



DEEP RIVER POLICE SERVICE

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Community Safety and Well-Being:

The Ministry of the Solicitor General has been working with multi-sectoral government partners and local community and policing partners to develop the Provincial Approach to Community Safety and Well-Being.

This work began in 2009 with a partnership between the Ministry and the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) – together, these two groups initiated the development of a provincial response to crime and victimization.

A new legislative requirement came into force on January 1, 2019, and municipalities had until January 1, 2021, to prepare and adopt a plan. The current *Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA)* mandates every municipal council to prepare and adopt a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan (CSWBP). Under the legislation [s. 248(1)], the responsibility to prepare and adopt a CSWBP applies to:

- I. Single-tier municipalities;
- II. Lower-tier municipalities in the County of Oxford and in counties; and
- III. regional municipalities, other than the County of Oxford.

Municipalities have the discretion and flexibility to develop joint plans with surrounding municipalities or First Nation communities [s. 248(2)], although First Nation band councils are not required to engage in Community Safety and Well-Being Planning by legislation.

The Township of Laurentian Valley in conjunction with the City of Pembroke, Towns of Deep River, Petawawa, Laurentian Hills, Townships of Admaston/Bromley, North Algona Wilberforce, and Whitewater Region developed a Joint Community Safety & Well-Being Plan.

The Community Safety and Well-being plan is a collaborative effort with neighbouring municipalities including police, First Nations, community partners and members of the community to remove barriers and improve access to the social determinants of health and well-being so that every community member can realize their unique talents and potential in a safe, inclusive and nurturing environment. The primary goal of the plan is to identify and address the root causes of safety and well-being issues in a community. The plan identifies strategies and interventions aimed at reducing risks factors and improve the overall well-being of our communities.

An advisory committee was established made up of an assortment of volunteers with a variety of backgrounds primarily in the health, human, justice and emergency service sectors. It is through the advisory committee that risk factors were reviewed and priorities for mitigation strategies were developed.

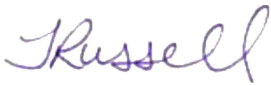
It is the advisory committee's role to arrive at a consensus regarding who is most at risk and why, and then establish priorities around which risks should receive the highest priority for mitigation and or elimination.

The four pillars of intervention (CSWB Planning Pillars):

- 1) Social Development: Addressing the underlying causes of social issues through upstream approaches that promote and maintain individual and community wellness. This includes opportunities for employment, income, adequate housing, access to education and other supports that promote social and economic inclusion;
- 2) Prevention: Applying proactive strategies to known and identified risks that are likely to result in harm to individuals or communities if left unmitigated;
- 3) Risk Intervention: Identifying and responding to situations of acutely elevated risk and mobilizing immediate interventions before an emergency or crisis-driven response is required; and
- 4) Emergency Response: Circumstances that require intervention by first responders such as police, paramedics and other crisis-driven services in the human services system.

It is the policy of the Deep River Police Service Board (the Board) with respect to Community Safety and Well-Being that:

- I. As a legislative requirement, a member of the Board will participate as an Advisory Committee member to undertake the Community Safety and Well-Being planning and the subsequent implementation of a Community Safety and Well-Being plan; and
- II. As a legislative requirement, the Chief of Police or designate will participate as an Advisory Committee member to undertake the Community Safety and Well-being planning and the subsequent implementation of a Community Safety and Well-Being plan.



Chair

21 October 2025

Date