



## **Administrative Report**

### **Office of the Chief Administrative Officer**

**To: Warden McNamara and Members of County Council**

**From: Robert Maisonville  
Chief Administrative Officer**

**Date: Wednesday, November 20, 2019**

**Subject: Regional Plan - Community Safety and Well-Being**

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#### **Purpose**

To provide Council with information and a recommendation to partner with the City of Windsor and the seven local municipalities in the development and adoption of a regional Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Plan for Windsor-Essex County.

#### **Background**

Effective January 1, 2019, the *Police Services Act (1990)* mandates Ontario municipalities to develop and adopt a CSWB Plan, working in collaboration with policing and community partners to proactively address locally identified priority risks, such as systemic discrimination and other social factors that contribute to crime, victimization, addiction, drug overdose and suicide, and any other prescribed risk factors; strategies to reduce the prioritized risk factors, and setting measurable outcomes following implemented strategies.

The legislation provides municipalities with the discretion to develop a CSWB Plan individually or jointly with other municipalities.

At the most recent regional Chief Administrative Officers meeting, discussion regarding CSWB Plan process and the interrelated nature of the regional community agencies that would be engaged in each municipal CSWB Plan within Windsor-Essex County led to the concept and proposal of the

development of a regional plan. It is important to highlight that although the CSWB Plan would be regional in nature and take advantage of economic synergies, specific recommendations for each municipality would be identified based on their own prioritized risk factors.

## **Discussion**

CSWB Plans are to be completed by municipalities no later than January 1, 2021. The Police Services Act requires the establishment of a multi-sectoral advisory committee(s), comprised of a number of cross-sectoral partners, which for Windsor-Essex County are common to the region, including, at a minimum, representation from:

- Police services
- The Local Health Integration Network (LHIN)
- Local service providers in health/mental health care
- Education
- Community/social services
- Children/youth services
- Municipal representation, employee or member of council
- Other members, as appropriate

The Province's intent is to proactively ensure efficiency, effectiveness and sustainability by dedicated time and resources up front through enhancements in social development, prevention and risk intervention strategies to reduce instances that require an incident response.

Windsor Administration and City Council (Subject to approval at their November 18<sup>th</sup> Council meeting) are in agreement to lead this project, through a dedicated Project Manager, Mr. Leonardo Gil, with oversight by co-lead of the Commissioner of Community Development and Health Services and the Chief of Windsor Police. It is envisioned that consultant services will be acquired to assist with community engagement within each municipality and the development of appendices for each municipality that would identifying prioritized risk, strategies to minimize these risks and measurable outcomes.

## **Financial Implications**

At this stage, total cost of development of the regional CSWB Plan, inclusive of prioritized risks (appendices) for each municipality is unknown. The proposal, as outlined by the City (Appendix I) establishes a budget based on

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a 50/50 cost share arrangement, where the County would help cover staff resources, consulting and related expenditures leading to the completed report and perhaps some preliminary follow up in 2021 related to measurable outcomes. A commitment of \$200,000 from both the City and County is proposed at this time for this project. Given the project nature and primarily one-time costs, it is Administration's recommendation that these funds would be drawn from the Corporation's Rate Stabilization Reserve and not impact the County Levy.

## **Recommendation**

That County Council support the development of a regional Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, led by the City of Windsor and include involvement and representation from each of the seven local municipalities

AND

That the County fund the regional plan 50/50 with the City of Windsor, through a contribution of \$200,000 from the Corporation's Rate Stabilization Reserve.

Respectfully Submitted

Originally Signed by

Robert Maisonville, Chief Administrative Officer

<b>Appendix No.</b>	<b>Title of Appendix</b>
Appendix A	City of Windsor Report and Resolution – Community Safety and Wellbeing Regional Plan – City Wide