



LEGISLATIVE AND COURT SERVICES MEMORANDUM

TO: MAYOR J. LEHMAN AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

FROM: W. COOKE, CITY CLERK/DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE AND COURT SERVICES

NOTED: D. MCALPINE, GENERAL MANAGER OF COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE SERVICES

M. PROWSE, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

RE: COMMUNITY AND SAFETY WELL-BEING COMMITTEE – SEPTEMBER UPDATE

DATE: SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

The purpose of this Memorandum is to provide Members of Council with an update on the development of the Community and Safety Well-being Plan for the City of Barrie.

The *Safer Ontario Act*, requires municipalities to establish a Community Safety and Well-being Committee to develop a Safety and Well-being Plan before January, 2021. The purpose of the Plan is to improve community safety by municipalities and their community partners refocusing existing efforts in a more strategic and impactful way to enhance collaboration, information sharing, and performance management.

The Committee has met twice and has prepared a schedule to complete the Plan for the January, 2021 legislated deadline. Community consultation is a legislative requirement for the development of the Plan. In September 2019, a City of Barrie Community Safety and Well-being webpage will be launched and will include an online survey. The purpose of the survey is to gauge the community's opinion on the following:

- What community safety and well-being means to them;
- The most important community safety and well-being priorities in Barrie; and
- Ideas for what should be included in the plan.

The webpage will also contain links to information concerning the requirement to develop a plan, updates, and quick polls to build upon questions that are being asked in the survey.

The survey will be utilized as part of the legislated community consultation. The consultation will be undertaken during the Fall/Winter of 2019. The Committee will use existing community resources, committees, agencies and engagement opportunities to promote the survey, and to obtain community input. In addition to City staff and the Committee resources conducting the consultation, staff will be working with Georgian College to promote this as learning opportunity for students in their Research Analyst Program.

Regular updates will continue to be provided to Council through the Committee Reports, memos or presentations. Questions can be directed to Wendy Cooke at 705-739-4220 x4560 or wendy.cooke@barre.ca.