



City of North Bay Report to Council

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Business Unit:
Community Services

Department:
Community Development and Growth

Subject: Community Safety and Well Being Update

Closed Session: yes no

Recommendation

That Report to Council CSBU 2021-25 with the attached “Community Safety and Well-Being Plan-City of North Bay (Plan Interim Update Report)” be received for information purposes and be referred to Committee.

Background

As of January 1, 2019 the Province has legislated municipalities under the *Police Services Act* to develop and adopt Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Plans. The City is responsible for this process and must develop this plan in partnership with a multi-sectoral advisory committee comprised of representation from Police and local service providers including health/mental health, education, community/social services and children/youth services. The CSWB Plan will build on the work of the Mayor’s Roundtable Report on Mental Health and Addictions (2020).

The legislation points to Municipalities to lead Community Safety and Well-Being planning. The legislation is silent where there are municipalities with District Social Service Administration Boards. The City of North Bay, through an agreement and funding, supports the District of Nipissing Social Service Administration Board’s delivery of social services in the City.

The City of North Bay appointed the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) to develop the City’s Community Safety and Well-Being Plan. For the purpose of this planning and implementation, ‘community safety and well-being’ is defined as a multi-sectoral approach to mitigate

the reliance on reactionary and incident driven response by implementing social development practices through identification and response to risks that increase the likelihood of criminal activity, victimization or harm.

This process to develop the plan will include:

- Identification of priority areas to address community needs.
- Identification of existing programs and services that support community safety and well-being.
- Community engagement to identify the assets, gaps and risks that exist in North Bay.
- Action planning to address priority areas.

A key resource to direct the development of the Plan is the [Community Safety and Well-Being Planning Framework: A Shared Commitment in Ontario](#). The Planning Framework outlines four areas of focus including: 1) Social development which focuses on promoting and maintaining well-being; 2) Prevention which focuses on proactively reducing identified risk; 3) Risk intervention which focuses on mitigating situations of elevated risk; and 4) Incident response which focuses on critical and non-critical incident response.

This framework outlines the tasks, roles and timelines that are required for the City to take in order to be in compliance with the new legislation. More information about the legislation can be found on the Province of Ontario Community Safety and Well-Being [website](#).

A CSWB Plan seeks to foster an inclusive community where everyone feels safe, secure and supported by a robust social safety net. The Plan is meant to be a collective impact plan that is a collaborative approach across many sectors and agencies towards common priorities and objectives. This is particularly important as complex issues cannot be addressed by one agency or sector alone and requires collective action

This interim report presents the work completed to date in the development of the CSWB Plan. A summary of the work completed includes:

- Research and literature review
- Data Analysis and asset mapping
- Focus Group consultations

Currently there is a survey available for community input. The survey is available on the City's [website](#) and is open for input into May 14.

The Plan is required to be approved by City Council by July 1, 2021.

Due to delays associated with COVID-19 the CSWB Plan is in the process of being finalized. A full draft copy of the Plan will be made available by June 1, 2021. A supplemental report will be prepared with the Draft Plan to be presented to Council at committee on June 15, 2021 for adoption by Council on June 29, 2021.

Financial/Legal Implications

The Province is providing no project specific funding to municipalities to develop the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan. There may be opportunities to apply for grants in the future. Staff will continue to monitor any opportunities for funding from other levels of government that might arise. There is no new funding in the municipal budget for community safety and well-being planning.

Corporate Strategic Plan

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Affordable Balanced Growth | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spirited Safe Community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Responsible and Responsive Government | |

Specific Objectives

- Continually improve on policies and practices that celebrate diversity and create a welcoming environment that supports development, growth, and community engagement
- Work with community stakeholders to enhance safety and integration throughout the City
- Facilitate and assist the community in having access to the broad spectrum of health services
- Facilitate the development of housing options to service the needs of the community
- Encourage openness and diversity in the community for all residents

Options AnalysisOption 1:

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Option 2:

Not receive the report and request additional information from staff.

Recommended Option

Option 1 is the recommended option

Respectfully submitted,

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I concur with this report and recommendation.

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