Community Safety & Well-being Plan



CSWBP · 2022

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Joint Mayor's Message

On behalf of the members of Council from the Township of Asphodel-Norwood, the Township of Cavan Monaghan, and the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan, we are pleased to present the Townships' joint Community Safety and Well-being (CSWB) Plan.

An important municipal government responsibility is the safety, health and wellness of our residents. This Plan is about working collectively to develop fair and equitable responses to the emerging issues within our respective communities to help ensure that all residents enjoy the opportunity to feel safe and connected; while recognizing that not all residents experience the same sense of safety and well-being and the struggles are unique to each individual.

This joint CSWB Plan allows us to be responsive, adapt to the needs of our residents, and use data to make evidence-based decisions. We need to consider new ways of confronting the complex challenges facing our communities and rethink the ways in which we deliver services to meet the needs of our residents. The goal of this Plan is to achieve greater organization coordination and collaboration on issues and situations before they escalate. It is extremely important to continue to build and strengthen partnerships across sectors and we thank our community partners for coming together and assisting with the development of this Plan.

We have every confidence that together, we can improve safety and well-being for everyone; and look forward to working collaboratively alongside the community to accomplish our shared goals and keep our residents safe and thriving.



Mayor Bonneau Asphodel-Norwood



Mayor McFadden Cavan Monaghan



Mayor **Taylor** Otonabee-South Monaghan

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Advisory Committee

Members

Special thanks to our Advisory Committee members for their support, ongoing commitment, and dedication to this Plan.

Deputy Mayor Lori Burtt Township of Asphodel-Norwood

Diane Anderson Campbell Asphodel-Norwood Ministerial Food Bank

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Jack Veitch Canadian Mental Health Association

Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge

Rev. Nancy Wilson Keene and Hiawatha United Churches



Land Acknowledgement

This Plan recognizes and supports First Nations communities and the organizations that exist to support the work they are doing every day to improve safety and well-being.

In recognition of the longstanding history of the land that we reside on and the work this Plan will be undertaken on, we offer this land acknowledgement.

We would like to begin by acknowledging the Townships of Asphodel-Norwood, Cavan Monaghan, and Otonabee-South Monaghan are located on the traditional territory of the Michi Saagiig Peoples. These are Treaty 20 and Williams Treaties lands.

We encourage everyone to educate themselves on the details of these documents and the influence of First Nations in Canada's history.

Our respective Township Councils recognize these contributions and commit to actions which demonstrate respect for the environment and in keeping with First Nation tradition, reflects the security of the next seven generations.

To further recognize our commitment to reconciliation, this Plan acknowledges and respects the right to Indigenous Planning and governance of Indigenous Peoples. Although there is a lot to mend, a culture of mutual respect, engagement, dialogue, and support will steer our collaboration as we work to improve the lives of those in our respective communities.

We support and respect the Indigenous Peoples' rights to self-determination, planning process and outcomes. We commit to working closely with Indigenous partners and open ourselves to the exchange of knowledge and skills that will complement our joint efforts to support Safety and Well-being in our communities.



Introduction

CSWB

In January 2019, new requirements for Community Safety and Well-being (CSWB) planning came into force. The Police Services Act, 1990 (PSA) was amended, and municipalities across Ontario were given time to develop and adopt a CSWB plan. As part of the legislation, municipalities were required to develop and adopt a CSWB Plan in partnership with stakeholders and community groups.

A CSWB Plan is a tool to address key social priorities for safety and well-being achieved through multi-sectoral partnerships working together towards sustainable communities where everyone feels safe, has a sense of belonging, and opportunities to participate; and also where individuals and families are able to meet their needs for education, health care, food, housing, income, and social and cultural expression.

The global COVID-19 pandemic and the provincial state of emergency declared in March 2020 significantly affected communities in Asphodel-Norwood, Cavan Monaghan, and Otonabee-South Monaghan. The contents of this Plan reflects the impact of COVID-19 and represents the partnership between our municipalities.

Exploring options to address risks through the Ontario CSWB planning framework and taking into consideration factors critical to success; this Plan recognizes the great work already happening within our region, and seeks to do more with collaboration and promotion of local experience and expertise.

Critical Success Factors

Strength Based Risk Focused Awareness and Understanding Highest Level of Commitment Effective **Partnerships**

Evidence and Evaluation

Cultural Responsiveness



CSWB

Planning

The CSWB Planning Framework

The Ministry of the Solicitor General created a framework to help support the development of each CSWB Plan.

As a long term strategy to make safety and well-being a reality for vulnerable individuals, families, groups, and locations, this Plan includes strategies at four levels of intervention:

- 1. **Social Development** · Promoting and maintaining community safety and well-being
- 2. Prevention · Reducing identified risks
- 3. **Risk Intervention** · Mitigating elevated risk situations
- 4. **Incident Response** · Immediate response to urgent incidents



1. Social Development

Promoting and maintaining community safety and well-being by bringing together a wide range of sectors, agencies, and organizations to address complex social issues from every angle.

2. Prevention

Proactively reducing identified risks by implementing evidence-based situational measures, policies or programs to reduce locally identified priority risks before they result in crime, victimization and/or harm.

3. Risk Intervention

Mitigating situations of elevated risk by multiple sectors working together to address situations where there is an elevated risk of harm and stopping something bad from happening right before it is about to happen to reduce the need for and systemic reliance on incident response.

4. Incident Response

Critical and non-critical incident response, or what is traditionally thought of as crime and safety; that includes immediate and reactionary responses involving a sense of urgency such as police, fire, emergency medical services, and child welfare organizations.



Asphodel-Norwood Cavan Monaghan Otonabee-South Monaghan

The Townships of Asphodel-Norwood, Cavan Monaghan, and Otonabee-South Monaghan are located along the Southern border of Peterborough County and connected by the Trans Canada Highway.

Sharing similarities in growth patterns, agricultural pursuits, and local amenities, our municipalities formed a partnership to create and maintain community safety and well-being through the formation of a local CSWB Plan.

This partnership formed to research, engage, and implement said Plan will be sustained through the actionable items identified. Our connection will benefit all residents regardless of their needs or demographics. This joint Plan respects the province's direction to adopt a regional approach to the CSWB Plan.



AboutOur Townships

Asphodel-Norwood

Pop. 4,658

The Township of Asphodel-Norwood (AN) is a growing rural community that provides an attractive blend of rural, village, and cottage living to over 4,500 residents who call the municipality home.

Nestled within 160 square kilometres of southern Peterborough County, Asphodel-Norwood boasts the charming and historic villages of Norwood and Westwood.

The Township encompasses a good selection of schools, a NHL sized ice surface with an enthusiastic hockey and figure skating community, thriving community groups, picturesque parks including a new splash pad, and popular resorts along the Trent River. All of this combined with the renowned Norwood Fall Fair each Thanksgiving weekend makes Asphodel-Norwood a growing success!



AboutOur Townships

Cavan Monaghan

Pop. 10,016

The Township of Cavan Monaghan (CM) is a rural area which covers an area of approximately 306 km2, and includes several small hamlets and villages including Bailieboro, Cavan, Fraserville, Ida, Mount Pleasant, Springville, Five Mile Turn, and the Historical Village of Millbrook.

It is expected that the population in the hamlets and villages will continue to increase, resulting in an increased demand for recreational opportunities. Current land use includes agricultural, employment, rural residential, villages and hamlets, and natural areas.

The Township is located approximately 20 km south west of the City of Peterborough, in Peterborough County.

Cavan Monaghan is a strong, sustainable rural community. We celebrate, protect, and promote our unique history and natural heritage, and value the contribution and interests of all ratepayers in building a prosperous future.



AboutOur Townships

Otonabee South-Monaghan

Pop. 7,087

The Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan (OSM) is a lower tier Township located in southern portion of the County of Peterborough with an approximate population of 7,000 residents.

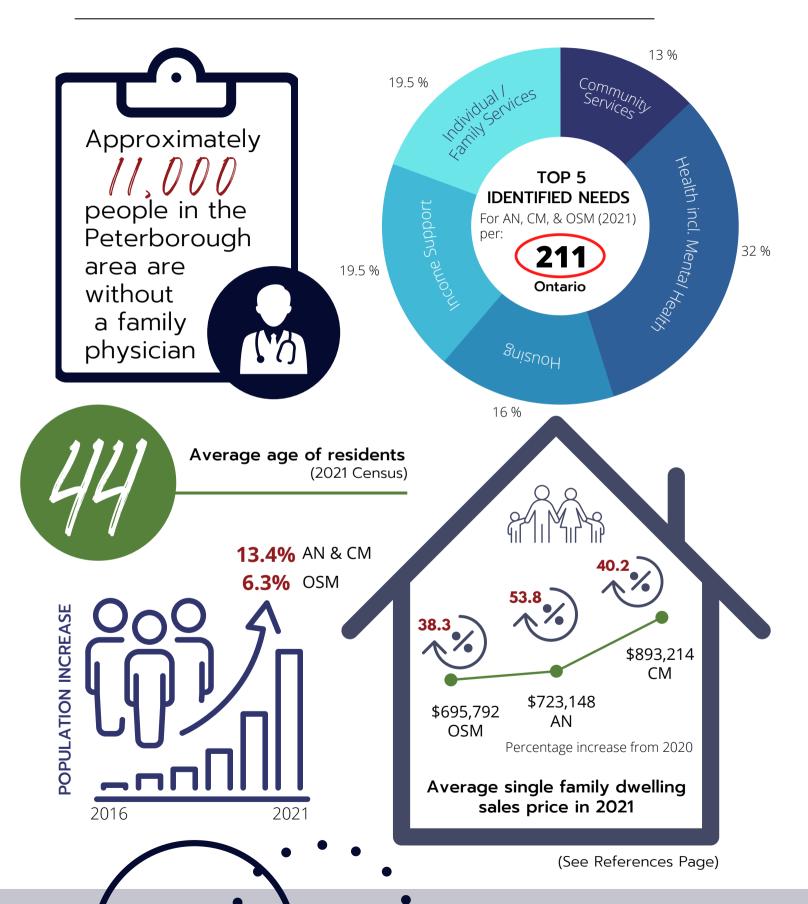
Otonabee-South Monaghan is predominantly agricultural community with a number of hamlets, the largest of which is the Village of Keene. The Highway 7 corridor runs through the northern portion of the municipality, affording opportunities for commercial and employment-related development.

The Trent-Severn waterway through the heart of the Township along the Otonabee River and then through Rice Lake, which is the Township's southern boundary. There are numerous resorts and cottages located along this waterfront.



Fast Facts

Our Priorities



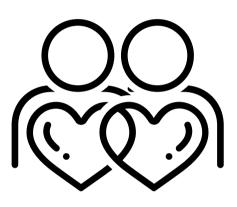
Key Priorities

Based on public consultation, regional data, and advice from the Advisory Committee, the following four key priority areas have been identified:

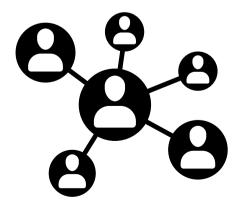
Access to Health



Community Belonging



Community Supports



Housing Security



Our Priorities

Access to Health



Goal

Improve access to mental and physical health supports.

Supporting Actions

- Liaise with the Peterborough Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee to stay informed of ongoing efforts for physician recruitment for unattached patients in the region
- Advocate for expanded health care services including health care providers and facility upgrades (i.e. New Medical Centre)
- Support and advocate for expansion and sustainability of the Family Health Team structure in each Township
- Advocate for a consistent transportation source for residents to access medical services in the City of Peterborough
- Work with the relevant agencies on informative communication plans to support those struggling with mental health and/or addictions and their familial supports
- Provide private space for residents to access internet for virtual medical appointments
- Promote the TALK NOW Mental Health & Addictions clinic
- Ensure no municipal barriers are in place for physical health opportunities
- Support and encourage rural outreach for the Canadian Mental Health Association's new Mobile Mental Health and Addictions Clinic
- Continued promotion of crisis line services and supports
- Update or Adopt Master Recreation Plan to ensure a focus on physical health opportunities and programming

Indicators of Success

- Number of unattached patients seeking care
- Regular rural attendance of the mobile mental health and addictions clinic
- Number of mental health calls for service from Police Services Boards
- Number of Ontario 211 Health and Mental Health/Addictions needs
- Support for Master Recreation Plan initiatives in annual municipal budgets



Our Priorities Community Belonging



Goal

Enhance community engagement and sense of connection.

Supporting Actions

- Establish or support existing community hubs that act as an access point and make it easier for residents to access the health, social, cultural, recreational, educational, and any other resources they may need in one spot
- Launch a community education campaign on local programs and services available (i.e. 211 Ontario, Connex Ontario)
- Collaborate with community partners, user groups, and public libraries for social inclusion opportunities
- Support, enhance, and promote community initiatives and programming for all demographics
- Provide ongoing public engagement occasions
- Encourage community volunteerism and participation

Indicators of Success

- Number of Ontario 211 Community Services needs and closed loop referrals
- Number of community events and corresponding resident engagement
- Community Care metrics
- Community Hub metrics



Community Care Peterborough provided a total of 44,375 reassurance calls and visits in 2020 / 2021.



Our Priorities Community Supports



Goal

Improve access to community support services and programs.

Supporting Actions

- Identify community support services and programs that are available
- Identify areas of opportunity or improvement for services and programs
- Improve accessibility and access to support services and programs within the community
- Advocate for a consistent transportation source for residents to access local and surrounding amenities and social opportunities
- Research the possiblity of establishing a mechanism to distribute free personal hygiene kits for individuals in need
- Continue to work collaboratively to build long lasting relationships with community partners and organizations

Indicators of Success

- Increase in use and participation of community services and programming
- Strengthened connections to support providers and resources for the community
- Working collaboratively to create a more streamlined system which could include data sharing, communications, and service delivery



23.3% of Peterborough area children were considered vulnerable in the physical health and well-being domain.

Peterborough Social Services · Unstructured Outdoor Play report (2018)



Our Priorities

Housing Security



Goal

Increase access to affordable, safe, and adequate housing.

Supporting Actions

- Work with community partners to support the vision identified in the Peterborough Housing and Homelessness Plan (2019)
- Promote supports available through Peterborough Social Services and Ontario 211
- Advocate for diverse and innovative housing options
- Ensure no municipal barriers are in place to support responsible growth
- Improve service navigation
- Promote secondary dwelling unit legislation (More Homes, More Choices Act, 2019)
- Explore opportunities to support diverse housing options (i.e. tiny homes, multi-residential units)

Indicators of Success

- Number of applications on the Community Housing Wait List
- Number of people on the By-Name Priority List (BNPL)
- Number of Ontario 211 Housing needs and closed loop referrals
- Number of building permit applications and municipal turn-around times
- Number of planning applications and municipal turn-around times



As of February 2020, there were 1,384 applicants on the waitlist for Social Housing in Peterborough City and County.

Final Thoughts

Implementation

Each Township will prepare an annual impact report highlighting accomplishments and measurements of success in each of the identified priority areas.

This report will be provided to respective Councils and made publicly available on each Township website for community members and stakeholders.

Timelines and priorities will be unique to each Township, but actionable items are anticipated to be undertaken within 3 - 5 years.

Conclusion

This CSWB Plan lays the groundwork for our municipalities to work together in a coordinated approach to promote safety and well-being for all residents in our communities. Building upon existing municipal partnerships and assets, this Plan endeavours to improve access to health, community supports, and adequate housing; while also enhancing a sense of belonging and connection.

This Plan has been built upon a strong foundation of data and local information, acknowledges service gaps and challenges, and takes supportive action in the pursuit of corrective goal achievement and/or progress.

It is important to note that this Plan recognizes many of the identified key priority areas lie outside the scope of local governments and would require a substantial infusion of funding to enact meaningful change; but addressing complex social issues requires innovation, adaptability, and proactivity from all levels of government to create safer and healthier communities. We, along with our community partners will aspire to make strides in goal realization in a supportive capacity through collaborative outreach, educational campaigns, and existing services promotion.



Community Partners/ Resources

211 Ontario

2-1-1

www 211ontario ca

Age Friendly Peterborough

705-748-8830 ext. 3227

www.peterborough.ca/aging

Asphodel-Norwood Food Bank

705-639-1777

Asphodel-Norwood Public Libraries

705-639-2228 / 705-768-2548

www.anpl.org

The Brock Mission & Cameron House

705-748-4766

www.brockmission.ca

Canada Mortgage & Housing Corp.

1-800-668-2642

www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca

Canadian Mental Health Association –

Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge Br.

705-748-6687

www.cmhahkpr.ca

Cavan Monaghan Libraries

705-741-1253 / 705-932-2919

www.cavanmonaghanlibraries.ca

Centre for Addictions & Mental Health

1-800-463-6273

www.camh.ca

Children's Aid Society

705-743-9751

www.khcas.on.ca

Community Care

(705) 742-7067

www.commcareptbo.org

ConnexOntario

1-866-531-2600

Text CONNEX to 247247

www.connexontario.ca

Elder Abuse Prevention Ontario

416-916-6728

www.eapon.ca

Employment Planning & Counselling

705-748-9110

www.epcjobs.ca

Five Counties Children's Centre

705-748-2337

www.fivecounties.on.ca

FourCast Addiction Services

1-800-461-1909

www.fourcast.ca

Four County Crisis Line

705-745-6484

Good Doctors Medical Clinic

1-855-884-6638

www.gooddoctors.ca

Health Care Connect

1-800-445-1822

www.ontario.ca/healthcareconnect

Housing Resource Centre

705-743-2272

www.ccrc-ptbo.com/

Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre

705-741-0260

www.kawarthasexualassaultcentre.com



Community Partners/ Resources

Kids Help Phone

Text CONNECT to 686868 1-800-668-6868 www.kidshelpphone.ca

Millbrook Foodshare

705-932-7066

New Canadians Centre

705-743-0882

www.nccpeterborough.ca

ON Central East LHIN

705-743-2212

www.healthcareathome.ca/centraleast

Ontario Provincial Police – Peterborough

Detachment

705-742-0401 www.opp.ca

Otonabee-South Monaghan Food

Cupboard

705-295-6952

Otonabee-South Monaghan Public

Libraries

705-295-6814 / 705-939-6510 /

705-749-5642

www.otosoumon.library.on.ca

Partners in Pregnancy

705-741-1191

www.partnersinpregnancy.ca

Pediatric Outpatient (POP) Clinic

705-740-8055

Peterborough Child and Family Centre

705-748-9144

ptbocfc.ca

Peterborough Drug Strategy

www.peterboroughdrugstrategy.com/

resource/

Peterborough Family Health Team

705-740-8020

www.peterboroughfht.com

Peterborough Police Service

705-876-1122

www.peterboroughpolice.com

Peterborough Public Health

705-743-1000

www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca

Peterborough Social Services

705-748-8830

www.peterborough.ca/socialservices

Salvation Army

705-742-4391

www.mpeterborough.wpengine.com

Seniors Safety Line

1-866-299-1011

TALK NOW Mental Health and Addictions

705-876-5826

Telehealth (now Health Connect Ontario)

8-1-1 or Chat Online

Women's Healthcare Centre

705-743-4132

YES Shelter

705-748-3851

www.yesshelter.ca

YWCA

1-800-461-7656

www.ywcapeterborough.org/

References

Community Care Peterborough

Annual Report 2020-2021

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

More Homes, More Choice: Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan 2019

Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services

Community safety and well-being planning framework Booklet 3 - A shared commitment in Ontario

Ontario 211

https://211ontario.ca/211-data/

Peterborough and the Kawarthas Association of REALTORS® Inc.

https://www.pkar.org/

Peterborough Community Well-being Plan

2019

Peterborough Social Services

Unstructured Outdoor Nature Play Report (2018) - A solution-based report of child development data in the City and County of Peterborough

PTBOCanada

https://www.ptbocanada.com/journal/peterborough-plans-to-address-doctor-shortage-in-area-with-new-committee

Statistics Canada

2021 Census

The Peterborough Examiner

https://www.thepeterboroughexaminer.com/news/peterborough-region/2022/01/17/new-recruitment-committee-planned-to-address-doctor-shortage-in-peterborough.html

Township of Asphodel-Norwood

Strategic Plan 2022-2024



Appendix

Public Consultation

Townships of Asphodel-Norwood, Cavan Monaghan, and Otonabee-South Monaghan

Community Safety and Well-being Plan

Public Survey Results · 218 Responses

90.8%

of survey respondents reported feeling safe or very safe when asked about their feelings of personal safety.

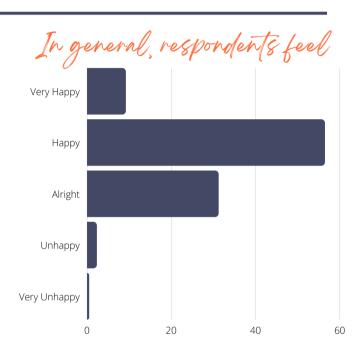
Largest roles in community safety: Neighbours, Police Services, Community Services, and Schools.











What is a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan (CSWBP)?

A CSWBP is the result of when local governments, police, organizations, and residents discuss local issues and then commit to working together in new ways to create a safer, healthier communities. The intention for this plan is to redirect local efforts and investments from short-term, reactive, 'band-aid' responses to long-term, preventative, and risk mitigating social development.





Respondents do not feel they have access to affordable housing



Respondents reported total annual household incomes below \$75,000





Respondents feel stronger senior supports are needed

Appendix

Public Consultation

Community Safety and Well-being Plan

Public Survey Results - Pg 2

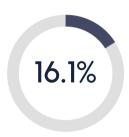
April 2, 2022

Physical Health



Respondents reported fair/poor physical health

Mental Health



Respondents reported fair/poor mental health

Community Belonging



Respondents do not feel a strong sense of community belonging

66 We need to look at the community as a whole and not individual groups such as seniors, youth. Someone is always being left out and unable to access services... 99

SURVEY RESPONDENT





TOP 3 CONCERNS

- Ability to pay bills and meet basic needs
- Ability to enjoy life and participate in leisure activities
- 3. Affordable Housing





OBSTACLES

80.7 % noted obstacles in receiving physical health supports; and96% noted obstacles in receiving mental health supports

Primary Concerns: Access/ Availability of programming and health services (ie family physician)

Serior Supports



TOP 5 CONCERNS

- 1. Isolation
- 2. Caregiver Burnout
 - 3. Affordable Housing
- 4. Access to Health Care
- 5. Transportation





Regular Council Meeting

To:	Mayor and Council	
Date:	February 7, 2022	
From:	Yvette Hurley, C.A.O. and Karlie Cornish-Tkalec, Deputy Clerk	
Report Number:	C.A.O. 2022-01	
Subject:	Update on the Community Safety and Well-being Plan	

Recommendation:

That Council receive Report C.A.O 2022-01 Update on the Community Safety and Well-being Plan for information.

Overview:

Community Safety and Well-being Plans are provincially legislated for municipalities under the Police Services Act, 1990. In 2018, the Province of Ontario, through the Ministry of the Solicitor General, amended the Police Services Act to mandate all municipalities to develop and adopt a Community Safety and Well-being Plan with a completion deadline of January 1, 2021.

In February 2020, the Township of Cavan Monaghan collaborated with the County of Peterborough, City of Peterborough, and the Townships of Asphodel-Norwood, Douro-Dummer, Havelock-Belmont-Methuen, North Kawartha, Otonabee-South Monaghan, Selwyn and the Municipality of Trent Lakes in a joint effort to develop a Community Safety and Well-being Plan.

Due to the significant impacts of COVID-19, in early 2020, on municipalities and key partners who needed to reallocate staff and resources towards the fight against COVID-19 it became clear the deadline of January 1, 2021 would be unattainable. Recognizing the impact COVID-19 had on municipalities the Ministry of the Solicitor General extended the deadline for municipalities from January 1, 2021 for an additional six months to July 1, 2021 as indicated in a letter from the Solicitor General dated June 3, 2021 (Attachment No. 1). Work on this plan did not resume until late 2020 with a shortened timeline left to complete the plan the Township and its partners moved forward to complete an Interim Plan by July 1, 2021 with a goal of submitting a complete plan by spring 2022.

On June 21, 2021 at the Regular Council meeting, an Interim Report for the Community Safety and Well-being Plan was presented to the Council of the Township of Cavan Monaghan. Council endorsed the Interim Report as presented along with the goal of completing a full plan in spring 2022 by passing the following motion:

R/21/06/21/02

That Council receive the presentation from Chris Kawalec, Community Development Program Manager, City of Peterborough regarding the Community Safety and Well-being Plan — Interim Report for information; and

Whereas municipalities are required under the Police Services Act, 1990 to adopt a Community Safety and Well-being Plan;

Whereas all local municipalities in the City and County of Peterborough are working with a multi-sectoral Advisory Committee to develop a Community Safety and Well-being Plan;

Therefore be it resolved that the Interim Report of the Community Safety and Well-being Plan be endorsed with the goal of completing a full plan in Spring 2022.

Following the submission of the Interim Plan the Township received a letter dated October 14, 2021 from the Ministry of the Solicitor General (Attachment No. 2). Requesting municipalities submit a completed plan. Included in the letter was a statement "under the Police Services Act, the Solicitor General has the power to enforce the CSWB planning requirements by appointing a CSWB planner to any municipalities that repeatedly and intentionally fail to complete a plan, at the municipality's expense." The Township continued to work towards completing the Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan with its partners with the target of completion being spring 2022.

On December 6, 2021 the City of Peterborough received Report CSD21-016 Community Safety and Well-being Plan Update (Attachment No. 3) changing the scope of work and targeted completion date from Spring 2022 to December 2022. Due to the change in scope and timeline proposed by the City of Peterborough, it was discussed at our CAO meetings, that some municipalities felt that we could come together and complete the plan before the end of the year. Township staff have collaborated with Asphodel-Norwood and Otonabee-South Monaghan to complete the plan. By collaborating with two alike Townships, the Township will be able to complete the Community Safety and Well-being Plan by spring 2022 and provide a more localized approach to address the needs of our community. The Deputy Clerks and C.A.O.s will be working together to ensure our local plan is submitted.

Financial Impact:

No financial impact at this time.

Attachments:

Attachment No. 1: Solicitor General Letter Dated June 3, 2021
Attachment No. 2: Solicitor General Letter Dated October 14, 2021

Attachment No. 3: City of Peterborough Report CSD21-016

Attachment No. 4: Solicitor General Letter Dated January 27, 2022

Respectfully Submitted by, Reviewed by,

Karlie Cornish-Tkalec Yvette Hurley

Deputy Clerk/Corporate Services Administrator Chief Administrative Officer

Attachment No. 1

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132-2021-541 **By email**

June 3, 2021

Yvette Hurley Chief Administrative Officer Township of Cavan Monaghan 988 County Road 10 Millbrook ON L0A 1G0 services@cavanmonaghan.net

Dear Yvette Hurley:

Thank you for your correspondence sent February 3, 2021, requesting that the Ministry of the Solicitor General extend the July 1, 2021 deadline for municipalities to submit their community safety and well-being (CSWB) plans.

Public safety is a top priority for this government. The ministry is committed to protecting the people of Ontario and keeping our communities safe and resilient. We recognize the important role police services, municipalities, and community partners have in working collaboratively to ensure the safety and well-being of Ontarians.

Our government appreciates that municipalities are currently facing unprecedented circumstances in their communities due to the on-going impact of COVID-19. We also understand that some municipalities may experience delays in their planning and engagement processes as a result of the pandemic.

As you know, the ministry recently extended the deadline for the completion and adoption of CSWB plans to July 1, 2021 to provide municipalities with an additional six months from the original deadline of January 1, 2021. This change will help to ensure municipalities, police services and local service providers can continue to dedicate the necessary capacity and resources to respond to COVID-19. In addition, it will also provide adequate time to effectively undertake consultations, work collaboratively with multi-sectoral partners, and meet the legislative requirements to develop meaningful and effective CSWB plans.

The ministry also offers a number of resources to support municipalities and their partners as they undertake the planning process. For example, the ministry has developed the <u>Community Safety and Well-Being Planning Framework: A Shared Commitment in Ontario</u> booklet, which includes the CSWB Planning Framework and a toolkit of practical guidance documents to assist communities as they develop and implement local CSWB plans. For your reference, the booklet and other ministry resources are available on the ministry's website.

We will continue to look for ways to support our municipal partners to ensure they are able to meet their legislative requirements for CSWB planning. Where possible, municipalities are encouraged to explore alternative and innovative approaches to continue on-going planning efforts, such as through virtual engagement (e.g., webinars, teleconferences, online surveys, etc.).

I greatly appreciate your continued efforts as we move forward on this modernized approach to CSWB together. Through collaboration, we can work to build safer and stronger communities in Ontario.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Jones

Solicitor General

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132-2021-4188 By email

October 14, 2021

Dear Head of Council/Chief Administrative Officer/Municipal Clerk:

On behalf of the Ministry of the Solicitor General, I want to thank all municipalities, together with their multi-sectoral partners, that have taken steps towards developing, adopting and implementing their local community safety and well-being (CSWB) plans.

As you know, the ministry extended the deadline for the completion and adoption of CSWB plans to July 1, 2021, to provide municipalities with an additional six months from the original deadline of January 1, 2021. Since then, we have received an overwhelming response from municipalities regarding their CSWB planning progress. This includes the submission of completed and interim plans and status updates. To date, of the 372 municipalities required to prepare and adopt a CSWB plan, 95 per cent (356 municipalities) have plans that are completed or in progress.

The development and completion of these plans demonstrates municipal leadership and commitment to proactively addressing crime and complex social issues facing your communities. Municipalities are best positioned to work with local partners to develop effective community strategies and programs and create sustainable communities that respond to local needs and conditions.

At this time, we are encouraging municipalities who have not already done so, to please submit their completed CSWB plan or provide an update on their CSWB planning status to the ministry via the following email address: SOLGEN.Correspondence@ontario.ca. Additionally, as a reminder, municipalities are required to publish their completed plans online within 30 days of adoption.

As you may be aware, under the *Police Services Act*, the Solicitor General has the power to enforce the CSWB planning requirements by appointing a CSWB planner to any municipalities that repeatedly and intentionally fail to complete a plan, at the municipality's expense. However, our government recognizes that municipalities are currently facing unprecedented circumstances in their communities due to the on-going impact of COVID-19. We also understand that some municipalities may experience delays in their planning and engagement processes as a result of the pandemic.

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Ministry staff will continue to look for ways to support our municipal partners to ensure they are able to meet their legislative requirements for CSWB planning. Where possible, municipalities are encouraged to explore alternative and innovative approaches to continue on-going planning efforts, such as through virtual engagement (e.g., webinars, teleconferences, online surveys, etc.).

Municipalities are also encouraged to continue to work with respective police services, local multi-sectoral partners, and community members on the development and implementation of local CSWB plans. Localized, community-driven collaboration remains key to the success of CSWB planning, given the focus on creating workable solutions that are grounded in and tailored to individual community needs and features.

If you have any questions about CSWB planning, please contact Shamitha Devakandan, Community Safety Analyst, Public Safety Division, at Shamitha.Devakandan@ontario.ca.

I greatly appreciate your continued efforts as we move forward on this modernized approach to CSWB together. It is by working together that we can truly build safer and stronger communities in Ontario.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Jones

Solicitor General



To: Members of the General Committee

From: Sheldon Laidman, Commissioner, Community Services

Meeting Date: December 6, 2021

Subject: Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan Update

Report CSD21-016

Purpose

A Report to provide and update on the purpose and progress of the Community Safety and Well-being Plan project and to obtain Council approval to finance additional work for the project and extend the target deadline for completion.

Recommendations

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report CSD21-016, dated December 6, 2021 of the Commissioner of Community Services as follows:

- a) That Council increase the budget by \$50,000 from the original \$50,000 budget to finance the expansion of activities related to developing the Community Safety and Well Being Plan with the increase to be funded from the Social Services Reserve; and
- b) That Council endorse a change in the target deadline for completing the Community Safety and Well-being Plan from Spring 2022 to December 31, 2022.

Budget and Financial Implications

The current approved project cost of \$50,000 is being drawn from the Community Development Program, which is a 50/50 cost share between the City and County of Peterborough.

The recommended increase of \$50,000 can be accommodated within the uncommitted balance of \$6,061,831 available in the Social Services Reserve for the described works. While the Plan is a joint project with the County and its Townships, staff are recommending the additional funds be taken from the Social Services Reserve which is a City funded reserve as the rationale for the additional funding being necessary is to properly deal with City generated issues.

Background

Every municipality in the Province of Ontario is required to adopt a Community Safety and Well-being Plan (the Plan) as set out in the Police Services Act, through the Ministry of the Solicitor General. The Province has described the purpose of these plans as a tool for "taking an integrated approach to service delivery by working across a wide range of sectors, agencies and organizations to proactively develop and implement evidence-based strategies and programs to address local priorities related to crime and complex social issues on a sustainable basis."

In February 2020, the City of Peterborough, County of Peterborough, and the 8 local Townships agreed to collaborate and create a single Plan for all local municipalities. The onset of the pandemic paused all progress on the Plan until late in 2020. In early 2021 a cross-sectoral Advisory Committee was established to lead the project. Membership of the Advisory Committee is found in Appendix A.

Report CSD21-007 resulted in Council adopting an Interim Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan to meet the Provincial deadline of July 1, 2021. Submitting the Interim Plan also demonstrated that the City was activity engaged in developing a full Plan. The County of Peterborough and all eight Township Councils also adopted the Interim Plan.

Project Status

The Advisory Committee has been meeting monthly since June 2021. Accomplishments to date include:

- a. Develop an Interim Community Safety and Well-being Plan.
- b. Undertake background research, asset mapping, and data collection.
- c. Prioritize 6 key risk factors for further investigation:
 - Poverty/Income
 - Mental Health
 - Addictions/Substance Use
 - Housing/Homelessness
 - Employment/Education
 - Transportation/Mobility

- d. Hire the local consulting firm of Arising Collective to assist with developing the Plan and associated consultations.
- e. Hosted six focus group sessions with local service providers in late November 2021 to develop possible options for addressing the above risk factors.

The next steps in the current process is for the Advisory Committee to examine the results of the November focus groups and further refine the priorities and possible actions. Community consultation is scheduled to take place in the winter through an online survey. Consultation sessions are to be scheduled in the Townships as well.

It is important to note that the business, education, and training communities have been engaged as part of our current process, including the involvement of: Peterborough Kawartha Economic Development, Downtown Business Improvement Area, Greater Peterborough Chamber of Commerce, Fleming College, Trent University, both Boards of Education, Skills Ontario, and Township Economic Development Officers.

Proposed Changes

The changes being proposed are a result of heightened awareness and severity of the risk factors being prioritized by the Plan, specifically: homelessness, poverty, addictions, and mental heath of the community's most vulnerable populations. These risk factors have grown in prominence during the pandemic and have become the focus of discussions at Council. Council reconfirmed their commitment to address these issues at their October 25, 2021 meeting during the review of the Overflow Shelter at 210 Wolfe Street where the following individual motions were passed that are relevant to items that should be addressed through the Plan's development process:

- h) That a letter be sent on behalf of City Council to the Ministry of Health requesting that a drug detox centre be established in Peterborough.
- i) That City Council send a letter to the Police Services Board expressing their support for any efforts the Police Service Board is taking to deal with the concerns they have regarding Bill C-75 and if that includes a separate letter to the Provincial or Federal Government, that such be provided.
- j) That the MP, MPP and relevant agency representatives be invited to meet with the Mayor, Warden and city staff to discuss matters related to housing and homelessness and harm reduction.

The CSWB Plan is currently underway, and the primary purpose set out by the Province is to "take an integrated approach to service delivery by working across a wide range of sectors, agencies and organizations to proactively develop and implement evidence-based strategies and programs to address local priorities related to crime and complex social issues on a sustainable basis." This CSWB therefore should be the forum to address the complex issues currently being faced by the community as it already has strong representation from all community agencies. In order to make sure these important and complicated items are given proper consideration, take advantage of

work currently underway, and meet Council's expectations, the following changes to the scope of work and timing of the Plan are being proposed:

- a. Set a new completion target of December 31, 2022.
- b. Increase the project budget by \$50,000 to the already committed budget of \$50,000.
- c. Increase the consultation process by including additional focus group work with local service providers and development of "Action Tables" associated with identified risk factors, i.e., Addictions, Mental Health, Homelessness, etc.
- d. Increase the consultation process by engaging the public sooner, more frequently, and for a longer period of time.
- e. Host a round-table discussion with the MP, MPPs, Councillors, and service providers to discuss the local risk factors, as directed by City Council at the October 25, 2021 Council Meeting.
- f. Increase data collection and background research.
- g. Develop an implementation strategy.

The drawbacks of the current process being followed to develop the Plan are the limited budget and tight timeline for completion. Without making any changes, an adequate Plan can be developed to satisfy the Provincial requirements, however, the development of meaningful partnerships and collaborative actions to address local risk factors is less likely. The proposed changes will allow for more research, discussion and negotiation between services providers to develop creative strategies that target the prioritized risk factors.

Summary

A Community Safety and Well-being Plan is currently being developed that covers the City of Peterborough, County of Peterborough, and 8 local Townships to meet a legislative requirement set out by the Province of Ontario. The current process would be significantly improved with an expanded scope, extended target deadline, and increased budget to better address risk factors currently being faced by our community.

Submitted by,

Sheldon Laidman
Commissioner of Community Services

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Attachments:

Appendix A: Advisory Committee Membership

Attachment No. 4

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January 27, 2022

Chris Kawalec
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Dear Chris Kawalec:

I acknowledge receipt of the submission of the interim community safety and well-being (CSWB) plan for the City of Peterborough and the County of Peterborough, including the eight Townships of Asphodel-Norwood, Cavan Monaghan, Douro-Dummer, Havelock-Belmont-Methuen, North Kawartha, Otonabee-South Monaghan, Selwyn, and the Municipality of Trent Lakes. I also confirm receipt of your email dated October 15, 2021, regarding the target completion date of spring 2022 for the full CSWB plan.

It is encouraging to hear of both the progress being made by the City of Peterborough and the County of Peterborough, and the collaborative approach that is being taken to develop a meaningful plan that meets the needs of your community. The interim report demonstrates the commitment to working with the public and community partners to determine local priority risks and strategies to address overall community safety and well-being.

The Ministry of the Solicitor General is committed to protecting the people of Ontario and keeping our communities safe and resilient. We recognize the important role police services, municipalities, and community partners have in working collaboratively to ensure the safety and well-being of Ontarians.

As you know, the ministry extended the deadline for the completion and adoption of CSWB plans to July 1, 2021, to provide municipalities with an additional six months from the original deadline of January 1, 2021. This change was made to help municipalities, police services and local service providers continue to dedicate the necessary capacity and resources to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The ministry understands that municipalities are currently facing unprecedented circumstances in their communities due to the ongoing impact of the pandemic. Moreover, we understand that some municipalities may experience delays in their planning and engagement processes.

Ministry staff will continue to look for ways to support our municipal partners to ensure they are able to meet their legislative requirements for CSWB planning. Where possible, municipalities are encouraged to explore alternative and innovative approaches to continue on-going planning efforts, such as through virtual engagement (e.g., webinars, teleconferences, online surveys, etc.).

I appreciate your continued efforts to prepare the community safety and well-being plan for the City of Peterborough and the County of Peterborough.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Jones Solicitor General

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