



**Council Report: S 198/2019**

**Subject: Community Safety and Wellbeing Regional Plan - City Wide**

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**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

**Recommendation:**

THAT the report of the Commissioner of Community Development and Health Services regarding Community Safety and Well-Being planning **BE RECEIVED** for information; and,

THAT City Council **AUTHORIZE** the Commissioner of Community Development and Health Services to engage the County of Essex and its municipalities to develop a regional Community Safety and Well-Being Plan; and,

THAT subject to approval by City and County Councils, a matching contribution of \$200,000 from the County of Essex **BE ALLOCATED** to the City of Windsor for the development of the regional Community Safety and Well-Being Plan; and,

THAT the Community Development and Health Commissioner or her designate **BE AUTHORIZED** to take such actions as required to implement, operationalize and manage the project, including signing and executing the necessary agreements and documents related to the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, provided such agreements and documents comply with the governing program requirements, the City's Purchasing By-law and are in a form and content satisfactory to the City Solicitor, satisfactory in the financial content to the City Treasurer and satisfactory in technical content to the Manager of Social Policy and Planning and such that expenditures do not exceed the approved budget for the program; and further,

THAT Administration **BE DIRECTED** to bring the regional Community Safety and Well-Being Plan to City Council and Essex County Council in sufficient time to be considered prior to the Provincial government's deadline of January 1, 2021.

## **Executive Summary:**

N/A

## **Background:**

The previous provincial government initiated the development of a provincial response to crime and victimization through a collaborative and integrated crime prevention approach. The current government has made new legislative amendments to the Police Services Act which, effective January 1, 2019, mandate every municipality to prepare and adopt a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan. Municipalities are required to work in conjunction with police services and other community organizations as applicable. Plans must be prepared and adopted by January 1, 2021.

At their meeting of July 8, 2019, City Council approved Report S97/2019, authorizing the Commissioner of Community Development and Health Services and the now Chief of Windsor Police Services to co-lead the development of the Plan. Additionally, the Commissioner was authorized to hire a Project Manager to ensure the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan would be developed within prescribed timelines. We are pleased to report that the successful candidate was Mr. Leonardo Gil.

At their last meeting, the regional Chief Administrative Officers discussed the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan process and proposed including the County, its municipalities and respective Police service, to develop a regional Plan with specific recommendations for each municipality, and ensure efficient and coordinated services.

## **Discussion:**

Community Development and Health Services (CDHS) is the Consolidated Municipal Service Manager and service delivery agent on behalf of the Province in both the City and the County for Ontario Works, Housing, and Children's Services/EarlyON sites. Furthermore, CDHS has been either the lead or an active participant in numerous regional planning bodies that address social and health related issues in Windsor and Essex County. These include the Windsor-Essex Community Opioid and Substance Strategy (WECOSS), the Windsor Essex Situation Table, Ontario Health Teams (OHT), Windsor Essex By-Names Prioritized List (BNPL), Windsor-Essex Local Immigration Partnership (WE LIP), ProsperUS, and the Oral Health Education and Awareness Advisory Committee.

The system leaders and community partners who have comprised these tables represent an array of sectors from across the region. CDHS's connection with regional planning bodies also extends to its role as a key player in emergency preparedness for the City of Windsor, County of Essex and all municipalities within Essex County. This experience aligns well with the public safety participants who will be asked to contribute to creating a regional Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.

The report brought to Council last summer also noted that efforts to develop Windsor's plan would be complementary, and linked where appropriate, to existing community development initiatives such as Pathway to Potential, the Windsor-Essex Community

Opioid Strategy, Crime Prevention through Environmental Design work, ProsperUS and other neighbourhood group projects.

While each individual municipality may identify its own priority risks, it is anticipated that the work to improve safety and well-being will be transferrable across the region. A coordinated approach, while identifying risks specific to each municipality, will ensure a fulsome Plan to address the obligations as outlined in legislation.

Administration is seeking City Council's approval to approach the development of the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan from a regional perspective.

### **Risk Analysis:**

There is a low risk to the City of Windsor should a regional Community Safety and Well-Being Plan not be adopted as prescribed. There is risk to each of the County municipalities as they are obligated to deliver CSWB Plans under the same legislation as the City. However, there is a reputational risk in that the City is the Consolidated Municipal Service Manager delivering services on behalf of the Province in both the City and the County. Community Development and Health Services enjoys a respectful and mutually beneficial relationship with partners and residents in both the City and the County.

### **Financial Matters:**

The Police Services Act mandates every municipality to prepare and adopt a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan by January 1, 2021. In response to the need to develop a Plan for the City, on July 8, 2019 City Council approved that any costs for the development of the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan and Project Manager be charged to the Budget Stabilization Reserve to an upset limit of \$200,000. (CR340/2019)

As noted above, a regional planning process was discussed by the regional Chief Administrative Officers. Should City Council authorize the development of a regional Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, a request will be brought to County Council to match the City's \$200,000 contribution to cover the additional expenses necessary to ensure the Plan addresses the City and all County municipalities.

The cost of developing a regional Community Safety and Well-Being Plan will be shared equally between the City and the County. Although the population of the City is slightly higher than the County, there are seven County municipalities that will each require identification of their own priority risks.

Upon completion of the CSWB plan, and pending further direction from the Province, the City and County will jointly determine next steps and future funding beyond January 2021. Should a need for on-going funding be identified, a request for annualized funding will be brought forward to City and County Councils during the 2021 budget development process.

**Consultations:**

Manager of Intergovernmental Subsidies and Finance  
Chief of Police, Windsor Police Services  
Rob Maisonville – Chief Administrative Officer, County of Essex  
Essex County Municipal Chief Administrative Officers

**Conclusion:**

The County of Essex has requested that the City of Windsor consider leading the creation of a regional Community Safety and Well Being Plan in lieu of a stand-alone City of Windsor plan. Should City Council approve a regional approach, The County of Essex will be approached to approve this proposal and to co-fund the development of the regional plan, resulting in no additional costs to the City of Windsor. Upon completion of the regional Community Safety and Well Being Plan, the City and County will jointly determine next steps and future funding beyond January 2021.

**Planning Act Matters:**

N/A

**Approvals:**

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**Appendices:**