DRAFT REFERENCE SHEET (Nov/Dec 2023) - Overview of feedback to date* during the Living Space Relocation Review



There are pressures on •-----Timmins.

Need for Truth and Reconciliation **Opioid Crisis** Housing Affordability Crisis Downtown Economic Decline High Crime Rate (and difficulty recruiting officers) Cuts to Social Assistance Limited access to walk-in medical care (shortage of family doctors) Others?

Many Indigenous Voices are advocating for:

- Respect for Indigenous ceremony, protocol, and culture.
- More acknowledgement and repairs of traumas from colonialization, residential schools, Sixties Scoop, and missing and murdered Indigenous women.
- More Indigenous staff and languages.
- Eliminating stereotypes and generalizations that discriminate against Indigenous people (including acts of aggression).
- More collaboration.

In the evening, there is one place for people to go: Living Space.

Many residents & businesses are advocating to move Living Space because of unresolved concerns:

- Crime, drug trafficking, theft, break and enters, etc.
- Fear of aggressive, unpredictable behaviours, fires in empty buildings.
- Open drug use, discarded needles.
- Outdoor urination, defecation,
- Disruption of daily activity and sleep.
- Discomfort seeing people in distress. Business impacts, property values.
- Lack of support services.

People experiencing homelessness have told us:

- People are homeless for many reasons (released from jail, domestic violence, addiction, etc.).
- It's important not to judge or belittle.
- Shelter needs to be close to services and walkable - or people won't use it.
- "Buck is passed" with current approach to services - we're told "see this person", "see that person".
- Living Space needs more services psychiatrist, dentist, housing, etc.
- Need help transitioning from rehab to housing (so don't return to shelter).

Services providers told us:

- Time and effort needed to provide services is exponentially higher than in the past. Inadequate resources.
- With current approach, staff are burnt out and clients left spinning.
- The conversation about Living Space is highly charged and difficult to engage in.
- Communication with neighbours is essential when emergency shelter services are introduced in a community.
- Aging population is also at risk of homelessness.



There are a growing number of people experiencing

- 435 people experiencing
- More than 4 in 5 people identify as Indigenous
- Approx. 80% self-report substance use issue
- mental health
- 4/5 report multiple health issues

Where people go when

not accessing services:

In park

or public

space

Street or

sidewalk

or alcove

homelessness in Timmins.

- homelessness in District of Cochrane that want housing**
- 50%+ self-report challenges with

Some things that influence what and how services are provided:

- Quality of the staff, including their training, cultural competencies, salaries, etc.
- Requirements of the funder (Province of Ontario, Government of Canada, CDSSAB, etc.)
- <u>Degree of collaboration</u> between service providers (e.g. Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Leadership Committee. Cochrane District System of Care, Community Advisory Board, etc.)
- Whether service is led or co-led by an Indigenous-led organization
- Level of client interest in receiving services



Drop-In

No drug

permitted

consumption

days/week, 8am-8pm) The Salvation Sun, 1-3pm) CMHA (Fri, 8:30-11am)



Public Toilet

Living Space



Shelter (8pm-8am)

Operations

Location

Living **Space** Drop-In

(8am-8pm)

Meals:

Snacks:

Governance



There are enforcement efforts and outreach patrols working to address concerns:

Mushkegowuk Fire Keeper Street Patrol **Timmins Police Services** Timmins Fire Department City of Timmins Bylaw Enforcement

In 2023, CDSSAB received increased funding (from approx. \$2M/yr to \$6M/yr for next 3 years) to prevent homelessness. Plan** is to use the funds to:

- Create 10 units Supportive Housing in 2 yrs, with 24/7 services in Yr 3, with plan for 40 more
- Create service hub with food, hygiene facilities, service navigators
- Add Housing Loss Prevention Workers
- Integrated paramedicine program
- Create 6 units Transitional Housing

During the day, there are more places for people to go: Living

a list of services people experiencing homelessness rely on.

Space Drop-In is one option, and below there is the beginning of



Timmins Native Friendship Centre (Tues)

Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services (Fri)

Anti-Hunger Coalition

First Baptist Church (Tues, Fri)

The Salvation Army (Wed, Sun)

Lord's Kitchen (Thurs, Fri)

Timmins Food Bank (Sat)

Better Tomorrow (Sun)

Mushkegowuk (Mon-Fri)

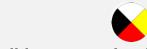
Salvation Army (Tues-Sat)

Project Love (Mon)

St. Matthew's (Fri)

Living Space (7 Army (Wed, Sat,





Health care Misiwav

Milopemahtesewin Community Health Centre Safe Health Site Timmins and Area District Hospital Porcupine Health



Addictions

Safe Health Site Jubliee Centre Timmins and Area District Hospital



Education & training

Monteith Correctional Facility Ojibway & Cree Cultural Centre Northeastern Catholic District School Board Northern College College Boreal Hearst University Algoma University



Housing **CDSSAB**

Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services **Timmins Native** Friendship Centre



Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services



Services Timmins Public Library



Mental health

Canadian Mental Health Association Timmins and Area District Hospital



Timmins Transit Timmins Taxi

Couch

surfing

Occupied or

abandoned

private

property

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^{**}See Updated Plan and Investment Strategy for Homelessness Prevention Program Funding in the Cochrane CDSSAB, Sep 9, 2023, prepared by Orgcode Consulting Inc. for CDSSAB