

Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Community Engagement Strategy

Objectives

- Raise awareness of the Kawartha Lakes Community Safety and Well-Being Plan among residents and stakeholders
- Inform residents and stakeholders of their role in the planning process
- Obtain feedback on concerns and feelings towards community safety and well-being issues in Kawartha Lakes
- Gather insight into potential service gaps that may need to be addressed

How we are going to Engage

Website page

There will be a dedicated page on the City's website at www.kawarthalakes.ca for the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan. This page will provide an overview of the Plan along with a link to Jump In, Kawartha Lakes where residents can provide their input.

Jump In, Kawartha Lakes Project Site

A project site on Jump In, Kawartha Lakes will be the main point for online engagement for this project. Sections will include:

- Overview
- FAQ
- Documents
- Timeline
- Survey
- Discussion Forum/ Ideas

Surveys

Surveys will be posted to the Jump In, Kawartha Lakes project site. The survey link will be shared through email lists, media releases and social media posts. It will be included in a newsletter sent directly to those who have registered for Jump In, Kawartha Lakes to invite them to participate.

We will leverage our partners to amplify the message to encourage a robust response.

Community Conversations

Community Conversations will be hosted virtually through Zoom. This is an opportunity for members of the public to participate in a facilitated discussion about the Priority Areas.

Groups can also hold their own Community Conversations using our Toolkit and send their information to the Advisory Committee.

Focused Sessions

Stakeholders will be invited to Focused Sessions on one or more of the Priority Areas. Can leverage existing meetings of round tables and other groups to have the discussion with relevant stakeholders.

Incentives

For some activities such as youth engagement we may consider providing incentives such as gift cards for participants. This can be to each participant directly (a \$10 Tim Hortons gift card for example) or a certain number of participants can be randomly selected to receive a higher value gift card (\$25 or \$30).

Who We Need to Talk To

Mental Health & Addictions

Organization Stakeholders:

Ross Memorial Hospital

CMHA

Fourcast

PARN

CHIMO

Health Unit – Drug Strategy

BGC Kawarthas

Core Service Provider Working Group – Kinark

Canopy

Women's Resources

School boards – Mental Health Lead

LHIN – Mental Health and Addictions nurses

Family Health Teams

Community Care Health Clinic

Health Care Initiatives

John Howard Society

Children's Aid Society

Kawartha Lakes Paramedic Service

Kawartha Lakes Human Services Department

Poverty

Organization Stakeholders:

Roundtable for Poverty Reduction

School boards

Churches – food banks

Center of Hope

Salvation Army

Situation Table
Kawartha Lakes Human Services Department
United Way

Youth

Organization Stakeholders:
Kawartha Lakes Youth Engagement Committee (Lynda Nydam)
Schools
Faith based organizations
Cadet Corp.
Kawartha Lakes Sports and Recreation Council
BGC Kawarthas
John Howard Society – Youth Transition Worker
Situation Table
Kawartha Lakes Human Services Department
Children's Aid Society
Children and Youth Planning Table

Housing

Organization Stakeholders:
Housing and Homelessness Coordinating Response Table
Situation Table
Housing Providers
Non-Profits
Situation Table
Kawartha Lakes Human Services Department
John Howard Society
A Place Called Home

What We'd Like to Know

Questions for Focused Sessions

- The CSWBP Advisory Committee has identified four priority areas: Mental Health & Addictions, Housing, Youth and Poverty. Do you agree with the priority areas or do you feel there is a more critical issues in our community?
- What services are you currently providing?
- What is working well?
- What opportunities for collaboration between agencies and organizations should be explored to provide a cohesive approach?
- What are the gaps and barriers to service?

- If you were asked to refocus your activities to upstream/preventative activities, what shifts would you make?
- What are the main issues that if we focused on first, would reduce this issue in our community?
- What other suggestions do you have?

Questions for Community Conversations

The CSWBP Advisory Committee has identified four priority areas: Mental Health & Addictions, Housing, Youth and Poverty.

Do you agree with the priority areas or do you feel there is a more critical issues in our community?

For each of these priority areas please answer the following questions:

1. What challenges and barriers are there in your community that residents face?
2. What actions can be taken as a community to address the barriers?
3. What actions or initiatives are currently available by the City or in the community that should be continued or enhanced?

Youth Engagement

Invite youth to submit a personal story, poem, artwork, a picture, etc. to express their personal thoughts and feelings about mental health and addictions, poverty, housing and/or youth in our community. This can also include their hopes and wishes for our community and how it could look moving forward.

Youth can choose to submit pieces for all topics or any combination of topics together.

Survey Questions

How old are you?

- 17 or younger
- 18 – 30 years
- 31 – 45 years
- 46 to 54 years
- 55 to 64 years
- 65 to 74 years
- 75 or older
- Prefer not to say

With which gender identity do you identify?

- Female
- Male
- Transgender/transitioning
- Non-binary

- Other, not listed _____
- Prefer not to say

Which of the following best describes your current relationship status?

- Married
- Living common-law
- Widowed
- Divorced
- Separated
- Single, never been married
- Prefer not to say

What is your total household income?

- Less than \$25,000
- \$25,000 to less than \$50,000
- \$50,000 to less than \$75,000
- \$75,000 to less than \$100,000
- \$100,000 or more
- Prefer not to say

What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- Currently in school
- Some elementary or high school
- High school diploma or equivalent
- Some/completed trade or technical school
- Some college or some university
- College Diploma
- Undergraduate University degree
- Graduate degree (Master's, PhD)
- Prefer not to say

Which of the following categories best describes your current employment status?

- Working full-time
- Working part-time
- Contract work or temporary work
- Self-employed
- Unemployed
- Not in workforce (household work, caring for children or family members, disability)
- Retired
- Student
- Other

Do you live in Kawartha Lakes?

- Yes
- No

*If yes:

How long have you lived in Kawartha Lakes?

- Less than one year
- 1 to less than 5 years
- 5 to less than 10 years
- 10 to less than 20 years
- 20 years or more

Describe your current housing situation:

- Home ownership

*if answered then

Can you afford your mortgage on most months?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

- Renting

*if answered then

What kind of renting?

- Market rent
- Subsidized rent

Can you afford to pay your rent on most months?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

- Transitional housing
- Homeless (in shelter, couch surfing, staying with friends or family, sleeping outside)
- Nursing home
- University/college residence
- In corrections
- Boarding home
- Retirement housing
- Living with parent(s)
- Other (please specify)

How stable is your current housing situation?

- Very stable
- Somewhat stable

- Neither stable nor unstable
- Unstable
- Very unstable
- Prefer not to say

What barriers are there to obtaining housing in Kawartha Lakes?

What does "Safety" mean to you ?

What does "Well-Being" mean to you?

What services have you accessed in our community?

- Recreation programs
- Crisis and counselling services
- Mental health services
- The justice system
- Housing supports
- Food banks
- Social services
- Addiction treatment or counselling
- Emergency shelter services
- Clothing donation / thrift store services
- Transportation supports
- Youth programs
- (What else should be included in this list?)

How would you describe your experience with those services?

- List services from above with rating scale – Very negative, negative, neutral, positive, very positive, prefer not to say

What do you think the safety and well-being plan for our community should include? If you could give decision-makers some ideas, what would they be?

The CSWBP Advisory Committee has identified four priority areas: Mental Health & Addictions, Poverty, Youth and Housing.

- If we are successful at addressing these priority areas how would Kawartha Lakes be different in the future?
- How can we collectively work together as a community to achieve these priorities? What should we do?
- What challenges or barriers might prevent us from being successful in these priority areas?

- How can we 'normalize' conversations about these priority areas in our community?

Please share any other ideas or concerns related to community safety and well-being in Kawartha Lakes.

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