Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton

Report to Council

Report Title: Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Update
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Department: Administration
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Attachments: Report Number CAO2019-10 – Community Safety and Well-Being Plans
Brockton Resolution 19-10-13
Letters to County of Bruce – Collaborative Community Safety and Well-Being Plan

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CAO2019-19 – Community Safety and Well-Being Plans Update, prepared by Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer and in so doing authorizes a $5,000 contribution to the County of Bruce for the coordination of the Community Safety and Well-being Plan from the NWMO Community Well Being Reserve Fund

Report:

Background:

Local Municipalities were invited to a Healthy Communities Partnership Meeting in March 2019 which identified the requirements of the Community Safety and Well-Being Plans.

At the April 23, 2019 Council Meeting, Staff presented Report Number CAO2019-10 which has been attached to this report for Council’s information. On April 23, 2019, Brockton Council passed Resolution 19-10-13, requesting that the County of Bruce take a leadership role in the development of a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan. This resolution has been attached to this report for Council’s information.

Several neighbouring municipalities also passed similar resolutions requesting leadership from the County, and have received a response from the County regarding this matter.

Upon receipt of these resolutions, the County of Bruce (“The County”) have had preliminary discussions with the Grey Bruce Public Health Unit (“Public Health”) on formulating an approach for regional planning on Community Safety and Well-Being which would include:

- The development of a meaningful plan that speaks to regional systems/processes that are required elements of the plan
- Includes a local community profiles/needs based on local (i.e. municipally specific)
• Avoids duplication of the efforts of the required stakeholders
• Include the hiring of a project based consulted to facilitate the work (guided by an executive committee and the broader advisory committee)
• Include the development of an advisory committee and include a facilitated process to arrive at a Bruce and Grey Plan that represents both the regional elements that are similar and the local component as noted above
• Ensure the connection to existing efforts ongoing in the community (i.e. Safe Communities Committees and the Situation Table, etc.).

As prescribed in legislation, the Advisory Committee, at a minimum, must include the following members:

- A person who represents the local health integration network; or an entity that provides physical or mental health services
- A person who represents an entity that provides educational services
- A person who represents an entity that provides community or social services in the municipality, if there is such an entity
- 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
- A person who represents an entity that provides custodial services to children or youth in the municipality, if there is such an entity
- An employee of the municipality or a member of municipal council
- A representative of a police service board or, if there is no police service board, a detachment commander of the Ontario Provincial Police (or delegate).

Many of these organizations are regionally based, and as such, working together could avoid the duplication.

**Analysis:**

The County and Public Health have identified the benefit from having a coordinator to project manage this work, at the direction of the Community Safety and Well-Being Committee/Steering Committee. The County has reserved up to $10,000 of the unconditional one-time funding from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing in this regard.

By jointly sharing resources, we would be able to complete the work. The County is recommending that local municipalities contribute $5,000 each to the initiative. Staff recommend that the Municipality of Brockton contribute $5,000 towards hiring a Coordinator for the collaborated Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.

A kick-off Advisory Committee Meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 2019.

**Sustainability Checklist:**

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

- Do the recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision? Yes
- Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Cultural Vibrancy? N/A
- Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Prosperity? N/A
Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

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

The recommendation is to fund the $5,000 from the NWMO Community Well Being Fund. This would meet the following initiatives as set out in the NWMO criteria:

- Projects, programs or services for the community youth
- Projects, programs or services for the community seniors
- Projects, programs or services for the community sustainability

Currently there is one commitment outstanding for the allocated funding. With the accumulated interest over the last few years, there is approximately $6,000 remaining that could appropriately be used for this plan.

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