

Report to Municipal Council



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Report Title:

Background:

New legislative amendments outlined under Part XI, Section 143 of the current Police Services Act (1990) mandates every municipal council to prepare and adopt a community safety and well-being plan (CSWB). This new legislative requirement for CSWB planning came into force on January 1, 2019, and municipalities have two years from this date to prepare and adopt a plan. (deadline January 1, 2021)

Staff attended a 2-hour session on the subject matter at the fall Zone 8 meeting in Hearst.

Discussion:

Municipalities have the discretion and flexibility to develop joint plans with surrounding municipalities or First Nation communities.

Additional legislative requirements related to CSWB planning include:

- Establishing a multi-sectoral advisory committee, including representatives from, but not limited to:
 - LHINs or health/mental health services;
 - Educational services;
 - Community/social services (if there is such an entity);
 - Community/social services to children or youth (if there is such an entity);
 - Custodial services to children or youth (if there is such an entity);
 - Municipal council member or municipal employee;
 - The police service board or detachment commander (or delegate);
 - The chief of police of a police service that provides policing in the area (or delegate)

Member agencies/organizations recruited to the advisory committee should be reflective of the diverse make-up of the community and should have:

- Knowledge/information about the risks and vulnerable populations in the community;
- Lived experience with risk factors or part of a vulnerable group in the community;
- Understanding of protective factors needed to address those risks;
- Experience developing effective partnerships in the community;
- Experience with ensuring equity, inclusion and accessibility in their initiatives;
- A proven track record advocating for the interests of vulnerable populations.

Individual members will ideally have the authority to make decisions on behalf of their respective agencies/organizations regarding resources and priorities, or will be empowered to do so for the purposes of the plan.

- Conducting consultations with the advisory committee, members of the public, including youth, members of racialized groups and of First Nations, Metis and Inuit communities, as well as community organizations that represent these groups.
- Contents of the plan:
 - Identifying priority risk factors (e.g. without limitation, systemic discrimination and other social factors that contribute to crime, victimization, addiction, drug overdose and suicide);
 - Identifying strategies to reduce the prioritized risk factors (e.g. new services, changing/coordination existing services);
 - Setting measurable outcomes

The top 5 Risk categories are;

- Mental Health
- Drugs
- Criminal Involvement
- Antisocial/negative behaviors
- Housing

The District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board's mandate is to support the development of healthy and self-sufficient communities through the innovative and responsive delivery of Children's Services, Social Housing, Emergency Medical Services and Social Assistance. The Municipality of the Corporation of the Township of Johnson carried the following Resolution at their August 28th, 2019 Regular Council Meeting.

[Resolution Township of Johnson - Community Safety and Well Being Plan \(002\).pdf](#)

Requesting that the DTSSAB be approached to assume the lead role on developing a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.

The steadily increasing regulations and reporting requirements to the province create financial constraints to small municipality that are without the proper resources. Time and resources are the biggest drawbacks for municipalities when they are complying with reporting. It takes staff away from working on service delivery and improving municipal business. AMCTO has produced an article regarding the reporting burdens please see link below.

[AMCTO Bearing the burden report](#)

Financial consideration:

Unknown at this time.

Conclusion / Recommendation / Motion:

WHEREAS the Police Services Act was amended on January 1, 2019 mandating all communities in Ontario to adopt a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan by January 1, 2021;

WHEREAS and AMCTO report entitled; “Bearing the Burden” identified the significant reporting burden that has been placed on municipal government;

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Honorable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing stated that the Province understood the burden that reporting takes on municipalities and would develop and put in place a plan to reduce that burden;

WHEREAS municipalities have not seen much, if any movement on reducing the reporting burden;

WHEREAS the requirement for implementing and maintaining Community Safety and Well-Being Plans increases the workload and reporting burden for all municipalities;

WHEREAS small municipalities across the Province carry an ever-increasing burden of reporting requirements, lack of staff, loss of property assessment, increasing infrastructure deficits and a host of other maladies;

WHEREAS the funding that could assist municipalities in addressing the new requirements in preparing and adopting Community Safety and Well-Being Plans was given to the Ontario Provincial Police;

WHEREAS the Ministry of the Solicitor General in partnership with the Canadian Municipal Network on Crime Prevention has developed a three-part course at a cost of \$225 which will require additional travel to a centralized location thereby increasing costs for municipalities;

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario continues to rely on local tax dollars for an increasing number of provincially mandated programs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Larder Lake asks the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services to reconsider the “one size fits all” requirement of the Safer Ontario Act and implement changes that would allow for a scalable model for Community Safety and Well-Being Plans;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, specifically with respect to the Timiskaming District municipalities, The District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board be approached to assume the lead role in developing a Community Safety and Well- Being Plan;

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED THAT an appropriate level of funding be provided to assume the task of developing and maintaining Community Safety and Well-Being Plans;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, The Solicitor General, FONOM, AMO, ROMA, MPP John Vanthof, as well as Municipalities that are a part of the TDSSAB for further consideration and support.

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