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**Date** June 6, 2023 **Report No.** 2023-356

**To** Chair and Members  
Community of the Whole - Operations

**From** Aaron Wallace, Acting General Manager – Community Services and Social Development

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## 1.0 Type of Report

Consent Item ☐  
Item for Consideration ☒

## 2.0 Topic **Community Safety and Well-Being Plan – Two Year Review [Financial Impact: None]**

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## 3.0 Recommendation

- A. THAT Report 2023-356 Community Safety and Well-Being Plan – Two Year Review BE RECEIVED

## 4.0 Executive Summary

On March 9, 2018, the Provincial Legislature passed Bill 175, Safer Ontario Act, 2018, requiring all municipalities to develop a Community Safety and Well-being Plan (CSWB).

This legislation directed municipalities to work with community partners to develop projects and programs to create positive outcomes within identified priority areas. Municipalities were required to submit these plans to the Ministry of the Solicitor General prior to the end of July 2021.

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The Brantford CSWB 2021-2025 was approved by Brantford City Council and submitted to the Province of Ontario in June 2021. There is currently no formal Provincial reporting requirements or funding associated with Community Safety and Well-being Plans.

In Brantford, this work was led by the CSWB Advisory Committee comprised on elected officials, civic leaders and subject matter experts from a variety of community organizations.

The CWSB re-affirmed Council and community priorities within six categories, and serves as a tracking mechanism for a number of municipal plans and initiatives.

This report does not provide specific details within each priority, but rather provides brief updates, with links to detailed reports related to each action, where available.

Many of the identified plans and strategies have milestones and metrics that are reported separately to Council (ex. Climate Change Action Plan, Healthy Aging Plan, Empower Youth Strategy, Vision Zero, Building the Community from the Kids Up).

As seen in *Appendix A: CSWB Two-year Review*, all actions are either complete or in-progress, with a number of significant deliverables related to security, housing, green space, older adults and traffic safety, to name a few.

Since 2021 the City of Brantford has endorsed two additional plans that support the goals of the CSWB, namely the *Downtown Brantford Priority Plan* and the *Building the Community from the Kids Up*, which have been added as 'new' actions within the CSWB,

*Appendix A: CSWB Two-Year Review* provides brief updates and links to more detailed information.

The full CSWB Plan (2021-2025) is provided as Appendix B.

## **5.0 Purpose and Overview**

This report provide a mid-term status update on the four-year Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.

## **6.0 Background**

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On March 9, 2018, the Provincial Legislature passed Bill 175, Safer Ontario Act, 2018, requiring all municipalities to develop a Community Safety and Well-being Plan. This legislation directed municipalities to work with community partners to develop projects and programs to create positive outcomes within identified priority areas.

The Safer Ontario Act, 2018, stipulated that City Council must create an Advisory Committee to support the development of the plan, with membership that included representation from the health, education, social services, children and youth services, municipal and police sectors.

In August 2019, Council approved the following membership of the Community Safety and Well-being Plan Advisory Committee:

- Mayor Kevin Davis, City of Brantford (ex-officio)
- Robert Davis, Chief of Police, Brantford Police Services
- James Yuhasz, Campus Manager (Brantford) Conestoga College Institute of Advanced Learning
- Heidi Northwood, Senior Executive Officer, Wilfrid Laurier University, Brantford Campus
- Kim Baker, Director of Clinical Services, St. Leonard's Community Services
- Flora Ennis, Director of Services, Woodview Mental Health and Autism Services
- Constance McKnight, Executive Director, De dwa da dehs nye>s, Aboriginal Health Centre
- Michael Benin, Executive Director, Canadian Mental Health Association, Brant Haldimand Norfolk
- Peter Szota, Executive Director, Grand River Community Health Centre
- David McNeil, President and CEO, Brant Community Healthcare System
- James Popham, Strategic Community Research Liaison, Centre for Research on Security Practices, Laurier Brantford
- Dr. Elizabeth Urbantke, Medical Officer of Health, Brant County Health Unit

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- Councillor Richard Carpenter
  - Trevor Rumble, Member of the Brantford Brant Chamber of Commerce
  - John O'Neil, Member of the Downtown Business Improvement Area
  - Colleen Goupil, Citizen Representative
  - Terry Skoryk, Citizen Representative
  - Heather MacDonald, Citizen Representative

In June 2021, Council approved the following Recommendations:

- A. THAT Report 2021-389 Community Safety and Well-being Plan: Final Approval BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT Appendix A – City of Brantford's Community Safety and Well-being Plan 2021-2025 BE ADOPTED; and
- C. THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to inform the Ministry of the Solicitor General that the Plan has been adopted in accordance with the Safer Ontario Act, 2018; and
- D. THAT the Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee BE DISBANDED having completed its mandate and that a By-law to amend Chapter 26 (Boards - Advisory Committees Duties – Functions) of the City of Brantford Municipal Code by repealing Schedule '25' BE PRESENTED to City Council for adoption.

## **7.0 Corporate Policy Context**

The deliverables of the CSWB are closely aligned with Council-approved plans related to traffic safety, environmental sustainability, age-friendly planning, youth engagement, and cultural inclusivity, just to name a few.

Within that scope, the CSWB supports many established Council Priorities 2023 – 2026, specifically:

Strategic Theme #2 Focus on productive and collaborative partnerships

Strategic Theme #3 Move people more effectively

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Strategic Theme #4 Create a vision and strategy for managing development and affordable housing

Strategic Theme #6 a) Effectively and consistently engage with the community

Strategic Theme #6 b) Invest in a long-term strategy and plan to manage the homelessness crisis, inclusive of related issues of mental health and addiction issues, and safety and security concerns

Strategic Theme #9. Commit to and implement the downtown revitalization plan and vision.

Strategic Theme #10. Build a greener Brantford

## **8.0 Input from Other Sources**

People, Planning and Legislated Services

Community Services and Social Development

Public Works

Office of the Mayor and CAO

## **9.0 Analysis**

The City of Brantford Community Safety and Well-being Plan (CSWB) is provided in *Appendix B*, and includes 25 key actions within six priorities:

- Affordable Housing
- Children and Youth
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Older Adults
- Safe and Vibrant Neighbourhoods
- Substance Use

This CSWB was designed to support and re-affirm Council's priorities and plans related to traffic safety, security response, age-friendly planning, downtown revitalization, youth engagement, and housing.

The design of the CSWB also recognizes that municipal government can provide leadership in areas within the municipal scope, advocate for needed community resources and policy change in areas outside of the municipal scope, and commit to actively supporting the goals of existing community groups through ongoing engagement, collaborative projects and grant writing.

## **10.0 Financial Implications**

There are no direct financial impacts associated with this report

## **11.0 Climate and Environmental Implications**

There are no direct Climate and Environment Impacts associated with this report

## **12.0 Conclusion**

This report provides a mid-term update on the City of Brantford's Community Safety and Well-being Plan. *Appendix A* includes brief highlights regarding each of the identified actions, and links to detailed reports where available.



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Attachments (if applicable)

Appendix A: CSWB Two-Year Review

Appendix B: City of Brantford CSWB

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In adopting this report, is a by-law or agreement required? If so, it should be referenced in the recommendation section.

By-law required ☐ yes ☒ no

Agreement(s) or other documents to be signed by Mayor and/or City Clerk ☐ yes ☒ no

Is the necessary by-law or agreement being sent concurrently to Council? ☐ yes ☒ no