

Community Safety and Well-Being Backgrounder



Overview

The City of Ottawa is in the process of developing Ottawa's first [Community Safety and Well-Being \(CSWB\) Plan](#) as required by the *Safer Ontario Act, 2018*. The CSWB Plan will outline strategies and actions to improve safety and well-being for everyone in Ottawa. While the City is the lead in developing the CSWB Plan, we all have a role to play and as such, the CSWB Plan will leverage ongoing initiatives and may include actions from various partners, and not just the City of Ottawa.

A CSWB Plan is a way to work together to address common objectives to ensure Ottawa is a safe, healthy, and vibrant community. The vision is to work together to achieve sustainable communities where everyone feels safe, has a sense of belonging and opportunities to participate, and where individuals and families are able to meet their needs for education, health care, food, housing, income, and social and cultural expression.

A six phase development approach, approved by City Council in October 2019 in the Roadmap [report](#), is currently underway. The final CSWB Plan will feature prioritized goals and strategies for collective actions.

Topics for Consideration

The City of Ottawa, in consultation with the Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee (Crime Prevention Ottawa Board of Directors), identified 20 topic areas to help focus the conversation in the priority-setting phase. The CSWB Team is currently completing consultations and research to identify the top priorities from this list that will be the focus of Ottawa's CSWB Plan. The table below lists the 20 Topics for Consideration; for more detailed descriptions please refer to the [Definition Document](#).

CSWB Topics for Consideration	
Criminal Involvement	Mental Health and Cognitive Functioning
Discrimination, Marginalization, and Racism	Mobility (Road) Safety
Education	Physical Health
Employment	Pro-social / Positive Behaviour
Emotional Violence	Social Environment
Family Support	Social Support Network and Social Isolation
Financial Security (Poverty)	Street Level Violence and Gang Issues
Food Security	Substance Abuse Issues
Housing	Systems Security
Settlement Issues	Victimization

Community Engagement

It is important that the CSWB Plan reflects the needs of the Ottawa community. Our engagement strategy was designed to provide multiple engagement opportunities for a broad representation of opinions, ideas and perspectives from the public and stakeholders. The community feedback will be analyzed along with many other data sources to help us generate the CSWB Plan's priorities.

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