



Staff Report to Council - for Information

Title: Community Safety and Well-Being Planning Update

From: Tina Metcalfe, Director Human Services

Date: June 20, 2024

Report Purpose:

This report is for information.

Report Summary:

The attached presentation outlines key objectives from the past year, along with key priorities for the upcoming year.

Background:

On January 1st, 2019, the Police Services Act, 1990 now referred to as the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 mandated that every municipal council was to prepare and adopt a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan (CSWBP). With a true history and spirit of collaboration, the majority of the Municipalities of Bruce and Grey - as well as the organizations who serve them - have come together to create one regional, collaborative CSWBP. The CSWBP provides a model for collaboration, planning, action, and evaluation to allow for current and emerging issues to be addressed. It also builds on successful initiatives that are already improving the safety and enhancing the well-being of the community to ensure seamless and coordinated initiatives across the region.

The CSWBP identified five priority areas of concern for action inclusive of Housing/Homelessness, Mental Health, Addictions/Substance Use, Poverty/Income and Crime Prevention. Dedicated community stakeholders lead action tables to address identified risks and work upstream on social development in each priority area. In addition to the five action tables, CSWBP has a Situation Table for Acutely Elevated Risk that reduces the investment in incident response and lowers acutely elevated risk across the region.

To implement sustainable upstream solutions to complex social and health problems, transform service delivery, enhance communication and collaboration and reduce the investment in and reliance on in incident response support and investment is required from key stakeholders, all levels of government and the community.

Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

There are no financial, staffing, legal, or IT considerations associated with this report.

Interdepartmental Consultation:

Consultation has occurred with Government Relations staff.

Link to Strategic Goals and Objectives:

Community and Partnerships - Build a strong and inclusive community

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