



Committee of the Whole Report

Report Number: CAO2022-001

Meeting Date: January 11, 2022

Title: **Community Safety and Well-Being Plan**

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Recommendation(s):

That Report CAO2022-001, **Community Safety and Well-Being Plan**, be received;

That the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, appended as Attachment A to Report CAO2022-001 be approved; and

That the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Advisory Committee members be thanked for their contributions; 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.

On February 23, 2021 Council passed the following resolution.

That Report CAO2021-002, **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 CAO2021-002 be approved;

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.

The Advisory Committee membership was determined based on representation as required under the provincial CSWBP framework. The members of the Advisory Committee were:

- Chief Mark Mitchell, Kawartha Lakes Police Service (Chair)
- Inspector Tim Tatchell, Detachment Commander, Kawartha Lakes Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) (Vice-Chair)
- Mayor Andy Letham, City of Kawartha Lakes
- Councillor Pat Dunn, City of Kawartha Lakes
- Sheila Carron, Registered Nurse, Ross Memorial Hospital
- Mandy Hamu, Mental Health Lead, Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board
- Marina Hodson, Executive Director, Kawartha North Family Health Team
- Jennifer Johnston, Superintendent of Learning, Special Education, Equity and Indigenous Education, Trillium Lakelands District School Board

- Jennifer McLauchlan, Executive Director, Kawartha Haliburton Children's Aid Society
- Lynda Nydam, Intensive Service Coordinator, Children's Services Council
- Pam Stuckless, Director of Health Promotion, Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit
- Rod Sutherland, Director of Human Services, City of Kawartha Lakes

The committee was further supported by the following City staff:

- Barb Condie, Accessibility Coordinator
- Aaron Mulcaster, Data Analysis Co-ordinator
- Mark Pankhurst, Chief, Kawartha Lakes Fire and Rescue Service
- Holly Russett, Executive Assistant, Human Services
- Brenda Stonehouse, Strategy and Innovation Specialist

The Advisory Committee was primarily tasked with developing the CSWBP, including the scope and priorities of the plan and the community engagement process. The term of the Advisory Committee ended December 31, 2021.

The provincial CSWBP framework established the planning goal "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 framework also required that plans must include the identification of priority risks; strategies to reduce the prioritized risk factors; and setting measurable outcomes.

Rationale:

The Advisory Committee held five meetings between March and November 2021, in addition to working group meetings to co-ordinate community consultations. An online public survey was developed and conducted from June 17th to August 16th 2021, resulting in 232 submissions. Four facilitated online consultation sessions were held in August for community agencies and service providers.

The Kawartha Art Gallery invited youth aged 12 to 24 years, to consider the four priority areas of the CSWBP and express their thoughts through art. Youth from across the City shared poignant insights into the safety and well-being of the community with the submissions shared online at the Gallery website:

www.kawarthagallery.com/exhibits/jump-in-and-express-yourself

Four priority areas were identified for the initial 2022-2025 plan: Mental Health & Addictions, Housing, Poverty and Youth. The selection of these priorities was seen as the starting point for continuing community well-being planning, and is not intended to exclude any group. As a living document, the CSWBP will adapt over time to support planning across all areas.

Six key goals are identified in the Plan, with 18 specific associated actions. The six goals are:

- Improve Service Navigation
- Expand Services and Supports
- Break Down Barriers
- Collaboration and Communication
- Help our Community Understand
- Advocacy

The implementation plan for the actions is currently being developed. This plan will identify organizations or networks that will take the lead on individual items and report back to the CSWBP Co-ordinating Committee. The implementation plan will also include targeted dates for the initiation of the actions, completion targets and reporting expectations. As a community plan, participation of the community in implementation will be critical to its success.

The CSWBP Co-ordinating Committee, comprised of the Kawartha Lakes Police Chief, OPP Detachment Commander, the City's Director of Human Services, and the City's Strategy and Innovation Specialist, will oversee the monitoring and annual reporting of the plan's actions to Council starting in the first quarter of 2023.

Alignment to Strategic Priorities

The Community Safety and Well-Being Plan is an action item of the City's Strategic Plan 2020-2023 Strategic Plan, under the Exceptional Quality of Life priority.

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 was intended to support the consultation process, production and distribution of the plan.

Consultations:

Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Advisory Committee

Attachments:

Appendix A – Community Safety and Well-Being Plan



Community Safety
and Well Being Plan

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