



## INFORMATION ONLY COUNCIL REPORT

To: Paul Gipps, CAO

Date: January 10, 2023

From: Brent Magnan, Director of Development Approvals File No: P 22-07

Subject: **P 22-07; Unique Identifier Count Results; Henluk Consulting**

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### **STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS**

**Foster Safety and Well-Being** - Council will direct resources to support partnerships and initiatives aimed at meeting the supportive and other housing needs of West Kelowna's residents along the market housing spectrum.

### **BACKGROUND**

In 2018, the City of West Kelowna and Westbank First Nation collaborated to complete the first Point-in-Time (PiT) Homeless Count to better understand the situation regarding homelessness in the greater westside.

In 2021, Council further approved a Unique Identifier Count (UIC) to expand on the previous works and gain insight into the current state of homelessness, and those experiencing housing instability in various forms on the westside. The intent of the UIC is to foster a better understanding of current trends, the cause of homelessness, those affected, and to assist in providing the support needed to assist individuals experiencing homelessness. It will also enhance our ability to respond through community planning initiatives, policy, funding opportunities, and program development to aid those affected.

The City engaged Henluk Consulting to complete the UIC and compile the data (Attachment 1). The results were based on a survey that was distributed through community service providers for feedback from those experiencing any form of housing instability (Attachment 2). The information gathered will inform priorities for managing housing needs in the present and prepare us for the future needs of our community, including the types and locations of homes and the complimentary services and supports that work in conjunction with housing to support the needs of West Kelowna residents.

The Unique Identifier Count will be used in conjunction with the Housing Needs Assessment to help inform the recently initiated Housing Strategy that will provide a strategic direction for housing in West Kelowna.

Henluk Consulting will be providing a presentation to Council on the results of the survey.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

In 2021, Council allocated \$10,000 towards the project which was subsequently completed in 2022.

## **REVIEWED BY**

Brent Magnan, Director of Development Approvals

Corinne Boback, Legislative Services Manager / Corporate Officer

## **APPROVED FOR THE AGENDA BY**

Paul Gipps, CAO

Powerpoint: Yes  No

## **Attachments:**

1. 2022 Unique Identifier Count, prepared by Henluk Consulting
2. Westside Unique Identifier Count Survey