

**Strategic Priority #1**  
**Unified and innovative community system approach to end homelessness**

Quarter #4  
 Oct 1 2022-Dec 31 2022

**City of Timmins & Community Advisory Board**

**Committee Participation & Collaboration**

Committee meeting during Q4:	Members: (local)	New Members:
November 1 2022	ACT / CDSSAB / CMHA/ CoT / OAHS Living Space / Ministry of Solicitor General / NEOFACS / ONWA / Salvation Army / SCAS / Service Canada / TADH / TAWC / TNFC / TPS / United Way	

**Targeted Outcomes**

Increase in residents having the support they need to access and maintain housing	<p>To support cold weather alerts, a community strategy group was formed in order to serve the homeless and/or at-risk population. Agencies serving the vulnerable community members met in December. The objective of the Cold Weather Response Plan is to prevent harmful health impacts of cold exposure on people experiencing homelessness in Timmins. The Cold Weather Response Plan provides a framework for implementing and coordinating cold weather preparedness and response activities.</p> <p>Built for Zero (BFZ) Canada is a supportive approach which focuses on optimizing local homeless systems, accelerating the adoption of proven practices and driving continuous improvement. They mobilize communities such as Timmins to take action on homelessness. BFZ supports Timmins to reach functional zero chronic homelessness. The Timmins The Built for Zero (BFZ) Working Group continues to focus collaborative efforts on developing the Coordinated Access (CA) System Guidebook and the HIFIS Governance and Implementation Guide for the Cochrane District System of Care. Balanced data for October and November have been achieved in regards to inflows into homelessness and outflows from homelessness. CDSSAB, in collaboration with Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services, and the People with Lived/Living Experience (PWLE) focus group is working to ensure the intake form is comprehensive and culturally appropriate. The BNL Common Intake Form will also be used as the vulnerability assessment tool and will support the prioritization matrix.</p> <p>Ontario Native Women's Association (ONWA) recently partnered with Living Space to add 15 emergency shelter beds at the shelter. As part of the partnership, ONWA will also offer services and outreach, such as case management, which will encompass cultural activities. Housing remains a priority for Living Space and with access to affordable housing a concern in the community, the region, and the province, Living Space continues to focus on connecting with and supporting clients to ensure safe and encouraging interpersonal interactions. This will ensure client readiness for when housing becomes available.</p> <p>Volunteer recruitment at Living Space started in Q3 and has already recruited many individuals to support the drop-in centre and community outreach.</p> <p>Living Space made a presentation about homelessness to over 30 paramedic and police foundation students at Northern College. This presentation in Q4, was a great step in helping educating the community and helping end the stigma around homelessness in our community.</p>
Increase in prevention through service coordination	
Implementation of a homeless report card that measure the number of people on the street, in shelters, length of stay and turnover	
Increase in community-wide education and awareness regarding homelessness and poverty	

**Concerns**

**Strategic Priority #2**  
**Harmonized mindset and action to improve care, respect, and outcomes for addictions and mental health**

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**City of Timmins & Cochrane District Addiction & Mental Health Planning Table**

**Committee Participation & Collaboration**

Committee meetings during Q4 :	Members:(Local-Timmins)	New Members:
December 8 2022	CDSSAB / CoT / CMHA / Jubilee Centre / Living Space / Mushkegowuk Council / NEOFACS / Northern College / OAHS / OPP / PHU / SCAS / TADH / Timmins Family Health Team / TPS	

**Targeted Outcomes**

Improved system navigation for MHA services and supports for all (barrier-free, umbrella of care, cost management approach)	In Q4, the current operators of the temporary Safe Health Site Timmins, Timmins & District Hospital, along with the proposed operators of the permanent site, CMHA-CT, did one-on-one engagement with "near neighbours" of 21 Cedar St. N and the general public. A media release on December 1, 2022, offered an opportunity for individuals in the community to participate in community sessions to discuss the permanent SCS site. The location of the site along with factors in determining the location were key points in the release. Information about the site and project planning around proposed support services were the focus of engagement sessions.
Reduction of overdose-opioid deaths via collaborative approach in harm reductions, treatment, prevention and enforcement	Preparation of application & related documentation for permanent funding for a Safe Consumption Site (collaboration of Porcupine Health Unit, CDMHA Planning Table, CMHA, TADH and SHST); applications to be submitted in January 2023.  In Q4, a Nurse Practitioner was hired for the Rapid Access Addictions Medicine (RAAM) program. RAAM provides a quick access to addiction medicine but also connects individuals to counselling, peer support and referrals to community services. The primary function of the Nurse Practitioner is to assess and treat symptoms of substance use and facilitate connections to continuum of care to increase access to additional community based services to address social determinants of health.
Reduce incidence and prevalence of problematic substance use and dependence	Collaboration between South Cochrane Addiction Services and Canadian Mental Health-CT continues to encompass a wide variety of programs and services designed to meet local needs prior to the official amalgamation date of January 1, 2023.  The People With Lived Experience (PWLE) focus group, a subcommittee of the Timmins and Area Drug Strategy Direct Service provider committee, continues to help inform planning, insight and feedback regarding their experiences that are respectable and effective. Two individuals with previous lived experience have stepped forward to facilitate these focus groups, with support from the City of Timmins. Fostering an environment where participants feel comfortable sharing feedback and speaking openly is a step towards delivering better inclusive outcomes for those we serve.
Increase community-wide education and awareness on harm of substance use	With the number of opioid related calls on the rise (approx 200 in 2022), Cochrane District EMS has requested (to the Federal Government) that they offer a better pathway to Opioid Agonist Treatment (OAT). CDEMS is hopeful paramedics can pilot the program to offer OAT in the field in early 2023. According to research, 74% of people who undergo opioid agonist therapy stay in addictions treatment programs. All CDEMS staff are trained on suboxone and are awaiting approval from Health Canada.

**Challenges**

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**Strategic Priority #3**

Youth focused community aiming to improve well-being, inclusivity, resiliency, pride and success of all youth

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## City of Timmins &amp; Youth Table

## Committee Participation &amp; Collaboration

Committee meeting (s) :	Members:	New Members:
Oct 3 2022 November 21 2022	CoT / CDSSAB Childcare / Kuuwanimano / NEOFACS PCMH-Parents for Childrens Mental Health) / TNFC / MCCSS	YWH

Increase in youth feeling safe, connected, and supported in the community

In Q4, the City of Timmins and YWH organized the first in person Youth Committee meeting, which will take place in early 2023. This meeting will bring about awareness of issues affecting the community and youth.

Increase in youth presence, engagement, and participation in community-wide decision impacting youth

Timmins Youth Wellness Hub moved to their new location 45 Spruce Street South on October 17. YWH September programming included the Rotational Hub. The hub is reaching out actively to the 18 to 25 age group and has expanded by hiring a new skills and well-being program coordinator. The YWH will be having a winter clothing event where they will distribute new winter coats/gloves/hats. In the fall, they had a back-to-school event where they supported 88 youth with clothing for back to school and 65 youth with backpacks/school supplies.

Increase in youth opportunities for youth to reconnect with education and improve education outcomes

Increase the positive profile of youth in Timmins

CDSSAB will join Drug Free Kids to offer workshops/educational sessions to parents/child care educators of the EarlyON Centre, and child care workers who work with school-aged children.

## Challenges

**Strategic Priority #4**  
**Shared responsibility and effort to improve safety and belongingness of all residents while in their homes, at work, and in the community**

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City of Timmins & Commiunity Mobilization Steering Committee

Committee Participation & Collaboration

Committee meeting during Q4:	Members:	New Members:
N/A		

Targeted Outcomes

Increase in residents' sense of belonging and safety (resilience)	Collaboration with all food security agencies started in October. The providers discussed differing responsibilities such as the location, food items and volunteers. The plan moving forward is to meet quarterly in order to fill emergent gaps and for the providers to get connected. Focus was for people to submit stats to Anti-Hunger Coalition. This will be centralized in order to find information on food insecurity, which is critical for targeting food and economic aid in the community.
Increase in vulnerable residents' experiences regarding ease of access to services and critical supports, as well as positive and sustainable outcomes	In Q4, Living Space secured food rescues with Second Harvest. Local businesses across the food supply chain have an opportunity to not only reduce the amount of edible food going to waste by redirecting it to Living Space, but can also help the planet by averting the release of millions of pounds of greenhouse gases. Currently, one business is participating and over 1,000 meals were rescued. There is hope to create momentum and secure more businesses and restaurants.
Increase in community-wide education and awareness on safety and belongingness	Improperly discarded needs was identified as a serious concern in late Q3. A Syringe Recovery action group was formed to address immediate and long-term strategies for improperly discarded syringes and needles. Living Space will host the Community Needle Pick-up Line. Standardized tracking in the community will be led by the City of Timmins so that accurate data can be obtained and monitored.

Challenges