

## Summary Page

### Community Risk Reduction – Cost of Addressing Inadequate Housing

#### BACKGROUND

This summary page was requested at the [August 8, 2023](#), Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services by Councillor Hill that the Administration include all financial implications in all reporting regarding Community Risk Reduction. These implications should include wages, administrative costs, vehicles and fuel, etc. Please include any relevant chargebacks to Ministry of Social Services or other stakeholders. In addition, please include the impacts this program has on the other work that is usually done by the Bylaw Enforcement Officers.

| <b>Inadequately Housed</b>          | <b>2021 (Nov &amp; Dec)</b> | <b>2022</b>         | <b>2023 (up to Aug 1)</b> | <b>TOTAL</b>          |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| # of Encampments                    | 116                         | 512                 | 452                       | 1,080                 |
| Inadequately Housed Individuals     | 43                          | 221                 | 119                       | 383                   |
| Known Repeat Interactions           | 6                           | 39                  | 32                        | 77                    |
| Fire/Bylaw Inspector Response Hours | 650                         | 3,900               | 2,275                     | 6,825                 |
| <b>Costs Associated</b>             |                             |                     |                           |                       |
| Fire Bylaw Inspector Wage(s)        | \$26,366.67                 | \$158,200.00        | \$92,283.33               | \$276,850.00          |
| Admin Costs                         | \$2,013.10                  | \$12,078.57         | \$7,045.85                | \$21,137.52           |
| Radio(s)                            | \$200.00                    | \$1,200.00          | \$700.00                  | \$2,100.00            |
| Cell Phone(s)                       | \$260.00                    | \$1,560.00          | \$910.00                  | \$2,730.00            |
| Vehicle                             | \$444.44                    | \$2,666.67          | \$1,555.54                | \$4,666.65            |
| Fuel                                | \$258.78                    | \$1,552.68          | \$905.73                  | \$2,717.19            |
| Uniform(s)                          | \$166.68                    | \$1,000.00          | \$583.38                  | \$1,750.06            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                        | <b>\$29,709.67</b>          | <b>\$178,257.92</b> | <b>\$103,983.83</b>       | <b>\$311,951.42**</b> |

\*\* The total cost equates to approximately \$7,500/ month per FTE and does not include support and administration cost/time commitment.

Using a non-profit company where practical or a cleanup contractor from the SFD Property Remediation roster, SFD has conducted clean ups on behalf of Parks and Roadways. The cost of the cleanup is coded back to these departments for their payment. Clean up on private property and associated costs is the responsibility of the property owner.

| <b>Encampment Cleanups – Contractor Only – Parks and Roadways</b> |                       |                     |                           |              |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
|   | <b>2021</b>           | <b>2022</b>         | <b>2023 (up to Aug 1)</b> | <b>TOTAL</b> |
| Parks   | Not Applicable        | \$ 31,655.75        | \$ 15,127.38              | \$ 46,783.13 |
| Roadways  | Not Applicable        | \$ 49,642.09        | \$ 33,653.72              | \$ 83,295.81 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>Not Applicable</b> | <b>\$ 81,297.84</b> | <b>\$ 48,781.10</b>       |              |

Property Maintenance Backlog resulting from two Fire Bylaw Inspectors addressing inadequate housing is: 1,212, Priority 3 concerns. Priority 3 concerns are junk and garbage, junked vehicles, overgrown grass and weeds, and other conditions that are nuisances that affect the amenity of neighborhoods or unsightly. It is anticipated that this backlog will continue to increase.

Encampment Fires are documented with the creation of a benchmark called “encampment” in SFD Computer Aided Dispatch allowing Operations to report fires involving encampments.

|                                    | 2021 (Nov & Dec) | 2022 | 2023 (to Aug 1) |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------|-----------------|
| <b>Documented Encampment Fires</b> | 3                | 12   | 14              |

Seven neighborhoods are impacted the most by inadequate housing, structure fires, graffiti, needle retrievals, overdoses, vacant/boarded buildings, and property maintenance concerns. This data criteria were used, outlining areas of concern within these neighborhoods that are similar to the Saskatoon Police Service’s data and areas of concern. These neighborhoods are currently hot spots for SFD having the highest number of incidents and concerns looking at a 4 ½ year trend (2023 is until August 1).

|                      | Structure Fires |      | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | Overdoses |      | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | Vacant/ Boarded |
|----------------------|-----------------|------|------|------|------|-----------|------|------|------|------|-----------------|
|                      | 2019            | 2020 |      |      |      | 2019      | 2020 |      |      |      |                 |
| <b>Pleasant Hill</b> | 12              | 38   | 21   | 17   | 14   | 20        | 104  | 165  | 128  | 158  | 36              |
| <b>Mayfair</b>       | 5               | 8    | 5    | 4    | 2    | 6         | 31   | 45   | 36   | 31   | 9               |
| <b>Riversdale</b>    | 9               | 14   | 11   | 11   | 10   | 12        | 15   | 51   | 103  | 60   | 23              |
| <b>Caswell Hill</b>  | 9               | 5    | 7    | 3    | 2    | 8         | 18   | 28   | 28   | 11   | 9               |
| <b>Meadowgreen</b>   | 9               | 8    | 5    | 8    | 6    | 4         | 17   | 33   | 34   | 17   | 3               |
| <b>Massey Place</b>  | 1               | 3    | 4    | 4    | 2    | 3         | 3    | 3    | 10   | 9    | 1               |
| <b>King George</b>   | 5               | 5    | 1    | 5    | 3    | 4         | 16   | 13   | 8    | 11   | 4               |

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