

September 22, 2023

## Agenda

### Mayor's Task Force Community and Social Well Being

- 1) Prior Meeting – August 3rd minutes (separate attachment)
  
- 2) Encampment Response Update (leads - OCCHC, Operation Sharing, County of Oxford)  
County of Oxford update on core team group email, 511, mapping, and a reporting mechanism for the public
  
- 3) Encampment Inspection Update  
Health and safety issues identification to date  
General observations  
Clean ups completed to date
  
- 4) Communication Plan & What's on Woodstock article
  
- 5) Approved Funding - \$50,000 Sanitation and inspection/protective equipment needs  
Requested Funding - \$50,000 Operation Sharing Security Services
  
- 6) Community and Social Well Being Reserve Fund Balance - \$50,000 (if Operation Sharing request is approved by Council)  
ideas?
  
- 7) Open Discussion

Woodstock, Ontario  
August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

A meeting of the Mayor's Community and Social Well-Being Task Force was held in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Boardroom, Woodstock City Hall, on the above-mentioned date commencing at 1:00 p.m.

Council members present:

Mayor Jerry Acchione, City of Woodstock  
Councillor Kate Leatherbarrow, City of Woodstock  
Councillor Liz Wismer Van-Meer, City of Woodstock

Staff present:

David Creery, Chief Administrative Officer, City of Woodstock  
Amy Humphries, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer & City Clerk, City of Woodstock  
Brian Connors, Director of Parks and Recreation, City of Woodstock  
Reta Horan, Parks and Forestry Supervisor, City of Woodstock  
Dan Locke, Director of Public Works, City of Woodstock  
Warren Waugh, Public Works Supervisor, City of Woodstock  
Jeff Slager, Fire Chief, City of Woodstock  
Lorraine Neal, Deputy Chief Building Official, City of Woodstock  
Dillon Newton, By-law Enforcement Officer, City of Woodstock  
Colleen Collins, Manager of Marketing and Communications, City of Woodstock

Agencies represented:

Canadian Mental Health Association  
Oxford County Community Health Centre  
Operation Sharing  
Southwestern Public Health  
County of Oxford  
Woodstock Hospital  
Salvation Army

## **DISCUSSION**

Encampment Response Update - OCCHC presented a Coordinated Encampment Response Team list of the core action members which includes the Mobile Health Outreach Bus/Health & Social Services, By-law Enforcement, Fire Prevention, Parks, and Waste Management. A Response Team Communication Plan is being developed which includes a core group email and the use of Municipal 511.

Encampment Inspection Update – The top 5 encampments requiring clean-up have been identified. One encampment has been identified as abandoned and arrangements are being made for clean-up by a contractor. Garbage and item collection is being arranged for active encampments at the request of the residents.

Encampment Data Tracking - A group email has been set up for the response team and a layer in 511 has been set up with user access identification pending. A public

reporting process was discussed and it was agreed that one will be investigated and created.

Approved Sanitation Funding – City Council approved \$50,000 to be dedicated to encampment clean-up resources. Parks is coordinating the initial clean-up of various sites and Public Works will provide garbage bags and other clean-up items as needed. Clean-up supplies will also be provided to the Mobile Health Outreach Bus and Operation Sharing for disbursement.

Community and Social Well-Being Reserve Fund Balance - \$100,000 – Operation Sharing indicated that there is a need for additional shelter capacity as capacity is currently being exceeded. Further capacity issues are expected in the winter months. Mayor Acchione encouraged the group to bring forward additional needs for consideration of funding allotment.

#### Next Steps

- A Communication Plan will be put on the next agenda for discussion. An article is planned for the September issue of WOW giving an update on the progress of the Task Force.
- The County of Oxford will report on the progress of the Core Team group email, 511, and a reporting mechanism for the public.
- The Core Team will pursue clean-up of the major encampment and report back to the group.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.