



## Committee Report

**To:** Warden Mitch Twolan  
Members of the Human Services Committee

**From:** Christine MacDonald  
Director of Human Services

**Date:** January 9, 2020

**Re:** Community Safety & Well-Being Plan Update and Agreement

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### Staff Recommendation:

That a by-law be introduced authorizing the execution of the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan agreement between the Corporation of the County of Bruce and the Corporation of the County of Grey and the sixteen participating local municipalities listed in the agreement.

### 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 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 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 the two Counties.

In August 2019, the Community Safety and Well-being Plan Development report of said date was approved by Committee authorizing the project plan as described and authorizing the Human Services Director to correspond with staff at local municipalities to confirm intent and project funds as well as amending the 2019 budget for the project.

Since that time, several key actions have been taken to date, as outlined in the Advisory Committee - Status Updates and Key Messages document.

Of note, the Advisory Committee and Municipal representatives worked to finalize the Terms of Reference as well as the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Agreement to provide a governance framework for this initiative. Currently sixteen of the seventeen local municipalities are participating in the collaborative.

Attached to the report is a copy of a slide deck for municipal representatives and other advisory committee representatives to present information to their home organizations on the nature of the initiative.

### **Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:**

The Human Services budget has identified the \$10,000 from unconditional, one-time funding from MAH in this regard and is recommending a contribution of \$5,000 from each of the member municipalities. There has been a commitment of \$55,000 for Grey County and its member municipalities. Through working jointly with Grey County this would generate a total project budget of \$105,000 that would cover the cost of a part time coordinator, travel and meeting expenses for the next sixteen months.

The Director of Human Services will serve as leadership for Bruce County on the executive Steering Committee, the Terms of Reference are attached.

Under the Police Services Act (effective January 1, 2019), municipalities are required to develop and adopt 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. The municipalities are required to have the plan in effect by January 1, 2021.

There are no IT considerations associated with this report.

### **Interdepartmental Consultation:**

The Director of Human Services is consulting with the Office of the CAO and the Senior Management Team and other members of the Human Services Department through the duration of the project.

### **Link to Strategic Goals and Elements:**

- 6. Explore alternate options to improve efficiency, service:
  - A. Explore alternate governance models (Keep It Simple)
  - C. Look for economy of scale or shared services among our Departments and our Communities
  - D. Coordinate working with other agencies
  - E. Eliminate duplication of services

**Approved by:**



Bettyanne Cobean  
Acting Chief Administrative Officer