

**Status of Report – Youth Needs and Assets Assessment****Report Purpose**

To request an extension on the due date for the Youth Needs and Assets Assessment (YNAA) Report.

**Recommendation**

THAT the Youth Needs and Assets Assessment Report be brought back to Council in December 2019.

Original Due Date: May 2019

Revised Due Date: December 2019

**Council and Committee History**

June 19, 2018      THAT up to \$100,000 from the R 4 Municipal Projects Reserve be allocated to undertake Option 4, as set out in the June 19, 2018 Family and Community Services report, and that the consultant's deliverables include assessing data and reviewing current available research, conducting focus groups and community outreach with youth, providing an interim report, and providing a final report with recommendations and policy proposals for Council's consideration by May 2019.

April 24, 2018      THAT Administration work with the Community Living Advisory Committee to prepare a report on how Strathcona County is currently serving the needs of resident youth, ages 14-29, and identifies potential gaps in these services; and that this report be provided to Council by the end of 2018

**Rationale**

This project on how Strathcona County is serving the needs of youth and young adults age 14-29 will actively engage youth and the broader community. There is significant community commitment to this project; nine community partners, a CLAC member, three youth and three Strathcona County departments are represented on the committee overseeing this project. In addition, working with cross-sector community partners takes intention and time. This collective work shows significant return on investment as the study is informed by the wisdom of diverse community members and the results of the study are co-owned by broader community partners beyond municipal government. Procurement of consulting services took longer than anticipated due to scheduling challenges and interruption of the process as a result of the budget process and the November 6, 2018 critical incident.

The successful vendor was selected on January 7, 2019; the contract is expected to be finalized and the project started in February. It is anticipated this project will take at least eight months. As such, it is recommended that the project due date be extended to December 2019.

**Enclosures**

1      YNAA Status of Report Presentation