.
- Splash pads should be located near parking, but kept a safe distance away from streets.

### **Splash Pad Provision Levels**

The City is currently providing 8.64 splash pads (spray pad) per 100,000 population. This compares to the average of 4.75 spray pads per 100,000 population for other MBNCanada municipalities.

## Current Status

The following is an update with respect to each of the five splash pad projects with capital funding commitments:

### Azilda

The Azilda Community Action Network (CAN) has been spearheading the development of a splash pad to be located at Whitewater Lake Park. The scope will include the development of a pocket park splash pad, which features a smaller footprint with an eco-activator (controller, manifold and activator all in one) at an estimated cost of \$115,000.

Citizen leisure envelope dollars were allocated in 2015 to advance recreation development in Azilda. As part of the splash pad project, \$15,327 will be used toward the Azilda (Whitewater Lake) Splash Pad.

Funding secured for this project to date includes:

Previous Capital Allocation	\$50,000
HCI Capital Funding	\$15,000
Reallocate Azilda Project Enhancement	\$15,327
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>\$80,327</b>

The City has received cash-in-lieu funding resulting from Azilda subdivision developments in the past five years:

254 Montee Principale	\$10,770
Bayside Estates	\$25,000
<b>Total Cash-in-Lieu Received</b>	<b>\$35,770</b>

This report seeks approval from Council to draw \$35,770 from the Parks Section 50 Reserve Fund in order to advance the Whitewater Lake splash pad project in 2020. Approval of the draw of the Parks Section 50 Reserve Fund would bring total available funding for the project to \$116,097.

The project has been reviewed by the City's Sudbury Planning Application Review Team (SPART).

### Copper Cliff

The Copper Cliff CAN has taken the lead on realizing a splash pad in the community. The group has identified Copper Cliff Park as the desired location for the asset. The City has a lease agreement for use of the park with Vale, the private company that owns



the land. Preliminary discussions with the landowner have occurred about the potential to build a splash pad at this location. To date, the group has raised \$2,317 towards the project in addition to the City's capital allocation of \$50,000.

### **Delki Dozzi**

The City has been working with the Ward 1 CAN on the development of a splash pad at Delki Dozzi Park. A project budget of \$170,000 has been established based on desired size and park features. Club Montessori Sudbury has committed \$50,000, with the City receiving instalments over a three-year period once the asset is completed. Club Montessori of Sudbury has asked that upon the completion of the splash pad the asset be named Club Montessori of Sudbury Splash Pad in recognition of their contribution. By-law 2012-256 (a By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Adopt a Building, Property and Park Naming Policy) states that when there is a large financial support that exceeds 35% or a sizeable donation of the total capital contribution towards new or redeveloped facilities and properties, the naming of a municipal facility or property may be brought forward to Council for approval. The policy also provides for the naming of individual elements (components) within a park or facility.

Total funding secured for this project to date is as follows:

Previous Capital Allocation	\$50,000
HCI Capital Funding	\$50,000
Funding Commitment from Club Montessori	\$50,000
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>

The project has been reviewed through the City's SPART process and geotechnical studies have been completed to determine the most appropriate location at the park. Information will be used as part of procurement documents once project funding has been secured.

### **Twin Forks**

The Ward 8 CAN is the community group working with the City on the development of the Twin Forks Splash Pad. The park will be a pocket park with a minimum play area of 50 square metres. Funding for the project has been secured as follows:

HCI Capital Funding	\$104,000
Community Fundraising	\$11,715
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>\$115,715</b>

A geotechnical study was completed in the summer of 2019, and the project was reviewed through the SPART process in the fall of 2019. A tender for construction was issued December 5, 2019, with a closing date of January 14, 2020.

Pending successful award of the contract, it is anticipated that the project will commence in the Spring/Summer of 2020 with official opening this year.

### **Val Caron**

A community meeting was hosted in November 2017, to explore a skateboard park. As a result of community input, the development of a Valley East Memorial Park to be located off Main Street in Val Caron is being explored. The park would include a splash pad, skate park and playground. To date there are no other funds raised toward the project beyond the City's capital allocation of \$50,000.

### **Summary**

The Twin Forks Splash Pad will be operational for 2020. It is anticipated that projects at Azilda (Whitewater Lake Park) and Delki Dozzi will advance in 2020, pending securing remaining funds.

Staff will continue to update the status of remaining projects with capital funding commitments (Copper Cliff and Val Caron).

As provision targets in the Parks, Open Space & Leisure Master Plan Review (2014) have been met, and provision levels of spray pads in comparison with other municipalities in Canada is exceeded, no further development of these types of assets beyond committed projects is recommended.

### **Next Steps**

An official opening of the Twin Forks Splash Pad will be hosted in 2020 upon completion of the project.

Procurement for the development of the splash pad in Azilda (Whitewater Lake Park) will be issued upon Council's approval to draw Parks Reserve funding.

Procurement for the development of a splash pad at Delki Dozzi will be issued once remaining funding (\$20,000) has been secured.

### **References**

Coniston Splash Pad Donation – Lopes Limited, Community Services Committee (February 5, 2018)

<https://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/index.cfm?pg=feed&action=file&agenda=report&itemid=5&id=1259>

Splash Pad Update, Community Services Committee (April 3, 2017)

<http://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/index.cfm?pg=feed&action=file&agenda=report&itemid=8&id=1151>

City of Greater Sudbury Parks, Open Space & Leisure Master Plan Review (2014)

<https://www.greatersudbury.ca/play/parks-and-playgrounds1/parks-open-space-and-leisure-master-plan-review-2014/>

A By-Law of The City Of Greater Sudbury to Adopt a Building, Property and Park Naming Policy

<https://www.greatersudbury.ca/linkservid/8F25AAA3-0426-C0B9-FA5F45022272D23C/showMeta/0/>

## Request for Decision

### Social Services - Discretionary Benefits

Presented To: Community Services Committee

Presented: Monday, Feb 10, 2020

Report Date: Wednesday, Jan 29, 2020

Type: Managers' Reports

### Resolution

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves revisions to the Social Services Discretionary Benefits Policy as outlined in the report entitled "Social Services - Discretionary Benefits", from the General Manager of Community Development, presented at the Community Services Meeting on February 10, 2020.

### Relationship to the Strategic Plan / Health Impact Assessment

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan in the area of Creating a Healthier Community as it aligns with the Population Health Priorities of Indigenous Youth, Mental Health, Housing and Healthy Streets as it provides support to low income families.

### Report Summary

This report outlines changes to the Discretionary Benefits Policy as it relates to dental care, dentures, and funeral services that are provided to social assistance recipients in order to meet the approved budget reduction from the 2020 municipal budget process.

### Financial Implications

As noted in the report, the City has the highest reimbursement rates for funeral coverage, reducing these rates will bring the City in line with other municipalities. The report also notes that a third party adjudicator recommends increasing the 4 year dental replacement frequency to 6 years.

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As per the approved 2020 Budget, \$175,000 was removed from the discretionary benefits within Ontario

Works Division. Any deviation in this initiative may result in an operating budget overexpenditure.

## **Background**

As part of the 2020 budget process, a budget reduction was approved by Council to reduce the Municipal allocation for the discretionary budget in Social Services by \$175,000. This change was recommended due to the high service level that is provided through the discretionary budget when compared with other municipalities in several categories. Discretionary items, which are outside of the regular mandatory benefits, include items such as; household appliances, beds, dentures, and moving expenses.

A report was brought forward to the Community Services Committee on January 15, 2018 with recommendations to implement changes to the Discretionary Policy that resulted in a municipal budget increase of \$350,000. Social Services staff have since been monitoring the service levels and individual needs, as well as working with a third-party dental adjudicator, to assist with determining the immediate needs of Ontario Works (OW) clients based on the social determinants of health.

Currently, the discretionary benefit provided is 100% provincially funded up to a maximum-capped amount. The capped amount of \$1,212,000 (2019) fluctuates based on the Provincial formula with the main cost driver being OW and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) caseloads. Any spending over the capped amount is the responsibility of the Municipality. It is important to note that the discretionary rate chart applies to both OW and provincially funded ODSP recipients.

## **Service Standard**

In order to reduce discretionary spending to meet the approved municipal allocation of \$175,000, Social Services staff have reviewed and identified the following discretionary items as areas for reduction:

- Funeral rates
- Frequency of denture replacements

## **Funerals and Burials**

Currently, the Funeral Policy rate for Ontario Works is a maximum amount of \$6,290.17. The estimated amount spent on funerals in 2019 is approximately \$185,000 (awaiting final reconciliations for year-end). This is the total for recipients of Ontario Works, Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP), and low-income individuals within the City of Greater Sudbury.

A review of other municipalities' policies indicates that Greater Sudbury has the highest reimbursement rates for funeral coverage with averages ranging from \$2,034 up to \$5,804.67. Other Municipalities' policies have been linked more closely to the Canada Pension Plan (CPP) death benefit of \$2,500 and the Ontario Works Directives Guidelines of \$2,250 as benchmarks for funeral rates.

Based on the estimated 2019 expenditures, the Social Services Division is recommending that the maximum benefit for a funeral be capped at \$2,500 plus the burial costs, which would result in approximate savings of \$75,000 to \$125,000 depending on future cremation rates.

The maximum fee of \$2,500 funeral includes as follows:

- "transportation of body, professional services, funeral services, casket, memorial cards, facilities, death and registration, newspaper obituary and cremation".

## **Dentures**

The Discretionary benefit also covers denture appliances for clients. This is another area where changes are being recommended based on the input of the Social Services Division's third party dental adjudicator.

The adjudicator has provided suggestions to amend the Denture Policy in regards to replacement frequency and realignments. It has been recommended that the 4-year replacement frequency be increased to every 6 years. Denture realignment would continue to be covered during the 6-year period, as needed, based on staff discretion while following the guidelines outlined by the adjudicator. The Director of Social Services would continue to have discretion in exceptional circumstances where denture replacement is needed. It is difficult to predict the actual savings that would be produced under this change given that the frequency change would have a larger impact in future years. In total, Social Services covered approximately \$265,000 in denture appliances in 2019.

## **Previous Frequency Changes**

Previous changes to the rate chart effective March 2018 should produce savings in future years as clients experience a longer frequency rate for household items. Clients that have already accessed services prior to the change will therefore not be eligible until the new frequency time has been met thus incurring future year savings. Although short-term pressure has been experienced due to an influx in immigration cases of large families, this has stabilized in recent months. These previous changes should provide the remainder of savings in future years.

## **Dental Fee Guide**

Social Services provides emergency dental coverage for OW adult recipients (18+) and ODSP Dependent Adults that require dental care. Currently, Ontario Works reimburses costs based on a 2009 Dental Fee Guide for services at a dentist office, which is much lower than the 2020 Dental Fee Guide. Clients have reported having difficulties in finding dental care with these low rates, as some providers would opt not to provide services based on the outdated reimbursement rate. Third party adjudicator has confirmed that it will be increasingly difficult to procure dental services if the Dental Fee Guide remains unchanged. It is recommended that the dental fee services be

increased to 2020 rates over the next 3 years and remain at a 2 year lag to the current year ODA rate. This will have a minor impact on the overall discretionary budget and a positive impact on the health and well-being of clients.

## **Next Steps**

Upon approval by City Council, Social Services will revise the Funeral Policy and the Discretionary Rate chart and ODA fee guide to reflect the changes effective March 1, 2020.

Social Services staff will continue to monitor the Discretionary Benefits budget on a monthly basis to ensure that the expenditures remain in line with the Provincial formula and the 2020 budget approved by Council.

## **References**

Report to Community Services Committee on January 15, 2018

<https://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/index.cfm?pg=agenda&action=navigator&id=1258&itemid=14239&lang=en>

Appendix A – Discretionary Rate Chart – March 1, 2018



**Discretionary Rate Chart - Revised March 1, 2018**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount (up to)</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
Blood Pressure Machines/Kits/Monitors	\$250	One time purchase only
Car Seat	\$175	Once / dependent child
Booster Seat	\$75	Once / dependent child
Layette and Baby Supplies	\$150	7 months pregnant to birth
	\$150	New born up to 12 months
Pre-natal Vitamins	\$30 / month	Duration of pregnancy
Folic Acid	\$20 / month	Duration of pregnancy
Pest Control-Fumigation (home owners)	\$500	In a 12 month period
Pest Control-Cleaning	\$150	In a 12 month period
Tub/Shower/Bathroom Grab Bars	\$100	In a 12 month period
Misc Household Items (Singles/Couples) To support clients who are establishing a new principle residence and do not meet the CHPI guidelines.	\$100	Every 3 years
Misc Household Items (Families with children) To support clients who are establishing a new principle residence and do not meet the CHPI guidelines.	\$200	Every 3 years
Misc Household Items (Singles/Couples) To support clients with health related needs.	\$100	Every 3 years
Misc Household Items (Families with children) To support clients with health related needs.	\$200	Every 3 years
<b>Prosthetic Appliances</b>		
Alerting Systems (hearing impaired)	As per estimate	As required
Aerochamber	\$60	Every 5 years
Batteries (hearing aids & mobility devices)	\$250	In a 12 month period
Braces for Mobility and/or Support Ankle Brace, Knee Brace, Elbow Brace, Wrist Brace, Leg Brace, Patella Stabilizer, Back Lumbar Sacral Support, Corest Back Brace, Internal Elevation to Custom Brace, Air Brace	\$500	Every 5 years
Breast pumps	\$200	Per child, onetime
Canes	\$100	Every 5 years
Casts (Fiberglass, Air Cast or Air Splint)	As per estimate	As required
Crutches	\$75	Every 5 years
Compressors (Sleep apnea & asthmatics)	\$500	Every 5 years

Item	Amount (up to)	Frequency
Hearing Aids & Personal FM Systems	\$1,000 per ear	Every 5 years
Mastectomy Supplies	\$300	As required
Orthopedic (Orthotics)	\$500	Every 3 years
Mobility Device Repairs	\$500	Every 2 years
Splints - specialized splints not covered by OHIP	As per estimate	As required
Support/Compression Stockings	\$250	In a 12 month period
Lice Treatments	As per estimate	As required
<b>Moving &amp; Storage</b>		
Moving (Singles/Couples)	\$200	Every 2 years
Moving (Families with Children)	\$400	Every 2 years
Storage	\$200	Every 12 months
<b>Appliances</b>		
Refrigerator	\$450	Every 10 years
Stove	\$400	Every 10 years
Washer	\$400	Every 10 years
Dryer	\$400	Every 10 years
Appliance Repairs For Refrigerator, Stove, Washer, Dryer	\$200	Once in a 12 month period/appliance
Repair Estimate (for above items)	\$30	Once in a 12 month period/appliance
<b>Beds</b>		
Twin Complete Bed	\$350	Every 10 years
Twin Mattress Only	\$250	Every 10 years
Twin Boxspring	\$100	Every 10 years
Double Complete Bed	\$400	Every 10 years
Double Mattress Only	\$300	Every 10 years
Double Boxspring	\$100	Every 10 years
Bunkbeds	\$700	Every 10 years
Sofa bed/futon (in lieu of bed)	\$300	Every 10 years
Bed Bug Mattress Cover	\$150	Every 10 years
<b>Cribs</b>		
Complete Crib Set (New & CSA Safety Approved)	\$350	Once per child
Crib Only (New & CSA Safety Approved)	\$250	Once per child
Mattress Only	\$100	Once per child

## For Information Only

### 2020 Homelessness Enumeration

Presented To: Community Services Committee

Presented: Monday, Feb 10, 2020

Report Date: Wednesday, Jan 08, 2020

Type: Correspondence for Information Only

### Resolution

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### Relationship to the Strategic Plan / Health Impact Assessment

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan in the area of Creating a Healthier Community as it aligns with the Population Health Priorities of Indigenous Youth, Mental Health, Housing and Healthy Streets by providing information on the demographics and service needs of the homeless population which can be used in systems planning and resource allocation.

### Report Summary

This report provides information about a Coordinated Point-In-Time Homelessness Enumeration that will be conducted within the City of Greater Sudbury in March 2020. Participation in a Coordinated Point-In-Time Count is a requirement under the Federal Reaching Home Funding Agreement.

### Financial Implications

The Point-In-Time Count is funded through the Federal Reaching Home funding and there are no financial implications to the municipal levy.

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## Executive Summary

This report will provide information about a Homelessness Enumeration that will be conducted within the City of Greater Sudbury in March 2020. Participation in a Coordinated Point-In-Time Count is a requirement under the Federal Homelessness Funding Agreement with the City of Greater Sudbury and can be used as a benchmark against which progress in reducing homelessness can be measured.

## Background

The City of Greater Sudbury has entered into a five-year funding agreement with the Federal government under the Reaching Home - Canada's Homelessness Strategy. One requirement of this funding agreement is that communities participate in a Coordinated Point-In-Time (PIT Count) Count of homelessness. The PIT Count must be conducted on a single night between March 1 and April 30, 2020.

A PIT Count of homelessness has two primary purposes:

- It is intended to identify how many people in a community experience homelessness in shelters and on the streets at a given time. Conducted over subsequent years, PIT Counts can be used by the community to track progress in reducing homelessness.
- Through an accompanying survey, the PIT Count gives the community information on the demographics and service needs of their homeless population. This information can be used to target community resources to where they are most needed.

The City of Greater Sudbury will lead the PIT Count and will partner with Indigenous and community service providers to conduct the one night PIT Count in late March 2020. Shelter and outreach staff will conduct surveys with people who are staying in an emergency shelter, transitional housing, or on the street. Trained enumerators will attend at the N'swakomok Native Friendship Centre, the Elgin Street Mission, and Sudbury Action Centre for Youth the following morning to complete surveys with people who may not have been surveyed the night before.

## Previous Homelessness Enumeration

Previous homelessness PIT Counts were conducted in Greater Sudbury in 2018, 2015, and through a series of time studies between 2000 and 2007. Previous PIT Counts were completed using a period prevalence methodology conducted over a one-week to one-month period.

In 2018, the Provincial requirement for enumeration included surveying the "hidden homeless" which included people who were in hospital, treatment facilities, and couch

surfing. Efforts were made to enumerate people across the geographic boundaries of Greater Sudbury.

The 2020 PIT Count will differ from previous homelessness enumerations conducted within the City of Greater Sudbury as it will take place over one night only and will only count people who are staying in emergency shelters, transitional housing, or on the street. A PIT Count is not intended to measure everyone who experiences homelessness in a community over time, and the focus of the PIT Count is on those who are absolutely homeless.

## **Results Reporting**

The results of the PIT Count will be reported to the Federal government and will contribute to the understanding of homelessness across Canada. The results will be reported publically to the community with specific efforts made to communicate the findings to those who work in the housing and homelessness sector and to those who experience homelessness. Finally, local leadership will use the results from the PIT Count in systems planning and resource allocation to address the service needs of people experiencing homelessness.

## **Next Steps**

The City of Greater Sudbury has established a planning group with local service providers and are working on an implementation plan and timeline. The PIT Count will be conducted over one night in March 2020. The results of the PIT Count will be brought to the Community Services Committee and will further be reported in the annual Report Card on Homelessness.

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