

COUNCIL INFORMATION ITEM

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REPORT TITLE: Life Safety Intervention Options of the Unhoused and Community Impacts of the Unhoused Intervention Options

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council received two Information Reports at the June 3, 2024, Council Meeting that provided the feasibility and costing of four intervention options intended to reduce exposure to life-threatening events or circumstances for the unhoused (life safety interventions) and one intervention option that intended to address loitering, encampments, and public concern of the unhoused (community impact intervention). Options in each report were presented in order of recommendation by Administration. No direction or decision was made on June 3, 2024; however, Council has since requested that these two reports be brought forward to the June 24, 2024, Council Meeting for further discussion. Public engagement options have been created as well.

BACKGROUND

The City of Leduc currently provides the following service level(s):

- ❖ Life Safety of the Unhoused
 - ✓ Activation of the established communications plan offering the unhoused access to daytime and evening warming centres (public buildings) during periods of extreme weather; and
 - ✓ Re-assignment of the Community Navigator position and other FCSS prevention and early intervention staff to focus on crisis diversion services (specifically offering warming supplies and transportation to shelters, detox centres, hotels, families, friends etc.).
- ❖ Recovery Pathways for the Unhoused
 - ✓ Permanent full-time Community Navigator position working to address barriers to securing and maintaining housing for those who are at risk of or are experiencing homelessness.
- ❖ Community Impacts
 - ✓ Complaint based enforcement response from the RCMP and Leduc Enforcement Services (Community Peace Officers) with a focus on compliance whenever possible.
 - ✓ Proactive patrols of frequented locations whenever possible.

NEXT STEPS / OPTIONS

The following intervention options from the two June 3, 2024, reports are provided for Council's consideration:

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LIFE SAFETY INTERVENTIONS

1. Maintain *CURRENT life safety* service level – status quo life safety interventions noted above.
2. *NEW life safety* service (level) – offer overnight emergency shelter service only open during extreme cold weather.
 - a. Located at the Protective Services Building using modular accommodations operated by a contracted service provider (or City operated); or
 - b. Located at the Alexandra Pool using winterized changerooms operated by a contracted service provider (or City operated); or
 - c. Located at a leased space operated by a contracted service provider (or City operated).
3. *NEW life safety* service (level) – offer overnight emergency shelter open nightly November 1 to April 30.
 - a. Located at a leased space operated by a contracted service provider (or City operated); or
 - b. Located at the Protective Services Building using modular accommodations operated by a contracted service provider (or City operated); or
 - c. Located at the Alexandra Pool using winterized changerooms operated by a contracted service provider (or City operated).
4. *ENHANCED life safety* service level – establish a Crisis Diversion Outreach Team (social supports team) operated by a contracted service provider (or City operated).

COMMUNITY IMPACT INTERVENTION

5. *ENHANCED community impact* service level – establish a Community Outreach Team (enforcement with social supports team) operated by the City.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT OPTIONS

The following public engagement options are also provided for Council's consideration and discussion:

- ❖ Legislative Requirements Only: for those options requiring public hearings.
- ❖ Post-Decision: to gather input, feedback, and insights from residents and interested parties on the implementation of Council's intervention decision to inform mitigation strategies and implementation related impacts.
- ❖ Pre-Decision: to gather input, feedback, and insights from residents and interested parties on the intervention option being considered by Council to inform Council's final decision.

ATTACHMENTS

None