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Date: September 1, 2020

To: City Council

From: Rod Sutherland, Director of Human Services, on behalf of Task Force Co-chairs Amy Terrill and Heather Kirby

Re: Update from Community Pandemic Recovery Task Force

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### Recommendation

**That** the Memorandum from Rod Sutherland, Director of Human Services, **Update from Community Pandemic Recovery Task Force**, be received for information purposes; and

**That** this recommendation be brought forward to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

### Rationale

The Community Pandemic Recovery Task Force is continuing to meet twice per month along with the two working groups, focusing on gaps and funding opportunities.

### Working Groups

The Gaps Working Group has completed a survey of community organizations to better understand the challenges and concerns of local agencies and community service providers. The survey results are currently being reviewed and will assist in identifying common needs and priorities. This will also align to the work of the Funding Working Group, which is currently focusing on identifying potential funding opportunities, including how to support organizations in pursuing them, such as grant writing support. Members have connected with Economic Development staff to discuss the delivery of grant-writing workshops.



## **Engagement Support of the Office of Strategy Management**

Staff of the City's Office of Strategy Management (OSM) have been supporting the current engagement process of the Task Force, including managing the Jump In, Kawartha Lakes website and survey. The continued support of OSM, in particular relating to the development of indicators and outcome measures in pursuing funding opportunities, was requested by the Task Force.

## **Community Safety and Well-Being Plan**

In 2019 the Province legislated that municipalities must develop and adopt a Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Plan. While originally required to be in place by January 1, 2021, due to the pandemic the deadline for the adoption of a plan has now been extended. Although a new deadline has not been identified, the province has encouraged municipalities to continue to develop their CSWB Plans.

The goal of CSWB planning is "to achieve the ideal state of a sustainable community where everyone is safe, has a sense of belonging, access to services and where individuals and families are able to meet their needs for education, health care, food, housing, income, and social and cultural expression."

The planning process allows municipalities to take a leadership role in defining and addressing priority risks in the community through proactive, integrated strategies that ensure vulnerable populations receive the help they need from the providers best suited to support them.

Plans must include:

- identifying priority risks;
- identifying strategies to reduce the prioritized risk factors; and
- setting measurable outcomes.

The provincial framework for the development of a CSWB Plan identifies very specific requirements, including the community engagement process and the creation of an advisory committee to oversee the process.

City staff were in the early stages of planning for the CSWB Plan when the COVID-19 pandemic began.

As the goal of the CSWB Plan is aligned with that of the Community Pandemic Recovery Task Force staff recommended to the Task Force that a working group be established to act as the Advisory Committee for the CSWB Plan.

At their August 24, 2020 meeting, the Task Force supported this approach and passed the following resolution:

That the Community Pandemic Recovery Task Force establish a working group to fulfill the role of Advisory Committee for the development of the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.

The Advisory Committee will be established and initiated in the coming months in consultation and co-ordination with the Chief Administrative Officer.

As prescribed by the Province, advisory committees, at a minimum, must include the following members:

- A person who represents the local health integration network, or an entity that provides physical or mental health services;
- A person who represents an entity that provides educational services;
- A person who represents an entity that provides community or social services in the municipality, if there is such an entity;
- A person who represents an entity that provides community or social services to children or youth in the municipality, if there is such an entity;
- A person who represents an entity that provides custodial services to children or youth in the municipality, if there is such an entity;
- An employee of the municipality or a member of municipal council; and
- A representative of a police service board or, if there is no police service board, a detachment commander of the Ontario Provincial Police (or delegate).

In February 2020 the Chief Administrative Officer held initial planning discussions with Chief Mark Mitchell of the Kawartha Lakes Police Service and Ontario Provincial Police Detachment Commander Tim Tatchell regarding the City's role in co-ordinating the CSWB Plan process and they were both supportive of that approach.