



INFORMATION BULLETIN

City seeking community input on Social Development Infrastructure Study and COVID-19 recovery

ABBOTSFORD –July 21, 2020: The City of Abbotsford has partnered with Helpseeker, a leading Canadian social enterprise with expertise in social planning, to tackle persistent and emerging community and social issues.

Input is required from community members to help shape the City's Community Social Development Infrastructure Study and its key policies; particularly during the COVID-19 recovery. A survey will be available until August 15, 2020.

Some of the areas of focus will include:

- Coordinating better **access** to supports and resources
- Supporting **seniors** in age friendly communities
- Ensuring the right **childcare** options for families
- Enhancing **housing** options for everyone
- Taking action on **poverty** and income inequality

While municipalities do not have a mandate for housing or homelessness, the aim of the study is to research local needs and trends, best practices and to build and strengthen the collaborative approach across housing, health, and community service to improve outcomes for individuals and families. This will also ensure specific attention to Indigenous, ethnocultural communities and an intersectional approach to analysis that considers gender, age, and sexual orientation.

Associated Links:

Helpseeker Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YJD39GJ>

Further information on Housing and Homelessness:

https://www.abbotsford.ca/community/housing_and_homelessness.htm

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