2018 Point-in-Time Homeless Count

Everyone Counts

**KEY FINDINGS**

- **66%** were age 30 to 59 years.

- **9%** came to Canada as an immigrant or refugee.

- **6%** have experience in the Canadian Armed Forces or RCMP.

- **41%** were found in an emergency shelter and 25% in a domestic violence shelter or transitional housing unit.

- **60%** were considered chronically homeless because they had been continuously homeless for a year or more or have had at least four episodes of homelessness in the past three years.

**200 people** were identified as homeless.

- The highest self-identified gender demographic was male at **60%**.

- **46%** self-identified as Indigenous or having Indigenous ancestry.

- **31%** said they had no income.

- **81%** had stayed in an emergency shelter in the past 12 months.

- **48%** moved to Fort McMurray because they had secured or were seeking employment.
In 2018, the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo was contracted to carry out a Point-in-Time (PIT) count in Fort McMurray in partnership with the 7 Cities on Housing and Homelessness (Calgary, Grande Prairie, Lethbridge, Edmonton, Medicine Hat, Red Deer and Fort McMurray). This Count was funded by the Federal Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS).

The 2018 PIT Count was conducted on the streets in Fort McMurray on April 11, 2018, from 7 to 11 p.m. An additional count was completed via surveys in facilities serving the homeless population on the evening of April 11 and during the day on April 12.

As a part of the grant agreement with the Homelessness Partnership Strategy, the final data will be submitted to the Government of Canada and will be reported as a part of the national statistics.

PIT Count results will be used as one of the key indicators in evaluating the progress of the Municipality’s 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness: The Right Thing to Do, analyzing trends locally and provincially, and helping to most effectively align funding resources.