



COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

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Treaty 6 Territory



More Than a Building

Boyle Street has long been a place of refuge. In okimaw peyesew kamik, that 'last place' becomes a first place. A place where people are welcomed without judgment and are met with compassion to find solutions to the challenges they face.

This report is about what becomes possible when people are met with dignity, care, and relationship.



Since opening, **okimaw peyesew kamik** has served **4,345 unique individuals**, with **24,378 community member check-ins in the first six months**. This reflects both the scale of need and the trust community members continue to place in Boyle Street.

What This Is Building Toward - miyo-pimâtisiwin (the good life).

At Boyle Street, we operate in balance, harmonizing Indigenous ways of knowing and being and non-Indigenous ways.

In okimaw peyesew kamik, we have curated spaces that provide a set of core services in health, basic needs, keeoukaywin (visiting), culture and ceremony, and reunification of kin.

The Promise We Made

okimaw peyesew kamik was built on the promise that, despite great challenges, unhealthy cycles can be broken, healing restored, and new opportunities created. It was never only about a physical space - it was about creating a community activation hub where dignity, connection, and belonging are possible.

Over our first six months, we are happy to see a "community activation hub" in practice: people gathering, learning, celebrating, grieving, healing, and connecting in the same place they come for support. okimaw peyesew kamik has held space for Treaty Annuity Day, Pride, Round Dances, Family Dinners, community sweats, sharing circles, partner meetings, tours, research partners, and Boyle Street Academy of Understanding (BSAU) activations, each one helping bring this promise to life.

What We Are Seeing | Six Months In

The data in this report reflects activity at okimaw peyesew kamik from December 15, 2025 to June 15, 2026, showing how the space has been used in its first six months of operations.

Last Place, First Place

Since opening, 4,345 unique individuals have come through okimaw peyesew kamik. Many are returning community members who trust Boyle Street as a caring service provider and place of safety - reflected in the 24,378 check-ins we've seen. These numbers show the importance of consistency and relationship when walking alongside those we serve.





Basic Needs as a Doorway

Many people arrive at our front door for immediate needs such as safety from the elements, warm coffee, hygiene supplies, public washrooms, charging stations, or system navigation support. These interactions build trust and open the door to additional services such as our interdisciplinary dens or Streetworks health programs.

People return because they are welcomed and treated with care. Through repeated visits, community members build trusted relationships with our team members, encouraging them to seek additional support to meet their needs either on-site or through referrals.

In the first six months, this doorway into relationship resulted in **11,151 basic needs interactions, 34,597 total service interactions across okimaw peyesew kamik-based programs, and 23,319 internal and external referrals.** Immediate needs often become the starting point for deeper care and connection.



SUCCESS STORY:

Community members are shaping the cultural spaces at okimaw peyesew kamik. Participants at weekly community-led circles in the iskotew cultural room are asking for language learning, Elder access, ceremony teachings, drumming, medicine, and more opportunities to gather - creating healing that reflects what they need.

Over time, regular participants have begun calling the circle “their group,” inviting others in, and taking ownership of the space. Since okimaw peyesew kamik opened its doors, iskotew has held over 20 weekly circles.

Holistic Healing

okimaw peyesew kamik is a place of cultural healing and reconciliation. Culture and ceremony are an important pathway to sustained change. okimaw peyesew kamik has dedicated spaces for those we serve to access cultural support workers, traditional medicines, ceremony, sharing circles, as well as trauma-informed IRS/MMIWG supports.

Community members have made **1,297 visits to the dedicated cultural spaces** within okimaw peyesew kamik, with **801 unique participants from 156 First Nations** accessing ceremony, cultural connection, and healing supports.

The team provided 234 Indigenous healing services and 173 counselling hours.



Restoring Health & Healing

For community members who require more intensive support, the nipi and askiy interdisciplinary dens bring multiple forms of care together in one place. Grounded in Boyle Street’s interdisciplinary model, the dens support people to work toward their own goals with a team around them, including health, mental wellness, substance-use support, cultural support, income support, meals, and other care.

This work also happens through okimaw peyesew kamik-based programs like Health for Two and H.E.R., which support pregnant community members and families, as well as Streetworks, which provides nursing support, harm reduction, and substance-use and recovery supports. Together, these programs help ensure community members can access care in ways that meet them where they are.

Through this work, okimaw peyesew kamik has supported **54 clients through 184 income support interactions**, served **5,330 meals**, and provided **8,522 mental and physical health service interactions.** We are also seeing important signs of movement: **83 clients reported increased health and wellbeing, 51 reported increased independence**, and **4 clients were supported to obtain and maintain employment.** These are meaningful shifts that point toward stability, healing, and greater connection over time.

okimaw peyesew kamik

Number of check-ins

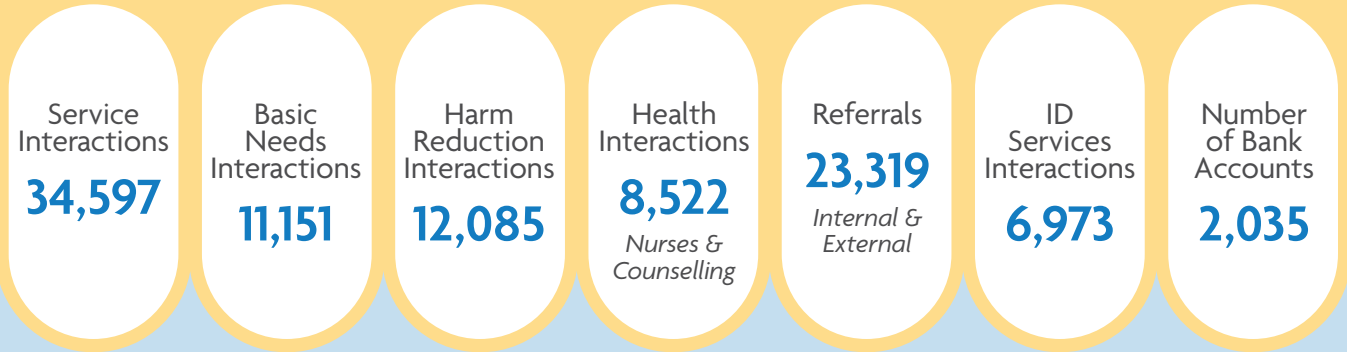
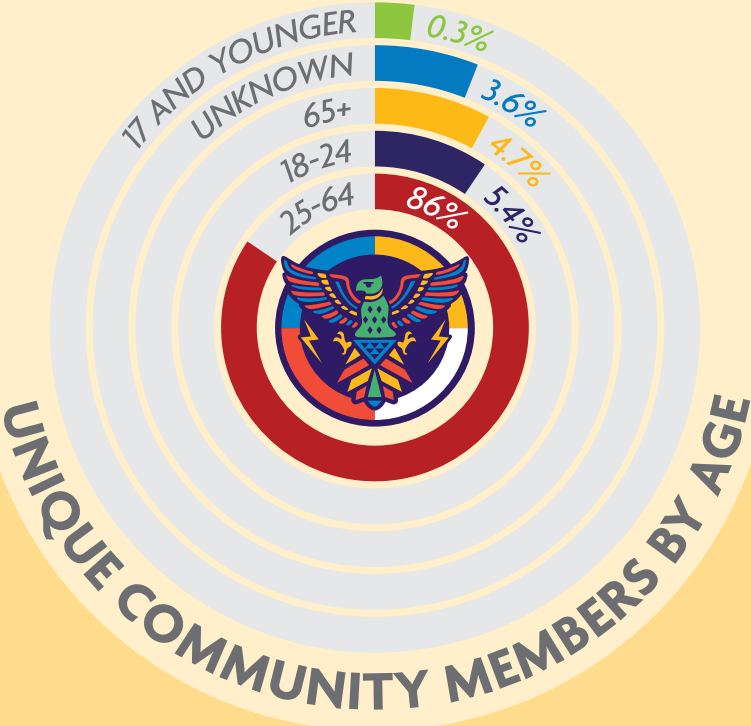
24,378

Number of unique community member check-ins

4,345

Note on Housing

Funding changes in our housing department have led to a shift in our service delivery: as of April 1, okimaw peyesew kamik has shifted from intensive housing case work to focusing on housing intakes and client referrals. This change will impact Outcome 5, Outcome 6, and Outcome 8 in our reporting.



Cultural Connections

Number of visits at iskotew cultural space

1,297

Number of unique Nations

156

Community Sharing Circles

12



Our Numbers at a Glance

We Don't Do This Alone

okimaw peyesew kamik is part of a broader community - shaped by those we serve, our neighbours, partners, supporters, funders, and our First Nations, Métis, and Inuit partners. The connections built in this space extend beyond its walls.

The challenges that our community members experience are complex and entrenched. They cannot be addressed by one place or one organization alone - our work is part of a wider community and sector. When people can access care in a dignified way we can restore hope, find belonging, and build lasting change.



Thank you, Mental Health Foundation, for supporting our services.



The work is ongoing, and that is okay.

- Boyle Street Community Services Statement of Values

