

Background

The Community Advisory Board on Homelessness Initiatives has completed a homelessness report card, Appendix A - 2016 Report Card on Homelessness. A Report Card on Homelessness for the City of Greater Sudbury (City) has been developed and released to the Community annually since 2008.

In 2008, there were 866 people who used an emergency shelter in Sudbury. This number increased to over 1000 per year between 2009 and 2012, and has declined to 872 in 2016. There were 1121 people on the waiting list for rent geared to income housing in 2008, compared to 1082 on the waiting list in 2016. In 2008 the average market rent for a one bedroom apartment was \$651, compared to \$776 in 2016.

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" <https://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/index.cfm?pg=feed&action=file&agenda=report&itemid=3&id=674>. The completion of an annual Report Card on Homelessness is one way to monitor, measure, and evaluate the system that is in place to address homelessness. Annual reporting helps inform and engage the local community and enhance local transparency and accountability.

The 2016 Report Card provides information about the number of households that have been supported through homelessness prevention. It also documents the change in service use through the emergency shelter programs over the past few years, and the development of Housing First and Harm Reduction programs that have demonstrated success with persons who have experienced chronic homelessness.

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

Next Steps

The 2016 Report Card on Homelessness will be released within the Community. Data and information from community homelessness programs will continue to be monitored and evaluated to improve system impact.