



Committee of the Whole Report

Report Number: CA02021-002

Meeting Date: February 9, 2021

Title: Community Safety and Well-Being Plan

Description:

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Recommendation(s):

That Report CA02021-002, **Community Safety and Well-Being Plan**, be received;

That the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Terms of Reference, appended as Attachment A to Report CA02021-002 be approved; and

That Mayor Andy Letham, Councillor Pat Dunn, Director Rod Sutherland, Kawartha Lakes Police Chief Mark Mitchell, and OPP Kawartha Lakes Detachment Commander Tim Tatchell, be appointed to the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Advisory Committee; and

That the appointed Advisory Committee members be delegated the authority to appoint the community representatives to the Advisory Committee from the sectors as identified in the Terms of Reference; and

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

Department Head: _____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other: _____

Chief Administrative Officer: _____

Background:

In 2019 the Province of Ontario legislated under the *Police Services Act* that municipalities are required to develop and adopt a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan (CSWBP). The plan is to be developed by working in partnership with a multi-sectoral advisory committee comprised of representation from police services and other local service providers in health/mental health, education, community/social services and children/youth services.

While originally required to be in place by January 1, 2021, due to the pandemic the deadline for the adoption of the plan has been extended until July 1, 2021.

Additional requirements are also outlined in legislation pertaining to conducting consultations, contents of the plan, and monitoring, evaluating, reporting and publishing the plan.

This report addresses that requirement.

Rationale:

The goal of Community Safety and Well-Being 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.

The Community Safety and Well-Being Plan must include the identification of priority risks; strategies to reduce the prioritized risk factors; and setting measurable outcomes.

The provincial framework for the development of the CSWBP identifies very specific requirements, including the community engagement process and the creation of an Advisory Committee to oversee the process.

Members of the Advisory Committee will include two representatives appointed by Council, the Director of Human Services, Kawartha Lakes Police Service and Kawartha Lakes OPP.

Representatives from the following sectors shall be confirmed by the appointed Council representatives within 7–10 days of the Advisory Committee being established:

- Education
- Health/Mental Health
- Community/Social Services
- Children/Youth Services

Support will be provided to the Advisory Committee by the City's Strategy and Innovation Specialist, Accessibility Coordinator, Fire Chief and Paramedic Chief. All City departments will inform and be engaged in the development of the Plan.

The Advisory Committee will lead the development of the plan and participate in community engagement activities. Public participation will be sought through multiple methods including the City's online engagement tool "Jump In, Kawartha Lakes" and through focus groups.

There are well established sector-specific networks already in place that will directly inform the development of the plan. The multi-disciplinary composition of the Advisory Committee is intended to be that connection to existing resources, avoiding duplication of efforts.

In addition to the primary members, the Advisory Committee may establish working groups that include City staff and other community representatives to address specific needs or sectors.

Alignment to Strategic Priorities

The Community Safety and Well-Being Plan is an action item included in "Build social infrastructure" under the priority of An Exceptional Quality of Life.

The plan also aligns with the goal to "Improve the health and well-being of residents" also an important part of An Exceptional Quality of Life.

Financial/Operation Impacts:

The approved 2020 City Budget included a special project of \$25,000 to support the development of the CSWBP. That budget is intended to support the consultation process, production and distribution of the plan.

Consultations:

Chief, Kawartha Lakes Police Services
Detachment Commander, Kawartha Lakes OPP

Attachments:

Appendix A – Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Advisory Committee Terms of Reference



Community Safety
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Appendix B – Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Frequently Asked Questions



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