

Community Living Advisory Committee 2020 Annual Report

March 30, 2021

Background

- Jan 2016: Inception of Community Living Advisory Committee (CLAC)
- Purpose:
 - Consider and recommend actions and propose policies that enhance community life
- Members

Public Voting Members	Non-voting Members
Andrew Kaiser (vice-chair)	Councillor Robert Parks
George Key	Councillor Glen Lawrence (alternate)
Susan Oliver (chair)	
David Pare	
Neil Petruic	
Andrew Schurman	
Jennifer Stollery	

Mandate Alignment

Becoming Canada's most livable community

Strategic Goals:

- Build strong communities to support the diverse needs of residents
- Provide opportunities for public engagement and communication

Social Framework Outcomes:

- Affordability, Access, Safety, Connectedness and Inclusion



Recreation and Culture Strategy and Transit Master Plan Principles

- Access, Collaboration, Forward Thinking, Viability, Safety, Customer-focused, Reliable, Efficient

2020 Mandate Item Focus

- Community playgrounds
- Community seed funding through the Social Framework Community Grants policy
- Homelessness in Strathcona County
- Post-secondary programs in Strathcona County

Mandate Item:

Application Process for Community Playgrounds

Activities	Highlights, Key Learnings, and Considerations
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Received a presentation from Recreation, Parks and Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Learned the true costs of playgrounds and the replacement cycle timeframe.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Consider providing the replacement schedules for playground publicly online – especially community playgrounds (especially because fundraising can take a long time)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Consider providing a mechanism to support people to donate
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Consider provide coaching on fundraising

Mandate Item:

Combat Homelessness

Activities	Highlights, Key Learnings, and Considerations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received a presentation from the Alberta Rural Development Network 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended that administration explore options to conduct a homelessness estimation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth homelessness is a significant concern
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concern with the term “homeless”
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need more information on this topic – around youth needs, and the continuum of housing supports

Mandate Item:

Connection and Change Grants

Activities	Highlights, Key Learnings, and Considerations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided input on the administration of the Community Connection and Community Change Grants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The varying grant amounts may be interfering with the planning of community events.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider limiting how often the same individuals can apply.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better public communication and celebration about the grants, which will also promote other innovative projects and events.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the community to connect virtually instead of through block parties.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any adjustments need to be communicated early in the process.

Mandate Item:

Post-Secondary Education

Activities	Highlights, Key Learnings, and Considerations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formed a subcommittee with YAC to jointly navigate the connected mandate items 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issues for students include: affordability, transit options, high-speed internet for rural students, affordable housing options, and resource lending options
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submitted questions to the October mixed-topic SCOOP survey 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would like to receive information about the status of this mandate item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organized a roundtable discussion in partnership with YAC about opportunities to enhance access to post secondary education in Strathcona County 	

Focus for 2021

- Homelessness and affordable housing
- Fieldhouse design and concept
- Community safety and wellbeing
- Pandemic impacts and solutions



Considerations

What Works?

- Zoom meetings
- Annual Summit
- Good onboarding process
- Staff liaison

What Can be Improved?

- Recap of the year – for onboarding and to share with the other committees

THANK YOU