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STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AND UPDATE

Community Safety and Wellbeing June 2021 Update

Report Purpose

To provide an update to Priorities Committee on the Community Safety and Well-Being Strategy for Strathcona County.

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

Strathcona County is one of the safest communities in Alberta and we are facing changing circumstances due to the global pandemic. Social isolation, employment interruptions and financial pressures associated with the pandemic have the potential to increase risk factors for mental health challenges, substance abuse, violence and criminal behaviour. As a community we can be proactive as we respond in this new context.

Community partners, the RCMP and administration are in the early stages of developing a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan (CSWB).

- A Steering Committee of senior community leaders is giving guidance and direction to the actions required in CSWB planning.
- The Social Framework Leadership Table is supporting the initiative through an advisory role.

The County has procured the Canadian Municipal Network on Crime Prevention as a mentor to the Steering Committee by providing strategic advice, expertise and connections to municipalities across Canada.

Two new key members have joined the Steering Committee. We welcome Superintendent Dale Kendall, Officer in Charge, Strathcona County Detachment and Tom Sutton, Director, RCMP Supports and Enforcement Services.

Council and Committee History

March 30, 2021	The Priorities Committee received a report on options and possible next steps for developing a Community Safety and Well-Being Strategy for Strathcona County.
November 24, 2020	Council motioned <i>That by the end of the first Quarter of 2021, Administration will provide a report on options and possible next steps for developing a Community Safety and Wellbeing Strategy for Strathcona County.</i>
November 9, 2020	Family and Community Services (FCS) and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) presented the concept of Community Safety and Wellbeing to the COVID 19 Citizen and Community Supports Task Force.

Other Impacts

Policy: N/A

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Legislative/Legal: N/A**Interdepartmental:** N/A**Master Plan/Framework:** Strathcona County Social Framework**Enclosure**

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