
For Information

REPORT TITLE: **Community Data Summary Report**

FROM: Janice Sheehy, Commissioner of Human Services

OBJECTIVE

To provide an overview of the Brampton Community Data Summary Report, regarding the City of Brampton's two proposed community youth hubs.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- For the Community Data Summary, two study catchment areas were identified by local municipal staff in relation to the proposed community youth hub locations - the Lawn Bowling Clubhouse adjacent to Century Gardens, and South Fletcher's Sportsplex.
- The Community Data Summary was informed through quantitative and qualitative data from the Neighbourhood Information Tool, other sources (e.g. Peel Public Health and Peel District School Board) and a literature review. This information was then validated through community consultations.
- Each study area has unique considerations however, across both study areas youth was consistently identified as a priority population.
- The Community Data Summary analysis identified four themes for consideration in the development and implementation of the proposed community youth hubs: economic, safety, health, and resident engagement and community belonging.

DISCUSSION

1. Background

On November 14, 2019, the Director of Recreation, City of Brampton delegated to Regional Council as requested on the communication dated November 1, 2019, regarding the *Brampton Community Youth Hubs Feasibility Study* (Resolution 2019-1038).

The *Brampton Community Youth Hub Feasibility Study* document and delegation presentation provided an overview of the City of Brampton's plan to utilize city-owned assets to develop two youth-centric hubs for ages 14-29 years. The two proposed locations are the vacated Lawn Bowling Clubhouse adjacent to Century Gardens Recreation Centre (340 Vodden Street East) and the previously leased first floor space at South Fletcher's Sportsplex (500 Ray Lawson Boulevard).

After receipt of the communication and delegation, Regional Council requested that the Commissioner of Human Services report back to a future meeting upon completion of a needs study, with a report that is similar in format to the study conducted for the Malton Community Hub, and include previous reports to Council related to the Region's role in Community Hubs.

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Since 2017, several reports outlining the evolving nature of the Region's role in developing, maintaining, and funding community hubs have been presented at Council. The report titled, "The Region's Role in Community Hubs" as received by Regional Council on October 24, 2019, Resolution 2019-966 is the most recent report, and outlines the current role of the Region in developing community hubs. The report is attached as Appendix I. All other reports are available through the Clerks office upon request.

The Community Hub Planning Framework as approved by Regional Council outlines the Region's role in supporting the development of strong community hubs based on the following standards:

- Understanding the evidence-informed needs of the community
- Developing strong partnerships with shared vision, priorities and outcomes
- Strong business planning that includes established governance, financial models and a mixture of services
- Integrated service delivery that builds upon the resources and expertise of the partners

The Region will continue to demonstrate a leadership role by enabling community stakeholders to identify and plan innovative service models through staff resources, the Community Investment Program and the Revolving Capital Loan program.

The Community Hub Planning Framework does not identify a Regional role in operations or ownership for community hubs. As outlined in the October 24, 2019 Regional Council report, all future community hub investments will be considered on a case-by-case basis, and require Regional Council approval, and a solid business plan.

2. Community Data Summary Report

a) Study Areas

The purpose of the Community Data Summary attached as Appendix II, is to provide information and a needs analysis of the City of Brampton and the areas surrounding the two proposed community youth hub locations. Study areas were identified in consultation with City of Brampton staff, which considered Statistics Canada Census Tract and Ward boundaries to inform data and information collection for this report. The two study areas are the Century Gardens Study Area, which includes Ward 1, the location of the vacant Lawn Bowling Clubhouse and Ward 5, and the South Fletcher's Study Area which includes Ward 4, the location of the South Fletcher's Sportsplex and Ward 3.

b) Data and Information Collection

In undertaking this needs analysis study, staff committed to identify and review the available quantitative and qualitative data from sources such as the Neighbourhood Information Tool, Peel Public Health and the Peel District School Board.

The Neighbourhood Information Tool (NIT) is a common data and mapping tool that combines quantitative data for twenty-one indicators grouped into six domains that contribute to a neighbourhood well-being index score at the census tract level. An analysis of the City of Brampton NIT well-being index scores was completed, which validated that Wards 3 and 4 in the South Fletcher's study area and Ward 1 in the Century Gardens study area have a greater number of low well-being census tracts.

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3. Community Data Summary Themes

Although there are unique considerations within each study area, overall, youth was consistently identified as a priority population across both catchments. The analysis of data, literature and community consultations provided greater understanding of the specific service and community needs:

1. **Economic** – Youth require greater access to education and training programs leading to stable employment; this includes mentorship and apprenticeship opportunities.
2. **Safety** – Common desire to tackle violence and victimization through crime prevention and the creation of supportive and safe spaces.
3. **Health** – A consistent emphasis on the need for more mental health supports to deal with stress, depression, anxiety, family issues and substance abuse.
4. **Resident Engagement and Community Belonging** – Youth desire social connectivity, civic engagement through a dedicated space that supports tailored interventions and strategies for all youth with varying needs and interests.

The community consultation also identified the importance of intentionally engaging and including equity seeking groups such as the LGBTQ and racialized (visible minority) communities in future planning and implementation stages.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this report; it is provided as information to inform Regional Council's decision regarding the two proposed Brampton community youth hubs.

CONCLUSION

The attached Community Data Summary report confirms that within both study areas, youth are experiencing multiple challenges related to economic, safety, health, and resident engagement and community belonging. It is important that future planning includes additional consultation and engagement, particularly of diverse community groups and stakeholders. This report is a resource to inform Regional Council's decision on future investments related to two proposed community youth hubs in the City of Brampton.

APPENDICES

Appendix I – Council Report on Region's Role in Community Hubs October 24, 2019
Appendix II - Community Data Summary

For further information regarding this report, please contact Sonia Pace, Director Community Partnerships ext. 3807 or Sandra Solonik, Advisor, Community Engagement ext. 4935.

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Final approval is by the Chief Administrative Officer.

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