



Community Hubs in Ontario and Greater Sudbury: A Strategic Framework



Community Services Committee
June 19th, 2017

Agenda

- Overview of the Provincial Advisory Committee
- Overview of the work that has been completed Provincially
- Review of Next Steps Provincially
 - New information about Public Properties (Ministry of Infrastructure)
- Review of Local success
- Strategy and Next Steps Municipally

Context

The **mandate of the Provincial Advisory Group**:

- Appointed in 2015
- Review provincial policies and develop a framework for adapting existing public properties into community hubs
- Inform the government's approach to moving forward with community hubs

Over the first **90 days**, the Advisory Group:

- Gathered targeted input
- Engaged community organizations and other groups to ensure the framework addresses local needs
- Examined best practices
- Engaged across Ontario ministries and communities

Strategic Framework

Vision

“We want Ontario to be the best place to work, live and raise a family, and community hubs are a part of that vision.”

- Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario

Principles

- 1) Strengthening communities requires provincial leadership
- 2) Community planning is done locally with strong local leadership
- 3) Community needs should drive integrated service delivery
- 4) Community use is an integral part of provincial public asset planning
- 5) Community hubs are built through collaboration and shared responsibility

Goals

- **Co-ordinated Planning:** A coordinated system of planning that encourages partnerships and builds on what works
- **Client-focused Service Delivery:** A delivery system that provides integrated services to people in their communities
- **Community Infrastructure/Public Assets:** A system that maximizes the use of public assets for community benefit

What is a Community Hub?

- Community hubs provide a central access point for a range of needed health and social services, along with cultural, recreational, and green spaces to nourish community life.



Overview: Provincial Strategic Framework and Action Plan – Released in 2015

The report is divided into key sections:

- **The Journey So Far:** Overview of process/engagement leading to development of Strategic Framework and Action Plan
- **What We Heard:** Summary of feedback heard through engagement process
- **Strategic Framework:** Proposed vision, principles, and goals for community hubs in Ontario based on feedback received
- **Action Plan:** Recommendations to government to advance community hubs vision and remove barriers

Overview: Provincial Strategic Framework and Action Plan - Progress One Year Later Released in 2016

The report outlines three key areas of focus:

- **Making Better Use of Public Properties:** Improving access and planning around surplus properties.
- **Removing Barriers and Enabling Community Hub Development:** Integrated service delivery.
- **Building Community Capacity and Supporting Local Planning:** Integrated local planning.

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NO CENTRAL PLANNING TABLE UNDERUTILIZED FRUSTRATING
NOT EVIDENCE-BASED NEED OPEN REPETITIVE COMPLEX
NOT CLIENT-FOCUSED UNRESPONSIVE
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Next Steps

- Imminent release of a program designed give the community more time to assemble plans for surplus space (Ministry of Infrastructure Letter dated June 13, 2017)
- Continued work by the Advisory Group.
- Register with the Community Hubs Portal <https://www.communityhubsontario.ca/>
- Continue to provide feedback at planningforhubs@ontario.ca

Local Successes

Community Hubs exist in several different areas locally:

- **Best Start Hubs:** 15 Hubs scattered throughout the community that provide a range of services.
- **Northeast Centre of Excellence For Seniors Health:** Co-location of services.

Strategy and Next Steps

Development Process:

- **Neighbourhood Demographics:** GIS support and updated Census data to be released in the fall of 2017.
- **Asset Mapping:** A review of services available in neighbourhoods. Gap analysis and potential synergies.
- **Reviewing Surplus Space:** Greater Sudbury Housing, surplus schools, underutilized community halls.
- **Strategic Direction:** Consultation with community partners in high priority neighbourhoods.
- **Funding:** Review of possible funding sources.
- **Approval:** Report and strategic recommendation to be brought back to Community Services in the first quarter of 2018.

Discussion / Questions