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Final - Final Community Safety and Well-Being Committee

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

2:00 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WELL-BEING COMMITTEE REPORT

For Consideration by the Community Safety Committee on September 25, 2024.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, G. Ferguson at 2:06 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

- Present:** 10 - Mayor, A. Nuttall
Councillor, AM. Kungl
G. Ferguson - Barrie Police Service Board
J. Alousis - Safe Barrie
G. Dooley-Phillips - SMFC
R. Johnston, BPS Chief of Police
S. Kings - RVH
I. Pozgaj-Jones - Simcoe County Coalition
A. Sendzik -SMCDSB
S. Zuercher - County of Simcoe
- Absent:** 2 - M. Brown - SMDHU
S. Young - SCDSB

ALSO PRESENT:

Barrie Police Service, J. Mays
SMDHU, L. Simon

STAFF:

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

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

SECTION "A"

BUDGET AND TIMELINE

Dawn McAlpine, General Manager of Community and Corporate Services advised that the committee is being asked to review the plan and provide feedback on what needs to be updated. Ms. McAlpine advised that the deadline for the plan to be finalized is April 30, 2025. Ms. McAlpine informed the members that there is currently no budget for this committee and that Council would need to approve any expenditures.

RESULTS OF COMMITTEE SURVEY

Dawn McAlpine, General Manager of Community and Corporate Services discussed the 2024 Community Safety and Well-Being Committee survey results with the committee. Ms. McAlpine discussed that the reason behind the survey is to help the committee finalize the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan. She advised that the three main risk factors identified from the survey are:

1. Homelessness/Housing Insecurity/Lack of affordable housing;
2. Addictions/Opioid Crisis/Toxic drug supply; and
3. Mental Health

Ms. McAlpine discussed that the fourth main risk factor identified was insufficient and uncoordinated services. The committee agreed that this factor could be encompassed with the three main ones listed above. The committee discussed reaching out to other organizations within the community to get more involved in the survey. Members discussed about adding the County of Simcoe - Social Services Department and Barrie Area Native Advisory Circle as members on this committee to assist with the survey and plan moving forward.

The committee agreed that more engagement with community organizations needs to be done which could include another survey or deputations. The committee agreed that a consultant needs to be retained to filter the data received and help the committee finalize the plan.

The Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "B"

BUDGET EXPENDITURE APPROVAL TO HIRE CONSULTANT

That a budget of up to \$125,000 be approved for the Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee to hire a consultant to support the review and any revisions to the Community Safety and Well-Being plan.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to Community Safety Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 9/25/2024.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERSHIP(S)

That the composition of the Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee be amended to add member representatives from the County of Simcoe (Social Housing, Emergency Shelters and Homelessness Prevention Programming) and from the Barrie Area Native Advisory Circle.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to Community Safety Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 9/25/2024.

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

SECTION "C"

MEETING SCHEDULE

Chair, G. Ferguson discussed the meeting schedule with members moving forward. Mr. Ferguson asked members if the current date and time worked, and committee members agreed. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday October 15, 2024, at 2pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

CHAIRMAN