



Homelessness



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Quarter 4 : Oct. 2023-Dec. 2023

World Homeless Day brought together a community committed to making a difference. With over 100 burgers and over 150 hotdogs prepared, the event drew over 50 attendees.

The City Council initiated a motion to review the location of the homeless shelter. Opting for a thorough and unbiased assessment, Third Party Review was selected as the successful proponent for this task. As the assessment unfolds, the community anticipates a well-informed and thoughtful decision that addresses the complex challenges associated with homelessness.

The Community Advisory Board, the lead Committee for the pillar shared a proactive course for the 2024 year by formulating a workplan. The board is focusing on actionable items and implementing initiatives that bring benefits to the community such as community engagement and improved navigation.

The City of Timmins has taken proactive measures to ensure the safety of the community by updating the Cold Weather Response Plan. This involves a coordinated effort to disseminate information emphasizing the importance of protective measures for residents. Local agencies are engaged in outreach programs to educate residents on cold weather safety protocols.

Committee meetings during Q4

- October 31, 2023
- November 21, 2023
- December 19, 2023

Data

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

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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ONWA Addictions Day Treatment Program cycle started in October and provided specialized, non-residential services and programming to Indigenous Women, youth, and their families in support of mental health and addictions. The Addiction Day Treatment Program enhances access to services for Indigenous women, youth, and their families that are founded in Indigenous medicines, healing practices, and ceremonies as a part of treatment and care.

In October 2023, TADH was requested to resubmit a proposal to Ontario Health for a Centre of Excellence, which was submitted at the end of 2023. The request to the hospital to submit an updated proposal, even in its early stage brings hope for the potential establishment of a Centre in the future. TADH and its partners propose the creation of an innovative facility to offer clients multiple mental health and substance use services in one location and provide specialized outreach to support the diverse client needs in our region. This approach reduces barriers to client transitions between different levels of appropriate care, supports clients in attaining their goals, provides a collaborative client-focused approach to care, and reduces the use of hospital and emergency services.

Committee meetings during Q4

- December 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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To transform Timmins Youth Connect, the primary focus in Q4 is to shift from a limited number of organizations leading monthly activities with minimal attendance to fostering collaboration with all youth-based agencies. The aim in 2024 will be to establish a comprehensive network that seamlessly connects the youth to essential supports and services. While the focus shifts to collaborative efforts with external organizations, the city will continue to play a lead role in hosting events that cater to the diverse needs of local youth.

In November, Timmins Youth Connect hosted a Q&A session with the Mayor and youth in Timmins. This platform provided meaningful conversation and exchange of ideas. The initiative aimed to bridge the gap between the City and its young residents.

Youth Engagement during Q4

- October 3, 2023
- October 25, 2023
- November 7, 2023
- November 29, 2023
- December 7, 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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In October, Council endorsed the incorporation of Gender Based Violence into the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan. While concrete outcomes and initiatives are currently in the draft phase, they are scheduled for presentation to the CSWB Leadership Committee in early 2024.

An initiative application form was finalized in Q4, to encourage community partners, agencies, and members to propose initiatives for the comprehensive CSWB Plan. The Leadership Committee will evaluate the applications, approving and allocating them appropriately. This process aims to create a balance between existing initiatives and new ones, fostering a community-driven approach.

In Q4, a 3-week Holiday Lights contest took place, contributing to the enhancement of yards aesthetically. This initiative not only fosters positive online visibility but also promotes community collaboration, encouraging residents to feel a stronger sense of belonging in our community.

Committee meetings during Q4

- October 23, 2023
- November 27, 2023

What we are working on

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