

## **Background**

A report was referred from Community Services Committee of April 3rd, 2017, to the City Council Meeting of May 30th, 2017 in order to allow time for consultation with area residents regarding the program being located at 291 Lourdes Street, Sudbury.

Appendix A: Harm Reduction Home - Managed Alcohol Program Update

## **Consultation**

A consultation was held on Monday May 1st, 2017 at 6:30 pm for residents in the neighborhood of 291 Lourdes Street. Canadian Mental Health Association-Sudbury/Manitoulin (CMHA) provided information to the residents about the Programs that they were seeking to move into 291 Lourdes Street. Several residents expressed concern that these Programs were not appropriate within their residential neighborhood and they were concerned with safety issues related to the new location of these Programs.

## **200 Larch Street**

The CMHA currently operates the Harm Reduction Home as a Managed Alcohol Day Program within the 200 Larch Street facility, and operated the Off the Street Emergency Shelter Program from this location from November 28th, 2016 to April 15th 2017. CMHA is now interested in acquiring 200 Larch Street as a permanent location for a residential Harm Reduction Home and the Off the Street Shelter Program based on the feedback from the residents in the Lourdes Street area, and the new opportunity for Provincial funding under the Home for Good Program. CMHA has submitted a letter dated May 9, 2017 requesting the transfer of the property (Appendix B: CMHA Letter of Request).

## **Homes for Good Funding Opportunity**

The Province has recently announced a new investment in supportive housing called Homes for Good (HFG). HFG is an ongoing investment to support the goal of ending chronic homelessness by 2025 and will provide funding for both operating and capital initiatives. Given that the Harm Reduction Home and Off the Street Emergency Shelter help to address issues of chronic homelessness, and that the larger facility at 200 Larch Street will provide an opportunity for further collaboration with community partners under a Community Hub model, the City of Greater Sudbury has moved forward with an application under these funds. The funding application is for approximately \$2,650,000 for capital and operating costs at 200 Larch Street. This funding would allow for flexibility for the CMHA to address previously identified capital issues related to the 200 Larch Street location.

The HFG allows for several sub projects within one proposal. In addition to the 200 Larch Street capital project as phase one, the proposal includes a second phase capital and operating request for an additional supportive housing permanent home project via

CMHA. This project will transition individuals from the Managed Alcohol Program into stabilized residential supportive housing. Housing allowances are also being requested which will be attached to the Housing First Intensive Case Management Program that is already in place. All sub projects meet the Program Guidelines to address chronic homelessness.

### **Next Steps**

A report will be brought back to the Community Services Committee considering the implications of a long term agreement for the low barrier emergency shelter (Out of the Cold) versus the existing annual agreements for the Program given that the program site would now be owned by CMHA.