



## **Report to Council**

To: Mayor and Council Members  
From: Keely-Anne Johnson, Deputy Clerk  
Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2026  
Subject: Draft Community Safety and Well-Being Plan

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### **Recommendation:**

That Council receive the report with respect to the Draft Community Safety and Well-Being Plan; and further that Council endorse the Draft Peterborough County Joint Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, including the Township of North Kawartha municipal appendix, subject to any comments or feedback provided by Council

### **Background:**

Under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, municipalities are required to develop and maintain a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan (CSWB) and review the Plan every four years to ensure it continues to reflect current community needs and priorities.

The Township of North Kawartha previously participated in the development of a joint Community Safety and Well-Being Plan in partnership with Peterborough County and participating lower-tier municipalities. As part of the current review cycle, Peterborough County and the participating municipalities have prepared an updated regional Plan for 2026.

The purpose of the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan is to support a coordinated and proactive approach to community safety and well-being through collaboration, prevention, and community partnerships. The Plan is intended to help identify priority areas affecting residents across the region and support ongoing efforts to improve access to services, strengthen community supports, and enhance overall quality of life.

The Draft 2026 Community Safety and Well-Being Plan has been circulated to participating municipalities for review and endorsement prior to final adoption.

## **Analysis:**

The Draft 2026 Community Safety and Well-Being Plan identifies five overarching regional priority areas:

1. Access to Healthcare
2. Housing Security
3. Transportation and Connectivity
4. Climate Change and Sustainability
5. Older Adults and Aging Population

In addition to the regional priorities, the Plan includes municipality-specific appendices that recognize the unique characteristics, service challenges, and local priorities of each participating municipality.

The Township of North Kawartha appendix identifies the following local priority areas:

1. Access to Healthcare and Services
2. Mental Health and Addictions
3. Transportation and Connectivity
4. Housing Stability
5. Community Supports and Inclusion
6. Communication and Emergency Preparedness

The North Kawartha appendix further recognizes the Township's rural nature, dispersed population, seasonal population increases, and limited access to services, while emphasizing the importance of volunteerism, collaboration, advocacy, and partnerships in supporting community safety and well-being.

The Plan is intended to serve as a guiding framework for continued collaboration between municipalities, community organizations, service providers, and regional partners. Annual review and reporting processes are anticipated to support ongoing monitoring, implementation, and evaluation of identified priorities and actions.

**Financial Implications:**

There are no direct financial implications associated with the adoption of the Draft Community Safety and Well-Being Plan at this time.

**Strategic and/or Other Plans:**

Strategic Plan 2023-2026: 3.0 – Governance – Maintain policies and processes that enable effective governance

Strategic Plan 2023-2026: 3.0 – Governance – Provide effective, clear and transparent Township communication

**In Consultation With:**

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Community Safety and Well-Being Committee

**Attachment:**

Joint Community Safety and Well-Being Plan