

Background

On April 3rd, 2017 the Canadian Mental Health Association- Sudbury/Manitoulin (CMHA) presented to the Community Services Committee an update on the Managed Alcohol Program (MAP) and a request for the property at 291 Lourdes Street for use as a permanent location for residential MAP and the low barrier emergency shelter. Attached: Appendix A- Harm Reduction Home/Managed Alcohol Update

The matter was referred to the City Council meeting of May 30th 2017, with a request that a community consultation be held with the residents of the Lourdes Street neighborhood. A community consultation was held on May 1st, 2017 and the neighbors expressed concerns with the programs going into this location.

The MAP day program and low barrier emergency shelter program have been operating out of 200 Larch Street since inception. A funding opportunity has come forward from the Province, called Home For Good, that provides capital and operating funding for projects that address the needs of several homeless groups including the chronically homeless. This funding could support capital renovations at 200 Larch Street for a permanent residential MAP and low barrier shelter program. With the larger location there is opportunity to develop a community hub in the downtown core for services supporting people who are homeless.

Given the results of the community consultation and the new funding opportunity, the request from the CMHA to purchase the property at 291 Lourdes Street is no longer recommended.

Next Steps

A Managers report has been included in the Agenda which provides Council with information on the possibility of providing the building at 200 Larch St. to CMHA for a permanent site for the MAP program and Low Barrier Shelter.