



Regular Council Meeting

To:	Mayor and Council
Date:	February 3, 2025
From:	Mark Froment, Deputy Clerk, Corporate Services
Report Number:	Corporate Services 2025-02
Subject:	Community Safety and Well-being Plan 2024 Update

Recommendation:

That Council receive Report Corporate Services 2025-02 Community Safety and Well-being Plan 2024 Update for information.

Overview:

On June 20, 2022, Council adopted a joint Community Safety and Well-being Plan with the Townships of Asphodel-Norwood and Otonabee-South Monaghan. This was to fulfill a requirement in section 143 (1) of the Police Services Act, 1990, that mandated municipalities are to prepare and adopt a Community Safety and Well-being Plan. Section 143 (2) allowed municipalities to jointly prepare one. This requirement is now found in section 248 (1) of the Comprehensive Ontario Police Services Act, 2019. The first annual update was presented to Council on December 18, 2023, as part of Report CAO 2023-07.

The Community Safety and Well-being Plan provides a framework for promoting safety and well-being that incorporates local priorities and establishes a framework for decision-making. While many of the identified priority areas extend beyond the jurisdiction of municipalities, this Plan makes recommendations on ways to improve and expand access to services and strengthen community connections. However, providing solutions to complex social issues will require collaboration by all three levels of government. It will also require working with non-profit volunteer organizations (NPVO) that provide some of these services and have experience with and the ability to reach vulnerable people that municipalities do not have.

The first plan adopted in 2022 identified 4 priority areas:

- Access to Health
- Community Belonging
- Community Supports
- Housing Security

The purpose of this annual update is to highlight the Township's accomplishments and ongoing efforts to support the priorities laid out in the Plan. Altogether Township Staff and Council have supported various initiatives to encourage stronger community connections

and improve access to healthcare and housing. The Township is also providing ongoing support to some of the NPVOs that operate in the community by offering them discounted meeting spaces, logistical support, and more. Moreover, the Township has delivered positive returns in several of the indicators laid out in the Plan. This includes the data on community needs published by Ontario 211 and building permits issued. In 2025, the Township will continue to address the priorities in the Plan by sustaining support for ongoing initiatives and launching several new programs.

Financial Impact:

There is no financial impact.

Attachment:

No. 1: Community Safety and Well-being Plan 2024 Update

Respectfully Submitted by,

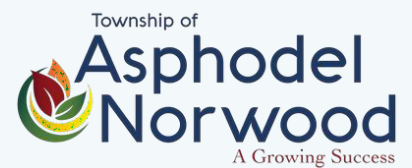
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Yvette Hurley
Chief Administrative Officer

Community Safety & Well-being (CSWB) Plan

Update

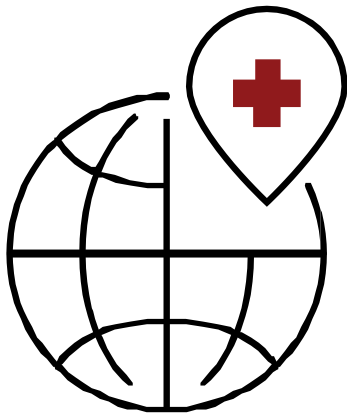


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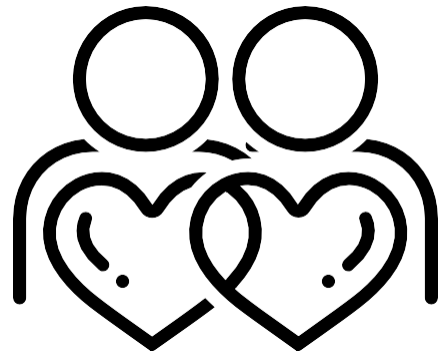
Key Priorities

Based on public consultation, regional data, and advice from the Advisory Committee, the following four key priority areas were identified:

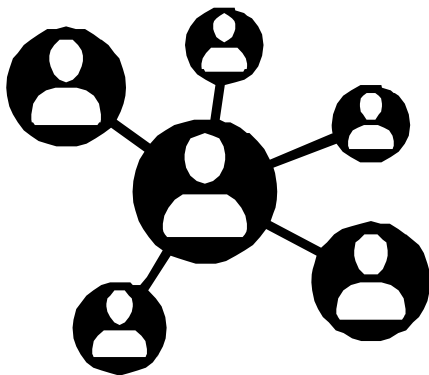
Access
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Community
Belonging



Community
Supports



Housing
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Our Priorities

Access to Health



Goal

Improve access to mental and physical health supports.

Supporting Actions to-date

- Provided a pop-up space for community members to drop off blankets and sleeping bags in support of Peterborough County-City Paramedics 'Blankets for People' campaign.
- Council passed a motion in the January 2025 2nd budget meeting to create a health care reserve fund of \$58,500 to improve access to health care services in the Township.
- Township Staff and Council have liaised with and support the ongoing efforts for physician recruitment by Peterborough County's Healthcare Advancement Coordinator.
- Promotes all the health care services available within the Township and some within Peterborough County on the Township's website.
- Promoted Peterborough County's Healthcare Needs Assessment to get a better understanding of needs and gaps in healthcare services in the Township.
- Continue to support and provide programs focused on mental and physical health at CMCC.

Indicator update:

No unmet needs in Ontario 211 data for Cavan Monaghan in 2023 and 2024.

Our Priorities

Community Belonging



Goal

Enhance community engagement and sense of connection.

Supporting Actions to-date

- Launched a new website for consultation of Township residents, through Social Pinpoint, to help promote community engagement. This provided multiple opportunities for community consultation and engagement during the development of the new Corporate Strategic Plan and design of the new Downtown Park.
- Continued to encourage community volunteerism including by partnering with Volunteer Peterborough to host the “Meet your Match” Volunteer Fair at the Cavan Monaghan Community Centre (CMCC) and posting volunteer opportunities on the Township website.
- Hosted multiple free events through the Recreation department to encourage building stronger community bonds and reduce isolation including a Movie Night, Halloween Haunt, Recreation Appreciation Day, Family Day, and Festive Holiday event.
- Worked with the Cavan Monaghan Barn Quilt Trail Committee to have a local artist paint a design and mount it on the exterior wall of the Municipal Office.
- Hosted and supported many other community events in the Township throughout the year to build a strong sense of community with a distinct identity. This includes Zucchini Fest, Canada Day, the Harvest Table Dinner, the Santa Claus Parade, Ladies Night, and more.
- Cavan Monaghan Libraries organized the “Collecting Our Stories” program to provide a welcoming space for seniors to socialize while preserving memories in the community.
- The Township continues to participate in local events educating and sharing municipal information and programs.

Our Priorities

Community Supports



Goal Improve access to community support services and programs.

Supporting Actions to-date

- Made providing accessible, inclusive, and affordable opportunities a guiding principle in the Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan – Vision 2035.
- Partnered with Peterborough Community Care to offer programs at the CMCC targeted at seniors, including Zumba Gold and a Walking Group. These promote a healthy lifestyle and can help reduce the isolation of community members.
- Applied for grants, including Cavan Monaghan Library's two successful Seniors Community Grant applications and an application for Ontario's Senior Active Living Centres' call for proposals, to extend and offer new programs to Seniors in the Community.
- Partnered with many non-profit Volunteer Organizations to improve service delivery and extend the reach of programs providing services to the community.
- Hosted a pop-up booth at community events that provided information about the current programs and initiatives of the Township and gave an opportunity for engagement.
- Cavan Monaghan Libraries is holding a series of workshops to assist seniors in the community on a variety of topics from Lunch and Learns on fraud prevention to a session on fall prevention held by staff from Centennial Place Long-term Care.

Our Priorities

Housing Security



Goal Increase access to affordable, safe, and adequate housing.

Supporting Actions to-date

- Staff are working to create an accessory housing unit guide to aid property owners seeking to build one.
- The Township’s Official Plan supports the building of a diverse housing stock, including taking into account affordability, and encourages the development of assisted seniors housing and housing for special needs groups.
- Supporting residents in reducing their utilities costs from water consumption through several sustainable community initiatives including the Toilet Rebate, Rain Barrel, and Weather-Stripping programs.
- Part of the Towerhill North Subdivision was zoned Institutional which permits the creation of an assisted living facility, long-term care home, or retirement home.

Indicator update

- Building permits and land use inquiries have increased from the first three quarters of 2023 to the first three in 2024.

Building Permits	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2023	22	43	39	21
2024	24	53	61	34

Land use Inquiries	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2023	53	62	71	71
2024	85	86	86	60

Recap

As stated in the 2022 CSWB Plan, each Township will prepare an annual impact report to highlight accomplishments and measurements of success in each of the identified priority areas.

This report has been prepared for the Council of the Township of Cavan Monaghan and will be made publicly available on the Township website for community members and stakeholders.

As timelines and priorities are unique to each Township, it was anticipated that actionable items will be undertaken within three to five years.



**Thank
you**

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