



# Homelessness



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## Quarter 3 : July 2023-Sept. 2023

**Outreach Service pilot project** started in Q3 which serves a critical gap in for unsheltered community members. The project is designed to provide an enhanced level of community outreach for people who are experiencing homelessness and sleeping outdoors.

Encampment response was finalized in Q3. This protocol **prioritizes the safety and well-being of those living in the community.** The response helps to ensure that individuals are supported and contributes to the broader goal of ending homelessness through a compassionate approach.

CMHA will be providing staff in-shelter at Living Space. The workers will be **supporting the Cochrane District System of Care** and the By-Name List as well housing and retaining housing for clients within the shelter.

System of Care website has been published and can be found at <https://cdsystemofcare.ca> . The System of Care website hosts all the current information in regards to the coordinated access system, including a list of Partner Agencies. Access points, the referral process, updated consent form, and many other resources will be added in 2024.

## Committee meetings during Q3

- September 12, 2023

## Data

- Number of People Actively Experiencing Homelessness (Chronic vs Non-Chronic) in the District
- Number of homeless individuals in Timmins **NEW**
- Number of individuals housed in District **NEW**

Available soon:

- Number of agencies participating in System of Care

## What we are working on

- Decreasing the number of homeless individuals
- Increasing access to housing for homeless individuals
- Number of individuals who returned to homelessness after being housed



# Addiction & Mental Health



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Suboxone is in every ambulance effective July 2023. Cochrane Paramedic Service is the first paramedic service in Canada to carry suboxone and administer it in the field. Suboxone delivers enough opioids to satiate cravings and offers 24 hours of protection from another overdose. This period increases the likelihood of an individual entering into treatment.

July 4th, 2023 marks one year of operation for Safe Health Site Timmins, our Urgent Public Health Needs Site in Timmins. The site responded to 130 overdoses, with no fatalities and only nine calls requiring an EMS response. In the first year of operation, over 360 individuals accessed the site with approximately 50 per cent of visits being used to consume substances. Most notably, almost half the visits to site were requests to connect with care, including 19 direct admissions with withdrawal management. Advocacy work continues with municipal funding ending in 2023.

North Cochrane Addiction Services, Hearst, Kapuskasing, Smooth Rock Falls Counselling Services, CMHA-CT and The Royal Mental Health Centre in Ottawa have partnered up to offer a **Virtual Concurrent Disorders Service** for youth ages 16 to 25 in the Cochrane District. This partnership will provide specialized care and a seamless pathway where individuals are supported in their community from the intake, to after discharge. Referrals are being made to the partner agencies, and then sent to The Royal.

## Committee meetings during Q3

- September 14, 2023

## Data

- Volume of calls for the Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Team (MCRRT)
- Paramedic Calls Related to Suspected Opioid Overdoses (Annually)
- Attendance at People With Lived/Living Experience (PWLLE) Focus Groups
- Percentage of Addiction & Mental Health Crisis Team visits in the Emergency Department (Annually)
- Safe Health Site Timmins (SHST) statistics
- CMHA-CT incoming referrals

Available soon:

- Capacity of withdrawal management beds in an acute and community setting (2024)
- Number of Community Drug Alerts (annually)

## What we are working on

- Reduce harms associated with substance use
- Community Wide education on awareness on harm of substance use



# Youth Engagement



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## Quarter 3: Jul. 2023-Sept. 2023

Timmins Youth Connect resumed in September however, throughout the July and August months, hours were spent **brainstorming, strategizing and setting goals**. To truly connect with the youth, engagement would be required in the community. Offering accessible locations, flexible schedules to accommodate availability and activities that are not only informative but enjoyable encourages **active participation and retention**.

Engaging with youth at Welcome to Timmins Night in September, assisted the municipality in determining relevant programs and events.

When the municipality actively seeks input from young residents and asks them what they want to see, it encourages their active participation and **strengthens their connection to the community**.

In partnership with the Government of Canada, and through the City's Community Safety and Well-being Plan, over \$430,000 has been allocated to programs that **support and empower youth in our community**. As recipients of funding from the City of Timmins and Government of Canada, each service agency is committed to helping youth, and young adults who are at risk, lead lives free of crime and violence. The following agencies were redistributed funds from the City of Timmins to help meet the priorities of increased youth engagement; Mushkegowuk Firekeepers, Porcupine Health Unit, DIY Health, Youth Wellness Hub, Timmins Pride, Timmins and Area Women in Crisis and Timmins Victim Services.


## Youth Engagement during Q3

- September 28, 2023

## Data

- Timmins Youth Wellness Hub - Skills and Well-Being
- Timmins Youth Connect Attendance
- Graduation Rates (Annually)

## What we are working on

- Increase the positive profile of youth
- Increased youth engagement
- Implementing preventative initiatives for youth 



# Shared Safety & Well-Being



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## Quarter 3 : July 2023-Sept. 2023

Implementing community engagement sessions as a pilot project for July to September marked a pivotal step towards fostering stronger bonds. During these sessions, community members were given a platform to **voice their concerns and ideas**. As the pilot project unfolded, it became evident that these engagement sessions were not just about conversation; they were a driving force to **identify community actions**. Residents took ownership of various ideas, from beautifying the community to highlighting community concerns.

In July, the City of Timmins was asked to help celebrate and **elevate Indigenous voices, talents, and contributions** within our community. Preparations are underway in Q3 and Q4 to commence the Indigenous Spotlight campaign in early 2024.

A public meeting was held in Q3 to gather input on proposed amendments to the current **Safety Improvement Grant Incentive program**. This would assist businesses in covering a portion of the cost related to the purchase of security measures. Council will review the community input in Q4.

In Q3, the **pilot project for Overnight security** commenced. Security takes place daily from 10pm and 6am to provide visual checks of businesses and neighbourhoods across the City.

## Committee meetings during Q3

- July 24, 2023
- August 28, 2023
- September 25, 2023

## Data

- Crime Severity Index (Annually)
- Community Engagement Session Numbers **NEW**

## What we are working on

- Increased feelings of personal safety
- Determining data that is meaningful
- A more inclusive community