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**Peterborough**

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**To:** Members of the Joint Services Steering Committee

**From:** Sheldon Laidman, Commissioner of Community Services

**Meeting Date:** October 24, 2019

**Subject:** Report CSSSJSSC19-010  
Community Wellbeing Plan

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## **Purpose**

A report to receive the Community Wellbeing Plan.

## **Recommendation**

That Joint Services Steering Committee endorse the recommendation outlined in Report CSSSJSSC19-010, dated October 24, 2019, of the Community Services Commissioner, as follows:

That the Community Wellbeing Plan be used as a guide by the municipal councils in future decision making.

## **Budget and Financial Implications**

Any budget and financial implications from future decisions coming from the recommendations in the Community Wellbeing Plan will be provided to Council during those decision-making processes.

## Background

In 2017, early discussions related to a Community Wellbeing Plan started between the Housing and Social Services Division. It became evident that this planning process involved the greater Peterborough area and a wide range of municipal services from snow removal to homelessness. All areas of local government play important roles for our residents' quality of life.

Throughout the planning process several reports have gone to Councils and Committees for direction and to provide updates.

The goals of the Community Wellbeing Plan are to:

1. Make recommendations for Councils' consideration related to the priorities to improve the quality of life for people that live in the City and County of Peterborough and Curve Lake.
2. Provide a framework for progress reports and outcome measurement of wellbeing.
3. Continue to improve community engagement between residents and local government.

Priority areas, themes and guiding principles were shared as they were developed and validated through community discussions. The last reports to Councils were in 2018 and identified the end of the community consultation phase. The focus of the work shifted to a staff process to summarize priorities, identify activities and plans that support and reinforce the priorities and determine where gaps may exist.

In the meantime, there have been a number of changes at both the municipal and provincial levels. Another process that is closely related to the Community Wellbeing Plan is the Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan. Effective January 2019, municipalities have been mandated under amendments to the *Police Services Act 1990* to develop a Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan. Municipalities are to work in partnership with police services and other community partners in the health and social services sectors to prepare and adopt the first plan within two years. The goal of CSWB planning is to achieve the ideal state of a sustainable community where everyone is safe, has a sense of belonging, access to services and where individuals and families are able to meet their needs for education, health care, food, housing, income, and social and cultural expression. Given the timing of the two processes, it was decided by the staff to finalize the Community Wellbeing Plan, based on the community engagement, and then the information may be used as part of the Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan process over the next year.

The report will let the community know that municipal government has listened. By identifying and communicating community identified themes, staff hope that the plan will work as a catalyst to encourage the community to work together to create change. The community feedback related to the Community Wellbeing Plan has already been used to inform other municipal and community work. The community feedback was included

as part of MP Maryam Monsef's Quality of Life meeting and the Precarious Employment Research Initiative Peterborough conference in November of 2018. Input and comments have all been shared with:

- City Official Plan process;
- 10-year Housing and Homelessness Plan five-year review;
- Curve Lake Health and Family Services Committee;
- Peterborough Public Health Family and Community Health Team;
- Community Impact Committee and Board of the United Way of Greater Peterborough

The final Community Wellbeing Plan is attached as Appendix A. It outlines the plan development, guiding principles, key themes and lessons learned in community engagement. The community engagement information from the Community Wellbeing Plan can be used in other strategic planning processes throughout the City and County to support the residents' quality of life, such as the upcoming Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan.

Submitted by,

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Attachments:

Appendix A – Community Wellbeing Plan