



Committee Report

To:	Warden Hicks and Members of Grey County Council
Committee Date:	October 14, 2021
Subject / Report No:	HDR-CW-19-21
Title:	Homelessness Enumeration
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Lower Tier(s) Affected:	All
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Recommendation

- 1. That Report HDR-CW-19-21 on Grey County's enumeration of persons who are homeless be received for information.**

Executive Summary

Grey County is hosting an enumeration of persons who are homeless on October 18, 2021. The purpose of the enumeration is to identify those experiencing chronic homelessness, collect data for services required and provide available services to those in need. The enumeration will be a point in time count that will give a snapshot of homelessness in Grey County. Front line staff from community agencies and local organizations participated in the implementation of the point in time count and are trained to assist with the enumeration. Data gathering during the enumeration will provide much needed data on required services and supports to assist people experiencing homelessness with finding appropriate housing and gaining appropriate supports to maintain their housing.

Background

The Province mandated that each Service Manager hold an enumeration of persons who are homeless by point in time count method by December 15, 2021. Grey County in partnership with Bruce County is holding an enumeration on October 18, 2021.

Point in Time Count

A point-in-time count is a count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons on a single night. It is intended to capture numbers and basic demographics of people experiencing homelessness at a single point in time. As part of the point-in-time count, Grey County staff will build on an existing by-name list of people experiencing homelessness. The by-name list shall include only those people who have consented to be included on the list.

A by-name list is a list including names and contact information of people experiencing homelessness who would like to receive assistance from the Grey County and other community agencies to find housing services and supports.

Grey County engaged Indigenous partners, community agencies and local agencies in the planning and implementation of the point-in-time count and the development of a by-name list.

Process and Reporting

Local community providers and partners received training on the survey questions and the mandatory data points to be collected. Information on local services and warm hand offs to supports for immediate needs will happen at the time of the survey. For example, a referral to emergency housing, Ontario Works for funding or a food bank.

Once the data is collected a summary of the information will be used for system planning, organization funding applications and a better understanding of episodic, and chronological homelessness. Information will also be provided to the Province for Provincial planning.

Staff will follow up with a report to Council on the findings and recommendations of the enumeration in late Fall.

Legal and Legislated Requirements

All Service Managers must conduct a point in time count no later than December 15, 2021.

Financial and Resource Implications

All funds are Provincial.

Relevant Consultation

- Internal:
- External:



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