

Saskatoon Homelessness Action Plan – Proposed Action Items for City of Saskatoon

ISSUE

The City of Saskatoon has been collaborating with community partners to develop the community-led Saskatoon Homelessness Action Plan. Before finalizing the entire plan with these partners, Administration is seeking approval to take a leadership role on particular actions identified in the Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Governance and Priorities Committee recommend to City Council:

1. That the proposed leadership role for the City of Saskatoon in specific actions of the Saskatoon Homelessness Action Plan, as outlined in this report be approved; and
2. That Administration, with support from other partners, bring back the final Plan to City Council as part of its endorsement.

BACKGROUND

City Council, at its Regular Business [meeting](#) on March 26, 2025, received an information report regarding the City of Saskatoon's (City) potential role in the new plan to address homelessness. It was noted that this would be the first of a series of related reports that would be brought forward to City Council, throughout 2025, regarding homelessness and the Saskatoon Homelessness Action Plan (SHAP). The list of upcoming reports included:

- Finalized SHAP for consideration and possible endorsement by City Council;
- Proposed Implementation Plan of the City's portion of the SHAP; and
- Affordable Housing Strategy report that will include a Housing Needs Assessment.

This report addresses the proposed implementation plan of the City's SHAP-related actions.

City Council, at its Governance and Priorities Committee [meeting](#) on June 11, 2025, also received a report providing an overview of the City's Response to Homelessness.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

Current Status of SHAP

Since the March report, on-going collaboration with the SHAP Executive Council (comprising the Saskatoon Tribal Council, Métis-Nation Saskatchewan, Saskatoon Housing Initiatives Partnership and the City) and the SHAP Advisory Committee has been instrumental in finalizing proposed action items.

Administration has identified actions in the SHAP that align with the City's jurisdiction and/or abilities and is recommending a leadership role for the City in these actions. City Council authorization to proceed with these roles and actions is requested through this report. It is important to note that while the City may lead certain SHAP actions, other actions may involve the City in a supportive or partnership role as the implementation progresses.

Other partners and community organizations are also evaluating their ability and capacity to lead or support various actions. This assessment is one of the remaining components to be finalized. Each organization may need to seek approval from their respective leadership through their own processes before making a formal commitment.

Role of the City in Implementing the SHAP

Given the current pressures in Saskatoon, SHAP presents an opportunity for the City to reassess its role in addressing homelessness. Evaluating this role will assist in aligning internal plans to respond to community gaps, other homelessness plans and Federal and Provincial investment strategies. The goal is for the City to define a clear set of roles and actions it will operate which will contribute to on-going efforts within the community.

Certain proposed actions align with City's existing roles and responsibilities, while other actions represent newly proposed areas of involvement. Appendix 1 details the actions for which Administration is recommending the City assume a leadership role, categorized into current and new responsibilities. Where these initiatives align with other obligations, including through the Housing Accelerator Fund or through the Unsheltered Homelessness and Encampment Initiative, has also been identified.

The SHAP has been drafted with awareness that many other initiatives are occurring in Saskatoon, including a variety of actions that the City is already leading or co-leading. Appendix 2 outlines the short, medium and long-term initiatives that the City is leading/co-leading, which are also important components in the overall response to homelessness and are complementary to the actions included in the SHAP.

Finalizing the SHAP

The remaining elements of the SHAP are currently being finalized in collaboration with partners and community organizations. Supplementary information, including key performance indicators, roles, monitoring and reporting mechanisms are currently being finalized over July and August. Partners are actively engaged and working to complete these efforts. The finalized SHAP is expected to be ready by September 2025, at which time City Council endorsement in principle of the final plan will be sought.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

At this time, no financial implications are identified for specific implementation of the SHAP. Many of the actions are aligned with existing initiatives, several of which already have associated approved funding.

Current activities led or supported by the City have been achieved through pilot projects, assembly of related projects and capital funding, and through in-kind support within various City departments. Any specific funding approvals required for implementation will be brought forward through separate reports.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

There are no other implications associated with this report.

NEXT STEPS

A future report will be brought to City Council for endorsement in principle of the finalized SHAP.

If approved through this report, for each action that is City-led or co-led, work will be undertaken to advance the actions, many of which align with existing efforts. Specific actions that require further policy, budget or other direction from City Council will be brought back as required before proceeding.

APPENDICES

1. Proposed City-Led SHAP Action Items
2. Complementary City-Led or Co-Led Initiatives

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