Complementary City-Led or Co-Led Initiatives

Short Term Initiatives

- **Permanent Shelter Location Identification:** Partnering with the Government of Saskatchewan to identify suitable locations (Co-lead);
- **Daytime Drop-in Centre Location:** Identify locations and developing partnerships for drop-in centre development (Co-lead);
- **CUMFI Washroom Trailer:** Opening and maintaining the trailer for 2025 season (Co-lead);
- Winter Warming Centres: identifying locations, developing partnerships, and creating a funding plan;
- **Housing Accelerator Fund:** Supporting affordable housing developments through various project development stages;
- **2025 Point in Time Count:** Coordinating the 2025 Count that will take place in the Fall;
- **Public Washroom and Drinking Water Access Strategy:** Preparing a strategy to improve access to public washroom and drinking water; and
- **Community Encampment Response Plan:** Continuing efforts to meet the City's commitments, including conducting a feasibility study for a Navigation Hub(s) concept.

Medium Term Initiatives

- Affordable Housing Strategy and Housing Needs Assessment: Scheduled to be considered by City Council in September or October, 2025;
- **City-Owned Land Disposition/Acquisition Strategy and Policy Framework:** Under development to support further affordable housing opportunities, building on the 2024 release of city-owned land for new affordable housing; and
- **Enhanced Data Collection and Analysis:** Efforts are ongoing to improve data collection, analysis, and maintenance, aiming to establish a comprehensive data strategy to support the housing and homelessness serving sector, including an online dashboard.

Longer Term Initiatives

- **Navigation Hub Strategy:** Further steps will be determined based on the outcomes of the ongoing Feasibility Study (as noted above);
- **Affordable Housing Starts:** Continued support for new affordable housing projects will be essential to address Saskatoon's housing needs, particularly in the transitional and supportive segments of the housing continuum;
- Advocacy to Address Identified Gaps: Collaborating with sector partners and other levels of government to prioritize funding opportunities and initiatives that target identified gaps in the housing and social services environment; and
- **Community Wellbeing Strategy:** Through the City's established wellbeing programming and the development of a new Community Wellbeing Strategy, upstream and proactive efforts will be made to enhance community wellbeing, including initiatives in education, employment, and other areas.