

**Subject: Community Plan on Homelessness: 10-Year Update****APPROVALS:****Jamie Doyle**\_\_\_\_\_  
Director\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Administrative Officer**Recommended Motion:**

THAT the Community Plan on Homelessness 10-Year Update Presentation, be accepted as information.

**Summary:**

On March 23, 2010, Council passed a resolution to approve the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness, *Heading Home: The Right Thing to Do* (Plan).

Since the beginning of the Plan in 2010, the Region has faced many challenges including fluctuations in the economy, local natural disasters, and a global pandemic. With community partnerships and funding from the Federal and Provincial Governments, there have been great strides toward the goal of ending homelessness in the region.

The Plan has seen many successes, including referrals to support housing for over 3,500 individuals and families, reducing the number of homeless individuals by sixty-four (64) per cent since the highest peak in 2008 and eighty (80) per cent of individuals or families have been successful in the program. While there is still work needed, the attached update highlights many accomplishments.

**Background:**

The Municipality undertook programs and initiatives to address homelessness in 2000, with the first Community Plan on Homelessness approved for the period of 2000-2003. As the homeless-serving sector began to develop and grow, the community was ready to undertake a 10-year plan, which was approved by Council in 2010. The Plan included strategies for preventing and ending homelessness and was delivered in partnership with the homeless-serving sector who provide case management and program delivery.

The Homelessness Initiatives Strategic Committee (HISC) is a requirement of Federal Government funding and has supported the Plan since its inception. The HISC is

involved with strategic planning, funding allotment recommendations, and helps develop the strategic direction and program priorities.

The funding partnerships with both the Federal and Provincial Governments are managed by the Municipality, characterized as the Community Based Organization (CBO) for Provincial funds and the Community Entity (CE) for Federal funds. Administration monitors the Community Plan on Homelessness (CPH) funding allocations, identifies system barriers, and works collaboratively with community partners to better support vulnerable members of the community.

**Strategic Priorities:**

Responsible Government

**Attachments:**

**10 Year Update - Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness 2010-2020**

**Community Plan on Homelessness 10 Year Update Presentation**