



INFORMATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	February 6, 2020
SUBJECT:	Everyone Counts 2020: Coordinated Point-in-Time Count of Homelessness in Canada (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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INFORMATION

The City of Hamilton is participating in the third nationally coordinated Point-In-Time Count, as directed by the Federal Government through Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy. Locally, the initiative is planned and implemented in partnership with the Indigenous Community Entity (CE) and will be named the Point in Time Connection (PiTC), taking place from April 19-23, 2020. All Reaching Home recipients are required by Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) to participate in Everyone Counts 2020: Coordinated Point-in-Time Count of Homelessness in Canada.

Point-In-Time Count activities provide communities with demographic information and service needs of the local population experiencing homelessness. As in past PiTC initiatives, Hamilton will collect federally-mandated data as well as additional information related to housing, health and social needs to work toward connecting participants to the right types and levels of supports within the homelessness serving system.

Housing Services Division will use the PiTC implementation plan developed through community consultation with all major stakeholders, people with lived experience and lessons learned from local communities across Canada. Equity, diversity and inclusion considerations guide and inform PiTC planning, implementation and data analysis which is guided and informed by the acknowledgement of unique and differing structural and institutional barriers, including systemic discrimination and oppression, that impact

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individuals and groups' experience of homelessness, survey participation and access to services.

In partnership with the Indigenous CE, the implementation planning process will utilize Indigenous-led strategies to engage and survey Indigenous peoples experiencing homelessness. This partnership recognizes the autonomy and self-determination of Indigenous peoples and the expertise present within Indigenous-led organizations, and the PiTC process will be facilitated through ongoing partnership and consultation with the Indigenous CE and Hamilton's Aboriginal Community Advisory Board.

Local volunteer recruitment takes place in February 2020, with training provided to volunteers scheduled to survey individuals and families experiencing homelessness throughout the City of Hamilton, including those staying in unsheltered, sheltered, transitional or temporary locations without security of tenure.

Housing Services Division staff is currently engaging social service stakeholders in the planning process for the PiTC and there is a commitment to share the results of the survey in a future community debrief event.

Should you require further information regarding the 2020 Point in Time Connection, please contact Rob Mastroianni, Acting Manager, Homelessness Policy & Programs at ext. 8035 or by email at Rob.Mastroianni@hamilton.ca.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

None