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## **Update on the Community Safety and Well-being Plan**

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As you are aware, the City of Stratford, Town of St. Marys, Municipality of North Perth, Municipality of West Perth, Township of Perth East, and Township of Perth South have consolidated our resources to develop a joint Community Safety and Well-being (CSWB) Plan as required by the *Police Services Act, 1990*. The purpose of this plan is to provide a framework for our municipalities, in partnership with key stakeholders, to communicate, collaborate, and coordinate interventions and initiatives aimed at reducing risks and improving safety and well-being for all our residents.

Guided by an Advisory Committee, the work of developing the CSWB plan began in early 2020 when the services of consulting firm DPR Canada were secured. Although we expected the plan to be completed by January 1, 2021, this deadline was extended because of the pandemic. As committee co-chairs, we would like to take this opportunity to provide an update on the progress of the plan development and our next steps moving forward.

The CSWB Plan consists of two components:

### **1. Community Safety and Well-being Plan for Stratford, St. Marys, North Perth, West Perth, Perth South, and Perth East (2021-2024)**

This is a strategic document that provides a roadmap for safety and well-being planning locally. Based on the results of public consultation, it includes 4 priority areas: 1) Systems Planning and Integration; 2) Affordable, Attainable, and Suitable Housing; 3) Affordable and Accessible Health, Social, and Recreation Services; and 4) Social Inclusion. It also outlines the governance structure for implementing safety and well-being activities and initiatives through the establishment of a multi-stakeholder Partnership Council.

### **2. CSWB Implementation Plan**

This is a companion document to the Plan that outlines in more detail how the implementation will be managed, including the roles and expectations of municipalities and other members of the Partnership Council. It also outlines the communications approach and tools that will be used to inform people about the new Plan (e.g. consistent, timely key messages).

The first component – the Plan itself – is going through final edits. The second component – the Implementation Plan – is currently being developed by DPRA with input from the Advisory Committee. These components are equally important to our communities’ safety and well-being planning and for this reason, we will share both documents at the same time once they have been finalized. They will be ready for presentation at municipal councils in advance of the Province’s deadline of July 1, 2021.

In the meantime, we have included an executive summary and set of FAQs in this package to provide an overview of the larger Plan and explain the governance structure and implementation approach. We hope this will help to answer some questions you may have.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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