



City of Barrie

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Final Community Safety and Well-Being Committee

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

2:00 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WELL-BEING COMMITTEE REPORT

For consideration by the Community Safety Committee on October 30, 2024.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, G. Ferguson at 2:03 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 12 - Mayor, A. Nuttall
Councillor, AM. Kungl
Chair - G. Ferguson - Barrie Police Service Board
J. Alousis - Safe Barrie
M. Brown - SMDHU
G. Dooley-Phillips - SMFC
M. Fayez-Bahgat - County of Simcoe
R. Johnston, BPS Chief of Police
S. Kings - RVH
I. Pozgaj-Jones - Simcoe County Coalition
A. Sendzik -SMCDSB
S. Young - SCDSB

STAFF:

General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, D. McAlpine
Legislative Coordinator, T. Maynard.

The Community Safety and Well-Being Committee met and reports as follows:

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WELL-BEING PLAN UPDATE

Greg Ferguson, Chair and Dawn McAlpine, General Manager of Community and Corporate Services asked the Committee members for their ideas regarding the scope of work for the consultant for the Community Safety Well-Being Plan. The Committee members provided suggestions to Ms. McAlpine and Mr. Ferguson including identifying risk factors, prioritizing risk factors and engaging with members of public and community organizations regarding the plan. Ms. McAlpine commented on the procurement for the consultant for the plan. The Committee questioned if using the same consultant from the County of Simcoe would be of benefit to the City.

The Committee members agreed that more engagement needs to take place with community organizations, members of the public and service user groups, either by survey, public poll or town hall. The Committee discussed looking at the top issues from the Community Safety and Well-Being Plans from municipalities in the County of Simcoe to see if they are similar to Barrie.

Dawn McAlpine discussed legislative timelines for the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan and potentially utilizing the results of the Barrie Police Services survey when they become available.

Dawn McAlpine advised that the Committee members identified the following top four priorities:

- Homelessness/Housing Insecurity/Lack of affordable housing
- Addictions/Opioid Crisis/Toxic drug supply;
- Mental Health; and
- Insufficient and uncoordinated services.

Dawn McAlpine provided an update on the status of the 15 action items of the 2021 to 2024 Community Safety Well-Being Plan. The Committee members provided their feedback on the top four priorities and actions items of the 2021 to 2024 Community Safety Well-Being Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

CHAIRMAN