



CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Title Encampment Strategy Council Update

Meeting Date July 9, 2024

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Summary

- The Encampment Strategy is the guiding framework for City administration in partnership with Lethbridge Police Service to provide the community a coordinated and consistent encampment response that recognizes the importance of balancing the needs and protection of the dignity of the most vulnerable while maintaining public safety, health, order, and safe and enjoyable parks and green spaces for all residents.
- Within the Encampment Strategy is a commitment to clear and consistent communication and reporting to Council and the community through bi-monthly updates to City Council in regularly scheduled Council meetings with aligned media availability.

Recommendation(s)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council receive the encampment strategy report as information.

Financial

There is approved funding for the Encampment Response in 2024-2026, and the 2024 YTD is on budget. There is no financial request associated with this update.

Background and Prior Decisions

- May 14, 2024, City Council approves recommended amendments to the Encampment Strategy.
- May 16, 2023, City Council adopts the Encampment Strategy.
- April 18, 2023, City Council approves funding of \$500,000 per year, for 2023-2026 and \$250,000 one-time for 2023 from the Municipal Revenue Stabilization Reserve (MRSR) for the implementation of the strategy.

- [November 29, 2022](#), Council approved the 2023-2026 Operating Budget which allocated \$260,000 for years 2024-2026 for outreach services.

Engagement

In alignment with the Encampment Strategy, Community Services/Community Social Development (CSD) continue to engage and communicate with key internal and external partners including but not limited to the Interagency Encampment Response Team (IERT), internal departments, community stakeholders, and Lethbridge Police Service (LPS).

Recommendation and Option(s) Analysis

Receive the encampment strategy report as information.

Attachment(s)

1. Encampment Strategy Council Update – July 2024

Link(s)

1. [Encampment Strategy](#) As approved on May 14, 2024
2. [April 18, 2023](#) Regular Meeting of the City Council
3. [November 29, 2022](#) Regular Meeting of the City Council

<u>Approvals</u>
Department Director: Carly Kleisinger
City Manager: Lloyd Brierley