



March 19, 2024

Mayor Bob Young and Members of Leduc City Council
City of Leduc
1 Alexandra Park
Leduc, AB T9E 4C4

Dear Mayor and Councillors;

Thank you for your letter of March 7, 2024. The City's investigation of the feasibility and costs of overnight shelter services, crisis diversion, and community outreach teams will be essential as the municipality, and residents adjust to the cessation of day program and overnight shelter services at the Leduc Hub Association.

Please be advised of the following closure timelines resulting from the Hub's inability to secure a new operating location aligned with municipal development permit requirements, both conditions for Government of Alberta grant funding renewal:

As of March 28, 2024, the Hub will end all daytime programming and close during the day.

The following day program services will cease: washrooms, showers, food, clothing, laundry, access support for medical and optometry services, access support for addiction treatment services, phone and internet access, financial services and financial assistance, AHS ID card services, and outdoor survival supplies.

As of April 1, 2024, the Hub will be open for overnight shelter intake from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Doors are locked at 10:30 p.m. The Hub has a maximum of 10 overnight shelter spaces. Overnight shelter hours end at 8:30 a.m.

As of May 1, 2024, the Hub will be closed to the public.

The Hub's current operating grant from the Government of Alberta for overnight shelter services expires on April 30, 2024.

The Leduc Hub Association's Board of Directors will continue building local capacity to provide shelter services in the City of Leduc. The board will also continue searching for a suitable location over the next few months to resume shelter operations in time for the 2024-25 winter season.

The negative impact of shelter closure in our city cannot be overstated. Leduc has a growing need for overnight shelter spaces, crisis diversion and community outreach services, access to transitional and supportive housing, and affordable homes. The loss is especially regrettable considering City Council's commitment to ensuring uninterrupted shelter services, recent Hub funding from the City's Family and Community Support Services

grant, and conditional pre-approval by the Government of Alberta for grant funding of \$526,000 for full-year shelter operations.

Our board remains optimistic that solutions can be found through ongoing collaboration, and we stand ready to support decisive, unified leadership from City Council in the months ahead. This includes facilitating or participating in forthcoming feasibility and cost studies, implementing the homelessness task force recommendations, and informing the city's new housing strategy.

City Council can further demonstrate the courage of its convictions and the value of its public commitments by writing to the provincial Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services to support the operation of year-round emergency shelter services in our city and by writing to the provincial Minister of Infrastructure and the federal Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada to discuss the sale or donation of publicly-owned lands or facilities for the development of housing infrastructure, including emergency shelter.

We look forward to ongoing collaboration with the City of Leduc and our key stakeholders.

Thank you for your continued support on behalf of the Hub Association and all of the volunteers and clients who have become part of the Hub family over our many years of operations.

Sincerely,

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Jill Mitchell, Acting Board Chair Leduc HUB Association

Cc:

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Leduc-Beaumont Primary Care Network
Leduc Homeless Task Force
Leduc Downtown Business Association
Leduc County Mayor and Council
Leduc HUB Association, Board of Directors
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