

From the Chair Councillor Gary Gardiner

The ad hoc CSWB committee was established by Council resolution in early 2023 with Terms of Reference and a stated purpose therein:

*"Community Safety and Well-Being plans support safe and healthy communities through a community-based approach to address root causes of complex social issues. The City CSWB-Ad Hoc Committee seeks to achieve a proactive and internally collaborative approach to these efforts across a number of areas within the municipality's control, including Planning, Public Works/Parks, Transit, Communication and Arts, Culture & Recreation."*

The CSWB Ad Hoc committee was renewed April 23, 2024 and again on May 20, 2025 for one-year terms, therefore the committee's mandate expires in May.

The renewal in 2025 was mainly to focus on the completion of the CSWB Supplemental Plan, which now includes a municipal section. This was driven by two factors:

- The 2024 KPMG Organization Review Implementation Plan (page 6), which identified the need to update the CSWB Plan to clarify roles and responsibilities for delivery of services with particular emphasis on defining the municipal role.
- In accordance with Ontario Regulation 414/23 of the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, the CSWB Plan was required to be renewed prior to July 1, 2025.

The CSWB Supplemental Plan was finalized and adopted by the Council in July. It was also well received by the CSWB Advisory Committee. It is important to delineate between the CSWB Ad Hoc committee and the CSWB Advisory Committee. The Advisory Group is comprised of professional system leaders in our community that are responsible for delivering front line services on a daily basis. A Municipal Council member, and Chair of Community Services, is, and will maintain membership of the Advisory Committee, maintaining a working connection to Municipal Council.

The CSWB Ad Hoc Committee has completed its mandate and winding down the CSWB Ad Hoc committee should not be viewed as this Council's insensitivity to the issues of Service delivery, Addictions, Homelessness and Mental Health within our community. We have successfully defined the service delivery with the collaboration within the advisory group and the municipal role is now well defined and being delivered by the various city departments on an ongoing basis.

Respectfully submitted: Gary Gardiner