

Development of the plan would be supported by the Canadian Municipal Network on Crime Prevention (CMNCP), a Canadian, membership-based, not-for-profit organization representing over one hundred communities from coast to coast, encompassing approximately 50% of Canada's population. As a community of practice, CMNCP's mandate is to build capacity and mobilize Canadian communities (urban and rural) to use effective, evidence based, and collaborative crime prevention and community safety and wellbeing (CSWB) strategies to reduce crime and foster community safety. CMNCP's approach is based on Canadian and international best practices in crime prevention and community safety.

The plan would be developed within a 12 to 18 month period (June 2023 to November 2024). The project will include data collection and analysis, community engagement, plan development, and reporting. The work will be undertaken by a Project Team guided by a Community Safety and Wellbeing Steering Committee. The steering committee will be comprised of ten community leaders from law enforcement, first responders, service providers, business, health and housing services, downtown residents and the Mayor's office.

Updates and progress reports will be delivered to Council regularly throughout the project. Recommended actions arising from the work will come to city Council for consideration, deliberation and, as council determines, implementation. These recommendations may be delivered during, and/or at the completion of, the project, as feasible opportunities arise and as Council directs, outlining priority safety and wellbeing actions in the immediate and longer terms.

Resolution

That Council endorse the creation of a Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan to identify achievable ways in which the City of Victoria can take a leadership role in making our community safer and realizing community wellbeing; and identify opportunities and recommendations for the City of Victoria, and its multi-sectoral partners, to take actions in support of local, enhanced, and integrated systems, processes, and initiatives with a specific focus on increasing community safety and wellbeing.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Alto 