

Mayor's Task Force to End Homelessness

Investigating Homelessness in St Albert

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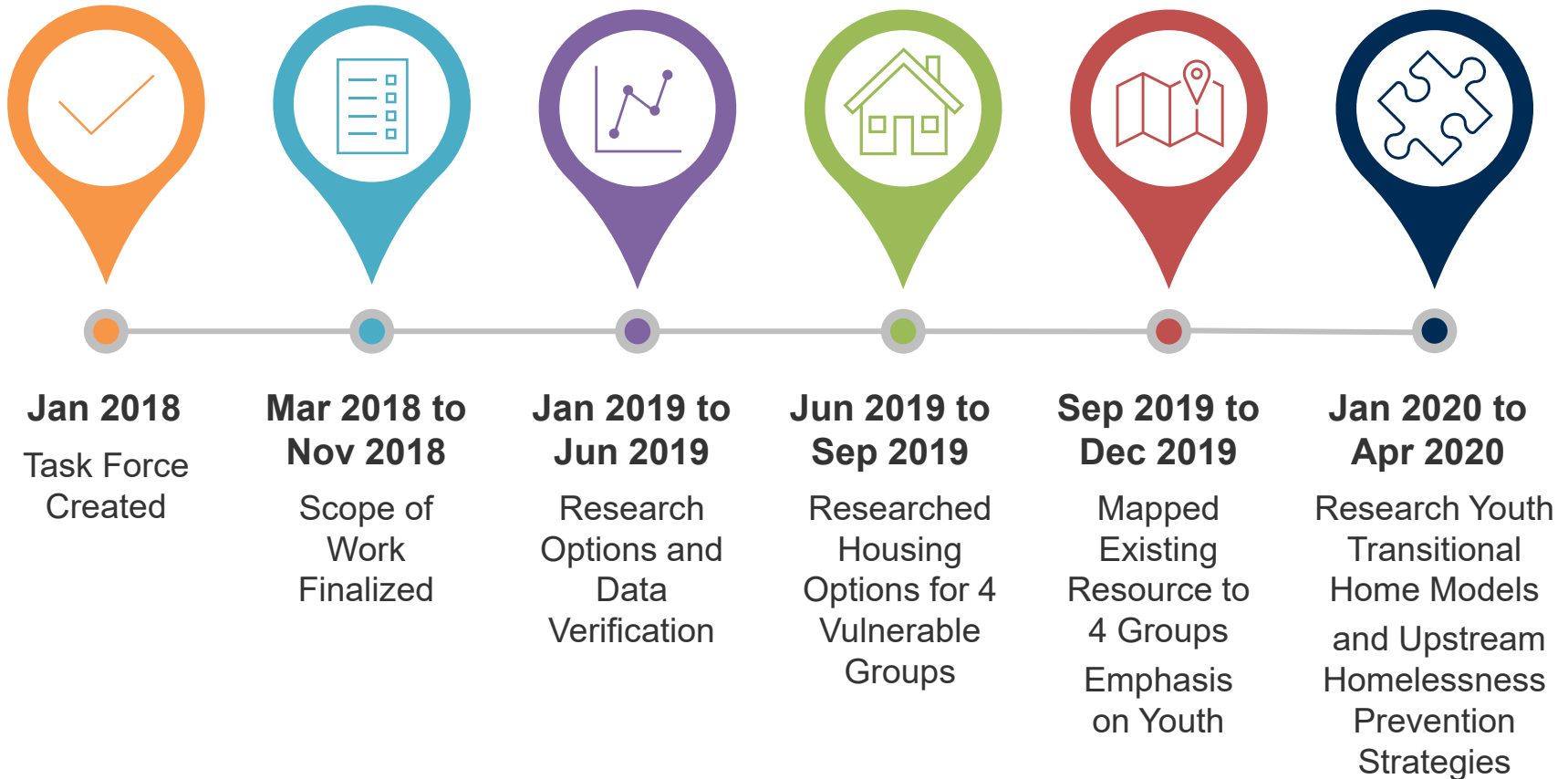


Task Force Membership

The Mayor's Task Force to End Homelessness includes representatives from:

- City of St. Albert Council & Administration
- MLA for St. Albert
- Mustard Seed Edmonton
- George Spady Centre
- RCMP
- Alberta Health Services
- St. Albert Food Bank & Community Village
- Children's Services
- Metis Child & Family Services Society
- Michif Cultural Connections

Review of Timeline



Task Force - Findings

- Data from the St. Albert Food Bank indicated that as of December 2019, there were roughly 167 homeless people in St. Albert.
- Review of literature and interviews with several agencies who work with youth indicate that a youth transitional home is the best course of action for homeless youth in St. Albert.
- Based on interviews with COSA youth counsellors, Outreach School, SACV social workers, St. Albert Public Library, and St. Albert RCMP, a number of youth in St. Albert are '**unstably connected**' with their family and natural supports.
- Literature indicates that transitional housing with advocacy support is the best support for this 'typology' of homeless youth

Municipal Role Environmental Scan

- Functions:
 - Advocacy
 - Coordination
 - Partnerships
- Tactics:
 - Housing Advisory Boards
 - Capital resources
 - Staff resources

Task Force - Recommendations

1. The development of a business plan for the construction & operation of a St. Albert Youth Transitional Home, with the ongoing operation being the responsibility of an agency experienced in providing housing for the target population.
2. That Administration create a new Social Housing position.
3. That Council approve the Task Force to continue working as the St. Albert leader of coordinated partnerships and actions.

Discussion & Questions

