



Committee Report

To:	Warden Hicks and Members of Grey County Council
Committee Date:	June 10, 2021
Subject / Report No:	SSR-CW-05-21
Title:	Community Safety & Well-Being Planning Municipal Agreement Update
Prepared by:	Barb Fedy, Director
Reviewed by:	
Lower Tier(s) Affected:	Grey and Bruce initiative
Status:	Adopted as presented by Committee of the Whole through Resolution CW96-21; Endorsed by County Council CC51-21

Recommendation

1. **That SSR-CW-05-21 Community Safety & Well-Being Planning Municipal Agreement Update be received; and**
2. **That the new Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Municipal Agreement between the Corporation of the County of Grey and the Corporation of the County of Bruce and the sixteen participating lower tier municipalities be endorsed and the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement; and**
3. **The Director of Grey County Social Services be reappointed as the County of Grey's representative on the Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee as well as at the Steering Committee.**

Executive Summary

On January 23, 2020 Report SSR-CW-02-2020 was presented requesting Council approval of the Community Safety and Well-Being Municipal Agreement to meet the legislative amendments to the Police Services Act, 1990. The changes that came into force mandated municipalities to prepare and adopt a community safety and well-being plan by January 1, 2021. In two-tier municipal government locations, it is the local municipalities that have been designated. In recognition of the numerous stakeholders that provide services regionally across Grey and Bruce Counties, there was support for a collaborative process for the local municipalities to work jointly to develop a community safety and well-being plan under the leadership of the two Counties. Working through a consultant over the past year in spite of the pandemic, the Steering Committee and Advisory Committee have developed the plan to ensure compliance with the legislated time frame. The original deadline for submission to the Ministry of the Solicitor General was extended due to Covid 19 from January 1, 2021 to July 1, 2021.

The Community Safety and Well-Being Plan (CSWBP) and subsequent Indicator Report are now complete and ready for phase two which involves implementation, requiring an updated Municipal Agreement to be endorsed by Grey County Council.

Background and Discussion

With the completion of the CSWBP Plan in spring 2021, the Advisory Committee has worked through a process of review of the structure as it relates to the implementation phase. Organizationally the 72 plus members continue to support the leadership of Grey and Bruce Counties in facilitating the process to streamline the regional work, with the Steering Committee composed of leads from Grey County, Bruce County, Public Health, Police Services and Victims Services who work alongside and support the coordinator of the project.

Work is ongoing and collaborative and any initiatives/tasks/projects that support CSWBP specifically at the local municipal level will belong to the lower tier municipality that is delivering those same initiatives/tasks/projects. Any initiatives/tasks/projects that support CSWBP specifically at an organizational level will belong to the organization that is delivering that same initiatives/tasks/project. At present there are numerous tasks underway including reviewing the existing asset/networks to help to support this crime prevention initiative, given that upstream interventions have important and direct outcomes leading to a decrease in local crime activities.

The CSWBP collaborative and CSWBP Coordinator will provide support to the local Municipalities in their own assessment of which actions are of priority in a municipality and to offer a space for a Community of Practice (i.e., opportunities for sharing best practices). Likewise, the CSWBP collaborative will allow for shared response in the delivery of effective community and social services that reduce gaps and improve overall community safety and well-being at all the levels at which the plan intends to impact, i.e., Social Development, Prevention, Risk Intervention, and Incident Response.

On November 26, 2020, the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan (The Plan) was received and endorsed by the County of Grey (attached).

Since the last report in November 2020 the following actions and milestones have occurred:

- The sixteen participating municipalities have approved by resolution “The Plan”.
- “The Plan” was presented to the Grey Bruce Public Health Board.
- “The Plan” was presented to Police Services Boards as requested by such boards.
- Recruitment of new CSWBP Coordinator, Tanya Roberts.
- The CSWBP Advisory Committee assumed oversight responsibility for the Situation Table Serving Grey based on the recommendation of the former Situation Table Steering Committee. The majority of which are either direct members of the CSWBP Advisory Committee or are represented by a sector lead. This transition allows for an ongoing direct link between the table that is addressing interventions for acute risk (i.e., Risk Intervention level of response) to the table in which decision makers are formulating actions and leveraging use of available resources to implement strategies identified in response to plan priority areas.
- Round Two – Community Engagement Survey was posted and collected input for a period of approximately six weeks and recently closed on May 16, 2021 to better understand community perceptions in the context of the pandemic. The first round of the survey had closed mid-March 2020 just as the pandemic began.

- Development of CSWBP Action Table Assessment Tool and Stakeholder Engagement in the identification of existing collaboratives as potential “Action Tables for CSWBP”. The CSWBP is currently working through the completion of this process.
- Completion and release of the Indicator Report (attached).
- Review of Municipal Agreement with the completion of the plan and move into the action or implementation phase (revised agreement attached for approval).

The CSWBP website www.cswbp-brucegrey.ca has been established, hosted by Grey County, for reference for anyone in community and is maintained by the Coordinator for updated information sharing.

Legal and Legislated Requirements

There are no legal considerations associated with this report.

Financial and Resource Implications

Since the initiative began in 2019 Grey County has been the host for managing the financials associated with the CSWBP and would bill Bruce County their portion of the expenses on a quarterly basis. However, the change in coordinator has led to a change in managing of financials given the coordinator is now a contract employee with Bruce County and not an independent consultant. Tanya Roberts was hired in an eight-month contract for this position effective May 1st, 2021.

As of May 1, 2021, Bruce County has taken the lead as host for administration and financial management of the project via their Human Services team. Funding for the 2021 project expenditures includes a combined allocation of \$55,000 from the Social Services Reserve, approved through 2021 Budget approval process and the Bruce County contribution of \$10,000 as well as a \$5000 contribution from each of the Bruce County local municipalities, for a total budget of \$105,000. Going forward Bruce County Human Services will invoice and reconcile the Grey County portion of revenue and expense accordingly. Grey County IT resources have been supporting in kind the CSWBP website for resource management along with the project Consultant. There are plans for a communications and website plan development in the coming year that could lessen the workload for County staff.

Relevant Consultation

Internal

Grey County CAO, IT Staff

External

Bruce County Human Services, Bruce County CAO

Appendices and Attachments

- [CAOR-CW-08-19 Community Safety and Well-Being Project](#)
- [SSR-CW-02-20 Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Update and Agreement](#)
- [SSR-CW-09-20 Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Update](#)
- [Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Municipal Agreement 2021](#)
- [CSWBP Municipalities of Bruce and Grey - FINAL](#)
- [Bruce Grey CSWBP Indicator Report - 2021.05.10 FINAL AODA](#)

Municipal Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Agreement

This Agreement made as of this ___ day of _____ 2021

Between

**The Corporation of The County of Bruce
(hereinafter referred to as “Bruce County”)**

Of the First Part

-And-

**The Corporation of The County of Grey
(hereinafter referred to as “Grey County”)**

Of the Second Part

-And-

**The Corporation of The Municipality of Arran-Elderslie
(hereinafter referred to as “Arran-Elderslie”)**

**The Corporation of The Municipality of Brockton
(hereinafter referred to as “Brockton”)**

**The Corporation of The Township of Huron-Kinloss
(hereinafter referred to as “Huron-Kinloss”)**

**The Corporation of The Municipality of Kincardine
(hereinafter referred to as “Kincardine”)**

**The Corporation of The Town of Saugeen Shores
(hereinafter referred to as “Saugeen Shores”)**

**The Corporation of The Municipality of South Bruce
(hereinafter referred to as “South Bruce”)**

**The Corporation of The Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula
(hereinafter referred to as “Northern Bruce Peninsula”)**

**The Corporation of The Town of South Bruce Peninsula
(hereinafter referred to as “South Bruce Peninsula”)**

Of the Third Part

(all of which parties of the Third Part shall be collectively referred to as the “Bruce municipalities”)

**The Corporation of The Township of Chatsworth
(hereinafter referred to as “Chatsworth”)**

**The Corporation of The Township of Georgian Bluffs
(hereinafter referred to as “Georgian Bluffs”)**

**The Corporation of The Township of Grey Highlands
(hereinafter referred to as “Grey Highlands”)**

**The Corporation of The Town of Hanover
(hereinafter referred to as “Hanover”)**

**The Corporation of The City of Owen Sound
(hereinafter referred to as “Owen Sound”)**

**The Corporation of The Township of Southgate
(hereinafter referred to as “Southgate”)**

**The Corporation of The Town of Blue Mountains
(hereinafter referred to as “Blue Mountains”)**

**The Corporation of The Municipality of West-Grey
(hereinafter referred to as “West Grey”)**

Of the Fourth Part

(all of which parties of the Fourth Part shall be collectively referred to as “the Grey municipalities”)

Whereas section 143(1) and (2) of the *Police Services Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. 3, Sched. 1, as amended (the “Act”) requires all applicable municipalities to prepare and adopt a community safety and well-being plan, that may be prepared individually or jointly in consultation with other municipal councils (the “Plan”);

And Whereas section 145(2) and (3) of the Act requires that municipal councils appoint an advisory committee and stipulates required categories for members;

And Whereas the parties to this Agreement had committed to a collaborative approach to developing the required CSWBP and each party had signed a partnership agreement that allowed the parties to work together to create a CSWBP;

And Whereas each of the municipal partners has now approved the CSWBP; the parties to this Agreement are committed to a continued collaborative approach to implement the Plan and to make use of existing relationships with partnering organizations and to effectively sharing resources;

Now Therefore This Agreement Witnesseth That the parties hereto covenant and agree with the other as follows:

1. The Bruce municipalities and the Grey municipalities authorize Bruce County and Grey County to spearhead the implementation of the Plan by contracting with a Co-ordinator to develop initiatives and strategies to address the priority risk areas shared across all municipalities.
2. The role of Bruce County and Grey County will be to facilitate the process for regional initiatives or strategies. The role of the Bruce municipalities and the Grey municipalities shall be to support any initiatives, programs, tasks or projects at the local level as identified in the Plan.
3. The Bruce municipalities have each contributed the amount of \$5,000.00, Bruce County has contributed \$10,000.00 and Grey County contributed \$55,000.00 on behalf of the Grey municipalities to fund the Co-ordinator position to assist with the implementation of the Plan and accompanying appendices for the 2021 year, which additional funding to be reviewed annually.
4. The parties hereto agree that Bruce County alone shall act as the employer of Co-ordinator, for the period of May 3, 2021 to December 31, 2021, and shall alone be responsible in accordance with the signed employment contract for all matters related to the Co-ordinator's employment.
5. The parties to this Agreement hereby agree to jointly appoint an advisory committee to be known as the Bruce-Grey Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee (the "Committee"). The Committee shall be governed in accordance with the Terms of Reference attached hereto as Schedule "A".
6. The Committee shall be comprised of Members representing the sectors of Child/Youth, Community and Social Services, Education, Health and Mental Health, Police Services and other service agencies. Specifically, the Committee shall include a representative from the following categories of organizations:
 1. A person who represents,
 - i. a local health integration network for a geographic area in which the municipality is located, as determined under the Local Health System Integration Act, 2006, or
 - ii. an entity that provides services to improve the physical or mental health of individuals in the community or communities.
 2. A person who represents an entity that provides educational services in the municipality.
 3. A person who represents an entity that provides community or social services in the municipality, if there is such an entity.
 4. A person who represents an entity that provides community or social services to children or youth in the municipality, if there is such an entity.
 5. A person who represents an entity that provides custodial services to children

or youth in the municipality, if there is such an entity.

6. An employee of the municipality or a member of the municipal council.
 7. A person who represents the police services board of the municipality, if applicable,
 - 7.1 A chief of police of a police force that provides police services in the area or his or her delegate, or the commander of the detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police that provides policing in the area, or his or her delegate if the Detachment Commander is unavailable, if applicable.
 8. Any other prescribed persons.
7. The Bruce municipalities, the Grey municipalities, Bruce County and Grey County shall each be entitled to nominate up to two (2) members, aside from any individual appointed pursuant to the preceding paragraph, to the Committee to fulfill the categories enumerated entities in section 145(3)(6), (7), (7.1) and (8) of the Act. These appointments shall be attached hereto as Schedules "B" through "T" respectively.
 8. The parties hereto agree that where possible, individuals that sit on multiple boards or that provide policing services to more than one municipality should be given first consideration when making appointments to ensure efficiency of communication and to ensure adequate resources are available.
 9. In the event that any of the Bruce municipalities, Grey municipalities, Bruce County or Grey County amends an appointment to the Committee, the municipality seeking the appointment shall provide a copy of the amended Schedule and authorizing resolution to the Clerks of all the other municipalities, and each Clerk shall hereby be authorized to substitute the amended Schedule. It is hereby agreed that this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect regardless of any changes or amendments to Schedules "B" through "T".
 10. The Committee shall alternate locations between the counties of Grey and Bruce having regard for the distance to be travelled by all members of the Committee, and shall make use of remote meetings when possible.
 11. This Agreement shall continue in force from the date hereof, unless terminated by not less than ninety (90) days prior notice in writing to the other parties to this Agreement by the party desiring to terminate this Agreement. If such termination is provided by one party, the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect as between all other remaining parties.
 12. The parties hereto agree that the agreement between them dated September 3, 2020 with respect to the development of the Plan and the establishment of the Committee is terminated as of the date of this Agreement.
 13. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to make any party a partner, representative or agent of any other party. This Agreement shall not be deemed to constitute a partnership, joint venture or contract of agency or

employment between the parties.

14. This Agreement shall be reviewed by the parties at least once prior to March 31 in each year to determine whether any changes are required for the implementation or funding of the Plan. In the event that no changes are required, this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until such time as terminated in accordance with paragraph 11 above.
15. This Agreement and everything contained herein shall ensure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto, their successors and assigns.
16. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original agreement and both of which shall constitute one and the same agreement. The counterparts of this agreement shall each be signed with original signatures and a copy of the signed page shall be delivered to each of the parties to the agreement and when compiled shall be deemed to be one and same agreement.

In Witness Whereof:

Signed And Delivered:

In the presence of:

**The Corporation of The County
of Bruce**

Warden: Janice Jackson

Clerk: Donna Van Wyck
The Corporation of The County of Grey

Warden: Selwyn Hicks

Clerk: Heather Morrison

**The Corporation of The Municipality of
Arran-Elderslie**

Mayor: Steve Hammell

Clerk: Christine Fraser-McDonald

**The Corporation of The
Municipality of Brockton**

Mayor: Chris Peabody

Clerk: Fiona Hamilton

**The Corporation of The Township of
Huron-Kinloss**

Mayor: Mitch Twolan

Clerk: Emily Dance

**The Corporation of The Municipality of
Kincardine**

Mayor: Gerry Glover

Clerk: Jennifer Lawrie

**The Corporation Of The Town Of Saugeen
Shores**

Mayor: Luke Charbonneau

Clerk: Linda White

**The Corporation of The Municipality of South
Bruce**

Mayor: Robert Buckle

CAO/Clerk: Leanne Martin

**The Corporation of The Municipality of
Northern Bruce Peninsula**

Mayor: Milt McIver

Clerk Cathy Addison

**The Corporation Of The Town Of South Bruce
Peninsula**

Mayor: Janice Jackson

Clerk: Angie Cathrae

**The Corporation of The Township of
Chatsworth**

Mayor: Scott Mackey

CAO/Clerk: Patty Sinnamon

**The Corporation of The Township of
Georgian Bluffs**

Mayor: Dwight Burley

Clerk: Brittany Drury

**The Corporation of The Municipality of Grey
Highlands**

Mayor: Paul McQueen

Clerk: Raylene Martell

**The Corporation of The Town of
Hanover**

Mayor: Sue Paterson

CAO/Clerk: Brian Tocheri

**The Corporation of The City of Owen
Sound**

Mayor: Ian Boddy

Clerk: Briana M. Bloomfield

**The Corporation of The Township of
Southgate**

Mayor: John Woodbury

Clerk: Lindsey Green
**The Corporation of The Town of The
Blue Mountains**

Mayor: Alar Soever

Clerk: Corrina Giles

**The Corporation of The Municipality of
West-Grey**

Mayor: Christine Robinson

Clerk: Genevieve Scharback