



Committee Report

To:	Warden McQueen and Members of Grey County Council
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Title:	Community Safety and Well Being Plan Update
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Lower Tier(s) Affected:	County-wide initiative
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Recommendation

1. **That the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan be received, and the recommended priorities and actions be supported; and**
2. **That the Plan be circulated to the local municipalities in Grey County for their endorsement and adoption; and**
3. **That \$105,000 be included in 2021 budget to support the implementation of the Plan, with Grey County contributing \$55,000 from reserve and Bruce County contributing \$50,000.**

Executive Summary

Changes to the Police Services Act required every municipality in Ontario to have a Community Safety and Well Being Plan in place by January 1, 2021. Grey and Bruce Counties are on track to meet that date although the deadline has been extended due to the pandemic. The Community Safety and Well-Being Plan was created using an extensive engagement process to understand community residents' perception of risks to safety and well-being. The plan proposes initiatives to address these risks and seeks Council support for \$55,000 in 2021 for implementation.

Background and Discussion

In July 2019, Council endorsed an innovative approach to developing the Community Safety and Well Being Plan that each member municipality required. Working jointly with Bruce County, a project coordinator was retained to facilitate a project covering 16 municipalities. Grey County provided project funding in the amount of \$55,000 from a one-time grant allocation and Bruce

County committed \$50,000 for this work. Since fall 2019 much effort has continued for this plan, supported by the two Counties as well as all member municipalities. The project-based coordinator leading the plan development has engaged through both Advisory and Steering Committee membership to ensure the legislative amendments to the Police Services Act, 1990, mandating every municipality in the province prepares and adopts a community safety and well-being plan (CSWBP), will be met. Although the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services' deadline has now been extended due to the impacts of Covid-19, a concerted effort has been made to maintain momentum and meet the original deadline of January 1, 2021. The recently created plan is now prepared for Phase 2 implementation and requires resources to meet next steps for a cross-sector approach to making our communities safer and healthier through collaboration and putting the plan into action.

The Advisory and Steering Committees have continued to meet over the past several months to move the work of the CSWBP forward. Some key tasks completed include a community engagement survey for perceptions of safety risks, which closed just as the pandemic was impacting our region with over 1500 responses; asset mapping of key network tables within the two counties; and the development of a website, the CSWBP website www.cswbp-brucegrey.ca provides a landing place for ongoing reference of the initiative.

Previous in person engagements have had to be rescheduled due to Covid-19 and the scope of the work shifted to allow for meetings to take place remotely via technology for safety and social distancing. This work has led to the creation of the plan as well as performance measurement identification.

The CSWBP document provides an overview of Community Safety and Well-Being Planning in Ontario; the Systems Approach in Bruce and Grey; the Bruce and Grey Model for Collaboration, Planning and Action; the Priority Areas for Action and an overview of how we move forward together in the implementation phase in 2021. The plan also includes important appendices of local leading practices and links to local data as well as the County and local Municipal Profiles.

Along with County level support for the plan, the CSWBP will be presented at each of the participating local municipalities for approval by resolution. The plan will also be presented to the Board of Health and Police Services Boards as requested.

Phase 2 of CSWBP will focus on next steps for the action table identification and community engagement to clarify specific actions that can be taken in each of the Priority Areas of Risk. The Advisory Committee will review each priority risk area to identify an action table; form an action table or plan for a future action table. The planning phase included the development of a logic model to begin to formulate an evaluation framework to understand both process and impact indicators of the work over time.

Legal and Legislated Requirements

Under the Police Services Act, effective January 1, 2021, municipalities required to provide police services are required to develop, adopt and implement community safety and well-being plans working in partnership with a multisectoral advisory committee comprised of representation from the police service board and other local service providers in health/mental health, education, community/social services and children/youth services. Grey County is not

obliged to maintain police services, and so is not required to formally adopt a community safety and well-being plan.

Financial and Resource Implications

For the planning phase of the initiative Grey County allocated \$55,000 and Bruce County contributed \$50,000 for a total of \$105,000 for this project. Through working directly with Bruce County, the total project budget is covering the cost of a part time Coordinator, and other expenses. Grey County is hosting the Coordinator and billing Bruce County quarterly for actual expenses.

As proposed, the implementation phase of the initiative would require \$55,000 from Grey County to be funded from the Social Services General Reserve and a \$50,000 contribution from Bruce County.

The Director of Social Services is serving as leadership for Grey County on the executive Steering Committee of CSWBP along with representation from Bruce County, Police Services, Victims Services and Public Health. The Advisory Committee includes additional partners such as the school boards, health, mental health, children and youth services, municipal representatives as well as many others from strategic organizations and agencies.

Relevant Consultation

- Internal (list)
- External
 - Steering and Advisory Committees

Appendices and Attachments

[Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Municipalities of Bruce and Grey](#)