

Background

The 2017 Report Card on Homelessness has been completed by the Community Advisory Board on Homelessness Initiatives. A Report Card on Homelessness (Report Card), Appendix A – 2017 Report Card on Homelessness, for the City of Greater Sudbury (City) has been developed and released to the community annually since 2008.

Data from the Homelessness Enumeration that took place in March 2018 has been included in the Report Card. As part of the Province's efforts to end chronic homelessness by 2025 and the long-term goal to end homelessness, the government introduced a requirement to conduct local enumeration (counts) of people experiencing homelessness. Homeless Enumeration helps Service Managers and the Province understand the scale and nature of homelessness across Ontario, as well as inform current and future policy development and program design.

One of the priorities identified in the City of Greater Sudbury's Ten Year Housing and Homelessness Plan was "a need to monitor and report on progress towards meeting the Housing and Homelessness Plan objectives and targets". The completion of an annual Report Card on Homelessness is one way to monitor, measure, and evaluate the system in place to address homelessness. Annual reporting helps inform and engage the local community and enhance local transparency and accountability.

The 2017 Report Card provides information about the number of households that have been supported through homelessness prevention. The Report Card documents emergency shelter use, and outcomes of the Housing First Program that have demonstrated success with persons who have experienced chronic homelessness. The Report Card provides information about new funding initiatives that will support people locally who are experiencing homelessness and the introduction of the National Housing Strategy.

The Report Card on Homelessness is intended to provide information to all sectors of the community - business, education, health, government, social services, faith community, and members of the public. The Report Card will be available on the City's website and Citizen Service Centres, Social Services Agencies, post secondary schools, and members of the Community Advisory Committee on Homelessness.

Next Steps

The 2017 Report Card on Homelessness will be released widely within the community. Data and information from community homelessness programs will continue to be monitored and evaluated to improve system impact.