

#### **Sheltering the Homeless**

through

# COLLABORATION & LEADERSHIP



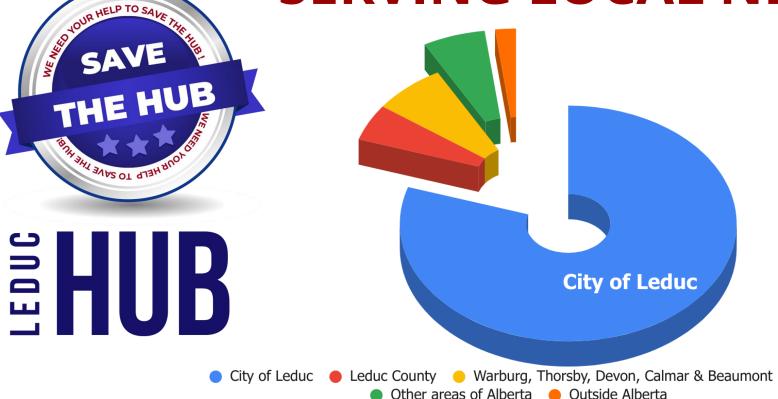
## **HOMELESS LEDUC**

Leduc faces a homelessness challenge & encampment risk

Nearly 100 homeless

Our city needs an experienced, dependable shelter operator

# **SERVING LOCAL NEED**





## **ABOUT HUB**

Safe & supportive community to access critical social services with dignity

Between 2022 and 2023 we saw a 60% growth in demand



## **ABOUT HUB**

Safe & responsible operations since 2009

Member of Homelessness Task Force, Leduc DBA, Chambers of Commerce

Serve homeless, at risk of homelessness, those needing socialization, seniors, those who are waiting on their first paycheck



# **2023 DATA**

Survival	Domestic violence escapes	15
Shelter	Sleeps	3,400
Health	Meals Rx filled	16,200 42
Support	Drop-ins AISH referrals IDs Transports	9,500 8 62 276
Dignity	Showers Laundry loads	1,250 550
Compassion	Volunteer hours	8,231
Value	HUB savings vs. institutional response (jail, hospital, etc)	3 - 5x



## **COLLABORATION**



Consistent council support over >10 years

2021: Homelessness Framework

2023: Council launches "Not the Plan" ads

2023: Collaborative location negotiations

2023: Homelessness Task Force

2024: National Housing Strategy 2.0



## **CHALLENGE**

HUB faces triple threat:

- 1. Expiring Permit
- 2. Lease expiry
- 3. No alternate location

Misconceptions and misinformation about our impact on community & safety have eroded support



#### CHALLENGE

On February 16, the HUB commences closure

If Leduc closes the doors on the HUB, it opens the gates to unsafe encampments



## **WITHOUT HUB**

Survival	Domestic violence escapes	0
Shelter	Sleeps	0
Health	Meals Rx filled	0 0
Support	Drop-ins AISH referrals IDs Transports	0 0 0 0
Dignity	Showers Laundry loads	0 0
Compassion	<b>1</b> Volunteer hours	0
Value	HUB savings vs. institutional response (jail, hospital, etc)	0



#### **LEADERSHIP**

- Public commitment to ensure uninterrupted access to shelters
- Encourage local business support
- Allocate City-owned land for shelters
- Explore land donations from the Government of Alberta and the Government of Canada



## **ACTION**

We are calling on City Council to

- Send a unified message
- Protect our most vulnerable
- Prevent encampments
- Take action to protect uninterrupted access to shelter services in Leduc