Encampment Garbage Pick up Pilot

Locations

- Assiniboine Avenue (around 300), Gomez along the path
- Waterfront Drive.
- **DCSP has agreed to take the lead on weekly pickups at regular locations.**
- **Siloam Mission will participate in larger clean up projects where there is significant debris.**

Common aspects of these locations/why they were selected

- Members have expressed interest in regular garbage pick-up
- MSP has built a relationship with folks residing in these areas, and an ability to support effective collaboration between residents and clean up workers.

Framework/Roles (Weekly pick up)

1. MSP check in at each location at least weekly for a conversation specifically about garbage removal, and active support for garbage collection and bin placement.
    a. This check in helps ensure the encampment is properly informed about how to participate in garbage clean up, offered coaching/support, and any needed supplies (garbage bags, pickers, gloves, etc.) are restocked.
    b. MSP Staff will walk through the encampment with residents to identify items for removal, strategize their removal, and support removal.
    c. MSP staff to assist in minimizing negative outcomes of actual pick ups, and work with clean up crew and community on adjustments needed.
2. MSP to liaise with MOST to ensure pick up schedule is on track and well communicated to residents.
3. On the day of, MSP is present before the pickup time to facilitate the process and ensure that community members are aware and comfortable.

    Option One: DCSP brings bins on the day of pick up and works alongside CM's collecting garbage. This is to minimize theft and lost bins
    Garbage bags should be provided to community during the week.

    Option Two: At 1pm, a DCSP team drops off bins and comes back to collect the garbage after a few hours.
    Garbage bags should be provided to community during the week.

    ***City needs to provide information on garbage drop off location.**

Framework/Roles (Intensive, as needed pick up, when some catch up is needed or we are expanding service to a new encampment).

1. At least 2 weeks prior to clean up, MSP staff begin engaging folks living in the encampments regularly around plans for clean up- seeking feedback on what will work best, planning together what to do, what can go in bins and what can't, and what to expect on the day of pick-up.
2. MSP to engage clean up crew on plan including general garbage and large item removal.

3. MSP to facilitate a planning day with the clean up crew and residents to go through the encampment together and plan the clean up day
4. MSP ensures supplies are provided and on site prior to clean up time, that residents are trained to clean up safely.
5. On the day of, MSP is present before the pickup time to facilitate the process and ensure that community members are aware and comfortable.
6. We should do this for a month or so, as residents in these areas can change frequently and we need to make sure that people are informed.

Upfront and ongoing needs

Supplies

- Bins for garbage/ recycling
- Garbage bags
- MSP will have the regular supplies for community members

Specialised supplies/services

- Larger sharps containers and safe pick up

Best Practices

- Garbage pick up locations are safely accessed, realistic for both residents and clean up crews.
- Clean up and other collaborative activities never start before 1pm.
- Clear ongoing instructions and reminders for community on how to effectively participate
    - Lots of lead time for communication when practices need to change for any reason. All parties (MSP, City of Winnipeg, clean up crews) are clear and agreed on changes before they are communicated to residents.
- All parties must attend encampments in a manner that is friendly, communicative and nonjudgmental, as well as accountable. MOST is a good option as its peer led and the team is understanding and patient.

Pick up frequency for costing:

Weekly pick up at three sites over six months: (72 garbage pick up times)

Intensive pick ups (estimated at 3 intensive pick ups per site over six months, at least two visits from the cleanup crew per project): 54 planning times, and 54 intensive clean up times.

Siloam Missions Estimate: Large bins costs approximately $500/rental. $500 x 54 = $27,000.

Previous Siloam Charges:

Crew of 6
1 Hour including set up x $385
6 hours additional clean x $322
September 26*th*

Crew of 5 1 Hour including set up x $365
3 hours additional clean x $302

***Siloam Mission's involvement, and therefore charges, are expected to decrease when larger clean ups are finished and DCSP's regular pickups are in place.**

Supplies for costing

- Roll Bins: 4 per site= 12
- Garbage bags: 8 per week per site= 576 heavy duty bags
- Gloves: 10 per site per week: 720 pairs of gloves
- Garbage pickers: 2 per site per week: 144
- Use of a bob cat

***Supplies and equipment, other than provided garbage bags, are brought to and from site on day of clean-up.**

Frequently observed misconceptions:

- Community members are attached to their "garbage".
    - This is not true. They just haven't had the capacity to dispose of garbage in the past, so they are often forced to live amongst it.
    - Workers will need to wait around while community members sift through every "knife and fork"
        - This has not been proven in practice. In the past, community members have not been given adequate notice to go through their stuff. If they have time, they will do it.
        - Of then this misconception is sourced in lack of unawareness of the reality of people living outside, who do not have storage spaces or cleaning capacity. Regular garbage pickup will help with this.