

Report to Council

Report Title: Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Implementation Phase

Prepared By: Fiona Hamilton, Clerk

Department: Clerk's

Date: June 22, 2021

Report Number: CLK2021-18 **File Number:** C11CL

Attachments: Proposed Revised CSWBP Agreement

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby approves Report Number CLK2021-18 – Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Implementation Phase, prepared by Fiona Hamilton, Clerk and approves bringing a by-law forward to authorize the proposed revised Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Agreement and further appoints Shalyn Swan, Recreation Programmer, Krista Miller, South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment Commander and _____ as a Council representative to the Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee.

Report:

Background:

On January 1, 2019, new legislative amendments to the *Police Services Act, 1990* came into force which mandated every municipality to prepare and adopt a community safety and well-being plan (CSWBP) by January 1, 2021. In recognition of the numerous stakeholders that provide services regionally across Bruce and Grey 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 both Counties.

On April 23, 2019 Brockton Council agreed to participate in a joint CSWBP lead by Bruce and Grey Counties, and further on August 19, 2019 approved a financial commitment of \$5,000 towards the coordination of the CSWBP.

On December 8, 2020 Council adopted the Community Safety and Well-Being Planning: The Municipalities of Bruce and Grey Plan.

On February 9, 2021 Council approved a financial commitment of \$5,000 through the Brockton Police Services Board 2021 budget towards the implementation of the CSWBP.

Analysis:

With the completion of the CSWBP, the Advisory Committee has in the early part of 2021 reviewed the structure in regards to the implementation phase of the Plan. There continues to be an interest in collaborating to reduce the burden on partner agencies (such as the Grey Bruce Health Unit) and to have the Counties provide leadership in facilitating the process by hiring a Co-ordinator.

However, any initiatives/tasks/projects that support the CSWBP specifically at the local municipal level, require the Municipality to complete the initiatives/tasks/projects. This also applies vice versa to any initiatives/tasks/projects designated towards organizational levels, which require the organization to complete those initiatives/tasks/projects.

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 Practise (i.e., opportunities for sharing best practices). Likewise, the CSWBP collaborative will allow for shared responses and improve overall community safety and wellbeing at all the levels at which the plan intends to impact, i.e., Social Development, Prevention, Risk Intervention, and Incident Response.

Since the CSWBP was adopted by Council in December 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 Bruce 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.
- 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](#) provides a landing place for ongoing reference to the initiative.

Staff have also prepared a By-Law for adoption entering into a revised agreement with Bruce and Grey Counties as well as the participating Municipalities in order to continue a collaborative approach in implementing the Plan, making use of existing relationships with partnering organizations and effectively sharing resources.

As we move to the implementation phase of the Plan, Council will need to decide who best to represent Brockton on the Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee has recommended a member of Council (ideally a member who is also appointed to the Police Services Board) to provide political guidance and ownership of the Plan. From a staff perspective, the Steering Committee suggested a representative from the Recreation Department as this person may be able to consider what types of programming, and where the programming should occur, that may help support the broader goals (such as opportunities for youth, vulnerable populations, seniors, etc.).

Staff recommend appointing Shalyn Swan, Recreation Programmer, Krista Miller, South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment Commander, and another Council representative to the Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee who will lead the implementation of the Plan.

It should be noted that the role of the Advisory Committee will be to review and consider the larger, regional initiatives that will address the priority areas in the Plan. Brockton Council and staff are free to develop and launch other specific initiatives or partnerships outside of these regional considerations as well. However, the data collected, partnerships and various agency involvement will help advance collaborative initiatives that will support us locally.

Sustainability Checklist:

What aspect of the Brockton Sustainable Strategic Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?


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| • Do the recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision? | Yes |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Cultural Vibrancy? | Yes |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Prosperity? | Yes |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to Environmental Integrity? | N/A |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to the Social Equity? | Yes |

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective? Yes

The \$5,000 cost for implementing the CSWBP was included within the 2021 Brockton Police Services Board budget.

Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Fiona Hamilton, Clerk

Reviewed By:

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Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer