Subject: Community Safety and Well-Being Plan


Meeting Date: Wednesday, July 3, 2019

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Recommendation:

THAT Council instructs staff to advise the County that the Municipality of Kincardine will participate in the County-led, joint Community Safety & Well-being Planning initiative,

AND FURTHER THAT staff is instructed to report back to Council regarding project timelines, and a funding plan for the municipality’s contribution to the project.

Date to be considered by Council: Wednesday, July 3, 2019

Report Summary: Recent amendments to The Police Services Act mandate that municipalities are required to prepare and adopt a Community Safety and Well-being Plan. These Plans must identify community risk factors and identify approaches to reduce prioritized risks, in addition to meeting other requirements such as consultations, content, implementation and publication. Municipalities that have adopted such a plan must monitor, evaluate and report on the results. The County of Bruce and Public Health have identified that there would be benefit to having a coordinator role to project manage a county-wide initiative to develop the initial Community and Safety and Well-being Plans in order to meet the January 1st, 2021 legislated deadline. Staff supports this initiative, however further discussion is required by participating municipalities to determine the project approach, participation on the advisory committee, project budget, etc. A further report will be brought forward after the project plan has been formulated.

Origin: Bill 68

Existing Policy: N/A

Background/Analysis: Bill 68 received Royal Assent March 26, 2019, and subsequently introduced amendments to The Police Services Act. Included in these amendments is the mandate that municipalities are required to prepare and
adopt a Community Safety and Well-being Plan. This Plan must identify risk factors to the community and identify strategies to reduce prioritized risks, in addition to meeting other requirements (i.e. consultations, content, implementation and publication). Municipalities that have adopted a plan must monitor, evaluate and report on the results. The Community Safety and Well-being Plan may be prepared by the municipality individually or jointly, in consultation with other municipalities or band councils. The Municipality of Kincardine must prepare and adopt its first Community Safety and Well-being Plan before the second anniversary of the day on which this section of the Act began applying to the municipality (January 2021). In preparation, the municipality must establish an advisory committee. Alternately, a group of municipalities that are jointly preparing a Community Safety and Well-being Plan must jointly establish and consult with a single advisory committee.

The advisory committee must, at a minimum, consist of the following members of the Municipality who represent the provision of:

1. Educational services;
2. Community or social services;
3. Community or social services to children or youth; and,
4. Custodial services to children or youth;

Membership must also include:

1. An employee of the Municipality or a member of the municipal council;
2. A member of the Police Services Board;
3. A chief of police of a police service that provides policing in the area or his or her delegate; and,
4. Any other person prescribed by the Minister.

Please note, one individual may meet multiple requirements of the membership criteria.

The Municipality of Brockton, Township of Huron-Kinloss, Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, and Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula passed motions requesting that Bruce County take the lead on a collaborative approach to meet the legislated requirements. On June 17, 2019, correspondence was received from the County of Bruce indicating that they are in preliminary discussions with Grey Bruce Public Health for the formulation of an approach that will avoid duplication of municipal efforts and would support the development of a meaningful plan that speaks to both the regional system as well as local community needs of the municipalities. The County further indicated that because many of the organizations required for engagement on the advisory committee are regional, working together will avoid said duplication. In early discussions between the County and Public Health, it has been identified that there would be benefit from creating a project coordinator staff role to manage the project at the direction of the Steering Committee. Bruce County has reserved up to $10,000 of the unconditional, one-time funding from MMAH for this purpose. Individual municipal financial contributions and participation on the advisory committee will be determined once a project approach and budget have been developed. Staff recommends that the Municipality of Kincardine participate in the County-led
approach, and with Council approval, will report back with a plan to fund The Municipality of Kincardine’s share of project costs.

Community Plan and Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) Considerations: Enhance community communications; promote the Municipality of Kincardine as one of the most friendly, welcoming communities in Ontario to live and to visit. Community Leadership, Smart Growth, Fostering Community Building and Identity, Diversity and Inclusion.

Financial Implications: As a legislative requirement, costs incurred due to consultations, assessments and the review required for development of this plan may require financial contribution toward a project coordinator for this initiative.