

Population Health, Safety, and Well-Being Plan

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Report Summary

This report provides a recommendation to approve the Population Health, Safety, and Well-Being Plan for submission to the Province.

Resolution

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves the Population, Health, Safety, and Well-Being Plan for submission to the Province to meet the legislative requirements under the Safer Ontario Act, 2018, and as outlined in the report entitled "Population Health, Safety, and Well-Being Plan", from the General Manager of Community Development, presented at the City Council meeting on June 15, 2021.

Relationship to the Strategic Plan, Health Impact Assessment and Community Energy & Emissions Plan (CEEP)

This report refers to Creating a Healthier Community as identified in the Strategic Plan. This report will have a positive impact on the Social Determinants of Health in the area of Human Health/Well-being. There is no impact on the Community Energy & Emissions Plan (CEEP) associated with this report.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Background

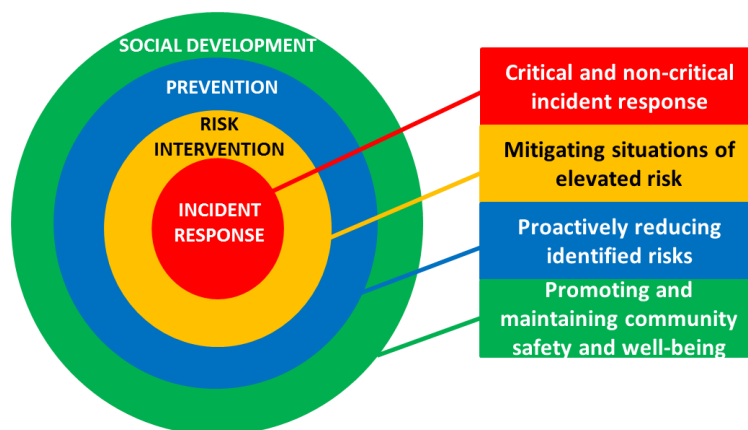
In 2018, the Greater Sudbury community came together to develop, "A Call to Action for Population Health: 2018 – 2028". This plan outlines efforts to address community safety, well-being, environmental sustainability, civic engagement and investments in social capital. Following this, the Province enacted legislative requirements under the Safer Ontario Act, 2018 for communities to establish a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the deadline for this plan was extended to July 1, 2021.

The City of Greater Sudbury established the Population Health, Safety and Well-Being (PHSWB) Advisory Panel in February 2019 with a purpose to develop and implement a Community Safety and Well-being Plan. The Panel includes 17 members that represent multi-sectoral partnerships which are essential in developing strategies, programs and services to help minimize risk factors and improve the overall safety and well-being of our communities.

This Plan, included as Appendix A, captures our community's key priorities and risk areas that are evidence-based, completed by the collaborative efforts of agencies and residents to address safety and well-being. It is the community's sense of safety and well-being that is fundamentally important for quality of life and place.

Building upon the efforts of the "A Call to Action for Population Health: 2018 – 2028", the Panel opted to align the historical efforts of Population Health into the newly mandated Community Safety and Well-Being Plan. In addition, panel members shared data and other evidence to inform actions, indicators and outcomes, which will advise Council on the current needs of our City in order to ensure safety and well-being. It was recognized that the social determinants of health must be addressed in an upstream manner and that similar to most communities, mental health, addictions, affordable housing, social isolation and lack of programs and services, are key contributors to our current state.

The plan was developed using the Province's framework shown below.



The ultimate goal is to have community initiatives functioning in the 'green' zone which is optimal from a health and safety standpoint. Initiatives will focus on social development along with upstream efforts to improve overall social determinants of health.

The plan has four priority areas, each with identified calls to action, key indicators, and expected outcomes. The priority areas are Indigenous, Mental Health and Addictions, Housing and a Compassionate City.

The City of Greater Sudbury and community partners are committed to collaboratively removing the barriers that affect the health, safety and well-being of our community by putting this Plan into full action. Actions include using data obtained from health, social, police and other organizations to enable the PHSWB Panel to navigate issues that require a multi-sectoral response to improve life outcomes for all residents. All actions implemented will be measured and evaluated based on outcomes achieved, to ensure that collective actions are improving the overall population health and safety at both an individual level and community level.

Upon Council's approval of the Plan, it will be submitted to the Province via the Solicitor General's Office to meet the legislation requirements of the Safer Ontario Act, 2018. Moving forward, stakeholder groups, community leaders and panel members will funnel information through the PHSWB Advisory Panel on a quarterly basis for action and collaboration. A dedicated website page will be developed and an annual report will be provided to Mayor and Council to provide an update on the priorities and outcomes listed in the Plan. In addition, the plan is required to undergo a review every four years with submission to the Solicitor General's Office.

Resources Cited

Community Health, Safety and Well-Being Concept Report, Community Services Committee, June 18, 2018
<https://pub-greatersudbury.escribemeetings.com/FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=30942>

Population Health, Safety and Well-being Advisory Panel
<https://www.greatersudbury.ca/city-hall/get-involved/join-a-local-board-committee-or-advisory-panel/advisory-panels/population-health-safety-and-well-being-advisory-panel/>

Ministry of Solicitor General Community Safety and Well-being Planning Framework
<https://www.mcscs.jus.gov.on.ca/english/Publications/MCSCSSSOPlanningFramework.html>

Safer Ontario Act, 2018
<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/s18003>