

**Canadian Municipal Network on Crime Prevention Membership****Report Purpose**

To provide Council with information on the application for Strathcona County to become a member of the Canadian Municipal Network on Crime Prevention (CMNCP).

**Recommendation**

None

**Our Prioritized Strategic Goals**

Goal 1 - Build strong communities to support the diverse needs of residents

Goal 5 - Foster collaboration through regional, community and governmental partnerships

Goal 8 - Foster an environment for safe communities

**Report**

Research tells us that increasing healthy relationships and coping skills through evidence based programs can address the root causes of social challenges and reduce crime in communities. Focusing on supporting individuals and families through early interventions now can yield positive benefits for generations to come and increase overall community wellbeing.

Increasing community safety was identified as one of the four outcomes in the Social Framework and aligns with Strathcona County's vision of "becoming Canada's most livable community".

While Strathcona County remains a safe place to live with the second lowest crime severity index in Alberta, like our neighbours, crime statistics increase as our population increases. According to Uniform Crime Reporting survey, the number of crimes committed in Strathcona County increased from 3,704 crimes in 2013 to 4,489 in 2017 constituting an increase of 15.7% over the 5 year period.

Becoming a member of this national network allows Strathcona County to join other municipalities across the country that now represents 40% of the Canadian population. In Alberta, members include Red Deer, Calgary, Grande Prairie Crime Prevention and REACH Edmonton Council for Safe Communities. Other CMNCP members include Vancouver, Surrey, Grande Prairie, Saskatoon, Regina, Winnipeg, Thunder Bay, Brantford, Waterloo Region, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec City and Halifax.

Strathcona County is applying to become a member of the CMNCP.

Membership entitles municipalities to access a community of practice with solid networking capacity, passionate, committed and diverse members and strong information sharing. Membership also includes ready access to international and national evidence-based crime prevention programs and practices, support from community safety specialists and peer practitioners, mentoring, workshops, as well as national and regional meetings.

General members are entitled to vote on items presented and discussed during meetings. The full membership of CMNCP meets face to face annually. The members communicate as a group every two months by conference call in order to share and discuss best practices and strategies for the implementation of municipal programs on effective crime prevention.

Strathcona County will require:

- The designation of a representative to be part of CMNCP and to act as an anchor and key resource person in the municipality.
- A commitment to take an active part in CMNCP, including sharing information, taking part in conference calls, attending national and regional meetings, and making key municipal resources available for mentoring, mobilization and/or training activities.

Annual membership fees are based on a \$500 base fee with a population fee of \$1.00 per 1000 inhabitants. An estimated annual membership fee is approximately \$600.

### **Council and Committee History**

May 23, 2017      THAT the Social Framework – A Platform to Unlock the Ingenuity of the Community, as set out in Enclosure 2 of the May 23, 2017 Family and Community Services report, be approved.

### **Other Impacts**

**Policy:** n/a

**Legislative/Legal:** n/a

**Interdepartmental:** Family and Community Services; R.C.M.P and Enforcement Services

**Master Plan/Framework:** Social Framework

### **Enclosure**

1      CMNCP Membership Presentation