

## **Priorities Committee Meeting\_Jun18\_2019**

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### **STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AND UPDATE**

#### **Social Framework Update 2019**

##### **Report Purpose**

To provide the Priorities Committee with an overview of the Social Framework and update them on implementation progress.

##### **Our Prioritized Strategic Goals**

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

##### **Report**

The Strathcona County Social Framework, approved by Council in May of 2017, is an aspirational document that represents a shared commitment by Strathcona County and local social sector organizations to strengthen community by pursuing shared outcomes and shifts in how citizens and organizations work together.

Through a distributed network of involvement with Family and Community Services (FCS) providing a backbone support role, community partners continue to work on:

- Initiatives to contribute to the four outcomes of affordability, access to programs and services, safety, connectedness and inclusion, and
- Shifting the way organizations, community groups and individuals think, behave and convene to address social issues.

Highlights of ongoing progress toward the Social Framework outcomes include:

##### Strathcona County Community Drug Strategy Committee

- Sixteen community organizations have come together to create the Strathcona County Community Drug Strategy Committee. The activities of the Committee represent the Social Framework shift from *addressing symptoms* to *addressing root causes* of drug misuse.

##### Social Framework Community Grants

- Implementation of the new Social Framework Community Grants policy, passed by Council in June of 2019, encourages social sector organizations to think and work together. This represents the Social Framework shift from *working in silos* to *collective ownership*.

##### Working Like a Hub

- Seven community partners are currently co-located with Family and Community Services. Sharing physical space can lead to collaboration and shared learning to benefit citizens. This is another example of the Social Framework shift from *working in silos* to *collective ownership*.

##### Reforming Family Justice

- The Reforming Family Justice program being implemented in Strathcona County helps families thrive as they undergo restructuring. This is an example of multiple levels of government working together to benefit citizens in the County. It is also an example of the Social Framework shift from *doing for people* to *doing with people*.

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### Changing How we Work

- Family and Community Services have moved from a traditional counselling model to a client-centred practice of counselling. This is another example of the Social Framework shift from *doing for people* to *doing with people*.

The social sector continues to work together to find ways to connect and support citizens to make Strathcona County a safe, affordable, accessible and inclusive place to live.

### **Council and Committee History**

January 30, 2018	The Priorities Committee was provided an update on the Social Framework
May 23, 2017	Council approved the Social Framework – A Platform to Unlock the Ingenuity of the Community – Motion 2017/218
February 14, 2017	The Priorities Committee was provided an update on What We Heard through Community Talk, the Social Framework Renewal engagement process
October 18, 2016	The Priorities Committee was provided an update on the launching of the Community Talk, the Social Framework Renewal engagement process.
June 14, 2011	Council received an update on the Social Sustainability Framework
April 1, 2008	Council received an update on the Social Sustainability Framework
March 27, 2007	Council adopted the Social sustainability Framework

### **Other Impacts**

**Policy:** N/A

**Legislative/Legal:** N/A

**Interdepartmental:** N/A

**Master Plan/Framework:** N/A

### **Enclosures**

- 1 Social Framework Update 2019 Presentation
- 2 Social Framework