

Mississauga Summit Human Services Task Force

The Big Idea

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Vision:

- A stronger community and greater opportunities

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To increase the capacity of individuals in families in one or more designated neighbourhoods.

- This would be a pilot project in a concentrated area that will permit replication in other areas/communities.

Resilience

- Peel Region demographics
- Resources
- Partnerships/Collaboration
- Neighbourhood level
- Validation from our community



Some Neighbourhoods in Peel have:

- Multiple families living in single family dwellings and illegal basement apartments
- Significant population growth & immigration
- Lack of green space, high density, inadequate transportation, isolation, inaccessible services and few social and recreational opportunities for youth and children
- Youth violence and substance abuse are on the increase.
- Widening gap in “have” and “have not” - high poverty rates
- Racial Tensions

All of which breed social exclusion and alienation.

Neighbourhood Development

- Learning from other communities
- Working with local residents, not-for-profit agencies & public & private sector partners, combine local resources in new ways to develop creative, locally-based solutions for sustainable community development & neighbourhood revitalization.

Examples:

- Resident foot patrols
- Community hubs
- Decrease in crime



Roche Court neighbourhood...an example...

- High poverty rate, surrounded by high income neighbourhoods
- High % of newcomer immigrants
- Highly educated population
- Strong Early Development Indicator scores
- Very few services available
- Low in community assets such as green space, community spaces, little opportunity for community engagement/interaction between residents

What would ND look like here?

Resident Leadership & Engagement

- Relationships, connections, trust, leaders
- Identifying issues that matter to them
- Mobilizing community
- Neighbourhood associations, community groups, events, activities
- Support system, safer community
- Library example

What would ND look like here?

Bring Services in

- Use library & housing space as community hub for bringing resources into community
- Connect newcomers to supports to help access employment
- Connect moms, caregivers, children to early learning supports, opportunities for youth
- Engagement opportunities-community BBQ, picnics, neighbours connecting, build trust & relationships

What would ND look like here?

Research & Evaluation

- Neighbourhood demographic research to “turn the curve” on poverty rates – measure & document data & trends
- Measure/evaluate impact of interventions
- Educate & promote awareness of issues to continue to engage/develop strategies

What would ND look like here?

Advocacy/Policy

- Use research and “turn the curve” data on poverty to advocate for more resources for Mississauga
- Public education campaign to influence decision making and resource investment to build resilience in our community
- Engage local residents in advocating for their needs
- Policy implications

Neighbourhood Development Framework in Mississauga

- Customized approaches for different neighbourhoods
- Resident led engagement
- Maximize existing resources
- Research & evaluation
- Collaboration/Partnerships
- Advocacy

Potential

Stakeholders/Partners/Roles

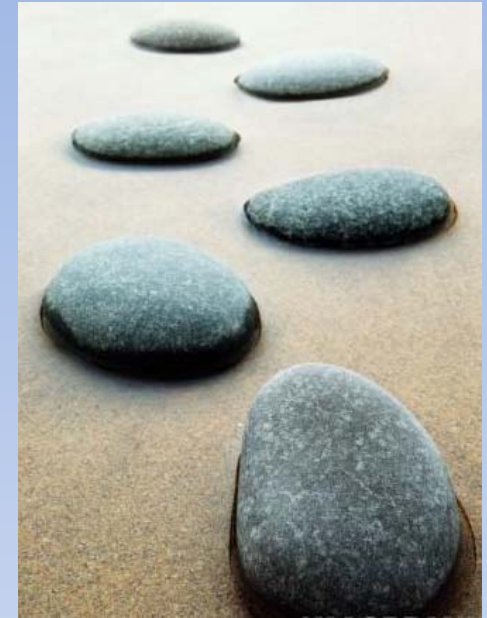
- Residents – their priority
- City – space, community assets, \$\$, bylaws
- UTM – research
- Agencies & service providers
- Region - housing space, research, data, mapping, \$\$
- Boards of Education - space, research
- Police – community connections
- United Way - research, connections, \$\$
- Others ?? – Time, Money, Talent,

What outcomes are we looking for?

- Local resident leadership will be identified, developed and supported
- Residents will be more connected with each other to create supportive networks of common interest
- Increased capacity and opportunities for social inclusion
- Increase economic capabilities of individuals
- Residents will be connected to existing resources
- Residents will advocate for their needs
- Solutions implemented in partnership with funders, service providers, community stakeholders, residents
- Neighbourhoods will be vibrant & resilient

Next Steps

- Develop Neighbourhood Task Force
 - Residents
 - City of Mississauga
 - Police, school boards, service providers
 - Region of Peel
 - United Way of Peel Region
 - Others?
- Identify neighbourhood(s) to pilot
- Develop resident engagement plan
- Case management plan for service coordination
- Funding/Resources/Evaluation
- Advocacy



Outcome

A stronger community and greater opportunities

Resilient Neighbourhoods & People

