

Report to Council



Date: April 15, 2019
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To: City Manager
From: Social Development Manager, Active Living & Culture
Subject: Central Okanagan Journey Home Update

Recommendation:

THAT Council receive for information the presentation from the Executive Director of the Central Okanagan Journey Home Society dated April 15, 2019.

Purpose:

To provide Council with an update regarding the progress to implement the Journey Home Strategy.

Background:

On June 25, 2018 Council endorsed the Journey Home Strategy which included detailed implementation and funding plans. A key component for moving forward with the implementation of the Strategy was the formation of a Backbone Organization. In the fall of 2018, the Central Okanagan Journey Home Society (COJHS) was formed as a registered society. In February, 2019 Gaelene Askeland was hired as the Executive Director to oversee the work of the Society under the direction of the COJHS Board of Directors. Subsequently, the Society has also hired Saran Mallinson as the Systems Planner to facilitate the Strategy's actions related to systems planning and coordinated access.

Ms. Askeland will provide a presentation (attached) to update Council on the progress to implement the Journey Home Strategy. Her presentation will highlight the successes to date and outline the challenges to meet some of the identified needs.

Currently, City Staff are working with COJHS to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that will be proposed to Council and the COJHS Board of Directors in the near future. The proposed MOU will outline principles, expectations, roles, responsibilities, and partnership opportunities between the City and COJHS in advancing the implementation of the Journey Home Strategy.

Internal Circulation:

Divisional Director, Active Living & Culture

Considerations not applicable to this report:

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:

Existing Policy:

Financial/Budgetary Considerations:

Personnel Implications:

External Agency/Public Comments:

Communications Comments:

Alternate Recommendation:

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Attachment: 2019-04-15 COJHS- Journey Home Update