



## The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

Chief Administrative Officer

**To:** Mayor and Members of Council

**From:** Margaret Misek-Evans, Chief Administrative Officer

**Date to Council:** February 9, 2021

**Report Number:** CAO-2021-04

**Subject:** Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Update and Forthcoming Public Consultation Opportunities

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### Recommendations

It is recommended:

**That** Report CAO-2021-04 entitled “Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Update and Forthcoming Public Consultation Opportunities” **be received**.

### Background

Ontario municipalities are mandated through the current *Police Services Act* (1990) (Act) and the *Community Safety and Policing Act* (2019; not yet proclaimed) to develop and adopt Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Plans. The nature of CSWB planning is to proactively address locally identified priority risks arising from social conditions that contribute to crime, addiction, suicide and other negative outcomes. The plan identifies and prioritizes the risks and develops strategies to reduce and address the risks along with measurable outcomes.

Council considered and approved collaborating with the County of Essex, the Area Municipalities and the City of Windsor for the development of a regional CSWB Plan with appendices to address the specific needs of each municipality in the County, under Report CAO-2019-11 (RCM 378/19).

The Province initially established a deadline of January 1, 2021 for implementation of a CSWB Plan.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Province passed the *Coronavirus (COVID-19) Support and Protection Act, 2020*, on April 14, 2020 which provided an extension to the CSWB Plan deadline past January 1, 2021 to an undetermined date.

Council received a presentation from the CSWB Project Manager, at the Special Council Meeting (SCM) held on October 27, 2020. On behalf of the Regional CSWB Plan Systems Leadership Table and Project Team, the Project Manager provided an overview of the CSWB Plan framework, status of development and key project updates, including the upcoming consultation and engagement approach.

The purpose of this report is to advise of the CSWB Plan extension deadline and next steps in the consultation and engagement process.

## **Comments**

### **CSWB Plan Deadline Extension**

In the interim of an alternative deadline being established by the Province, submission letters were provided to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA) advocating for an amended deadline of January 1, 2022. Elected officials from a number of municipalities across Ontario were also advocating for the January 2022 deadline.

The Ministry of the Solicitor General issued correspondence on December 24, 2020 advising the new deadline for municipalities to prepare and adopt a CSWB Plan is July 1, 2021.

Notwithstanding that the CSWB Plan Project Team has been able to make significant progress on the Regional CSWB Plan, the ongoing demands of the COVID-19 Pandemic persist and the newly established submission deadline does not allow for the completion of a fulsome and community informed plan.

After thorough discussion with the Co-Chairs of the Regional CSWB Systems Leadership Table and concurrence with the Regional CSWB Plan Leadership Table designates, it was determined that pursuit of a December 31, 2021 deadline posed the least risk to the impact and meaningfulness of a complete CSWB Plan.

An interim report will be prepared prior to the Provincial deadline of July 1, 2021 and sent to the Office of the Solicitor General to evidence progress towards the development of the regional CSWB Plan and indicate December 31, 2021 as a target date for completion. In doing so, this changed approach will ensure a fulsome and comprehensive regional CSWB Plan that incorporates extensive sector and community engagement as prescribed in the legislation.

Communication will be sent to the Office of the Solicitor General conveying the proposed strategy for an interim report by July 1 and completion of the CSWB Plan by December 31, 2021.

The City of Windsor's report outlining the above-referenced approach and action strategy, including risk analysis, is appended to this report for Council's information.

## Public Consultation

As outlined during the SCM presentation on October 27, 2020, due to considerations and restrictions related to COVID-19, an online engagement process will be undertaken.

On February 10, 2021, the public consultation process will be launched with the opening of the online survey.

The online survey will be composed of twelve (12) question categories focusing on Risk and Protective Factors across seven identified categories. In a plain language approach, it is anticipated to take 15-25 minutes to complete. The survey window will close on March 15.

Additionally, Virtual Town Halls for public consultation have been scheduled as follows:

| Consultation                   | Date                        | Time          |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| City of Windsor Consultation 1 | Tuesday, February 23, 2021  | 6:30-8:00pm   |
| Town of Amherstburg            | Thursday, February 25, 2021 | 6:30-8:00pm   |
| Town of Tecumseh               | Saturday, February 27, 2021 | 10:00-11:30am |
| Town of LaSalle                | Tuesday, March 2, 2021      | 6:30-8:00pm   |
| Municipality of Lakeshore      | Thursday, March 4, 2021     | 6:30-8:00pm   |
| City of Windsor Consultation 2 | Saturday, March 6, 2021     | 10:00-11:30am |
| Town of Essex                  | Monday, March 8, 2021       | 6:30-8:00pm   |
| Town of Kingsville             | Wednesday, March 10, 2021   | 6:30-8:00pm   |
| Municipality of Leamington     | Thursday, March 11, 2021    | 6:30-8:00pm   |

Area municipalities will be provided with a communications package to assist in social media and website promotion for the public consultation process.

Municipal Councils may wish to participate in any of the scheduled Virtual Town Halls and observe the public input and feedback. Members of Council are not expected to address the public during the Virtual Town Halls. Additional details will be forthcoming from the CSWB Plan Project Team regarding upcoming opportunities for Council-specific consultation and focus groups.

The proposed online engagement process will provide for a comprehensive CSWB Plan that is reflective of the community it is intended to serve.

## Consultations

Regional CSWB Plan Systems Leadership Table and Project Team

## Financial Implications

As noted under Report CAO-2019-11, the County of Essex, on behalf of county municipalities, is contributing \$200,000 in a 50/50 cost share agreement with the City of Windsor for expenses related to the CSWB Plan development

Should the Town incur ancillary and minor costs resulting from the CSWB Plan development, the expenses will be covered through the Professional Services line item of the CAO budget.

Commitment of staff time for the development of the CSWB Plan is being provided primarily through the CAO's Office, Corporate Services, Fire & Rescue Services and the OPP.

## Link to Strategic Priorities

| Applicable                          | 2019-22 Strategic Priorities  |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Make the Town of Tecumseh an even better place to live, work and invest through a shared vision for our residents and newcomers.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Ensure that Tecumseh's current and future growth is built upon the principles of sustainability and strategic decision-making.  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Integrate the principles of health and wellness into all of Tecumseh's plans and priorities.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Steward the Town's "continuous improvement" approach to municipal service delivery to residents and businesses.   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Demonstrate the Town's leadership role in the community by promoting good governance and community engagement, by bringing together organizations serving the Town and the region to pursue common goals. |

## Communications

Not applicable

Website

Social Media

News Release

Local Newspaper

This report has been reviewed by Senior Administration as indicated below and recommended for submission by the Chief Administrative Officer.

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