



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the General Committee

From: Sheldon Laidman,
Commissioner of Community Services

Meeting Date: February 3, 2020

Subject: Report CSSS20-002
Community Wellbeing Plan

Purpose

A report to receive the Community Wellbeing Plan. The Community Wellbeing Plan establishes local government priorities to improve the quality of life for people that live in the City and County of Peterborough and Curve Lake First Nation.

Recommendation

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report CSSS20-002, dated February 3, 2020 of the Community Services Commissioner, as follows:

That the Community Wellbeing Plan be considered by Council in establishing priorities to improve the quality of life for all residents.

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 with 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 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 (CSWB). When it is proclaimed to be in force, the **Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019** will require municipalities to prepare and adopt a Community Safety and Well-being 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 staff to finalize the Community Wellbeing Plan, based on the community engagement, and then the information may be used as part of the CSWB process over the next year. Staff expect to undertake this

required CSWB along with other County municipalities and have initiated those discussions.

The report will let the community know that municipal government has listened. By identifying and communicating community identified themes, staff expect 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 residents' quality of life, such as the upcoming Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan.

This report was presented to the Joint Service Steering Committee on October 24, 2019 as Report Number CSSSJSSC19-010 where the recommendation was endorsed.

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Attachments:

Appendix A – Community Wellbeing Plan