

Resolution 2021-01: Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Funding

WHEREAS municipalities are required by the Police Services Act to develop and adopt Community Safety and Well-Being Plans; and

WHEREAS the cost for development and implementation are the responsibility of municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Kenora District Municipal Association urge the Government of Ontario to provide financial support to develop and implement Community Safety and Well-Being Plans.

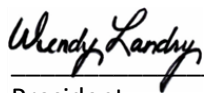
Background:

Municipalities are required by the Police Services Act to develop and adopt Community Safety and Well-Being Plans in partnership with a multi-sectoral Advisory Committee comprised of representation from the Police Services Board and other local service providers in health / mental health, education, community / social services and children/youth services.

Additional requirements are also outlined in legislation pertaining to conducting consultations, contents of the Plan, and monitoring, evaluating, reporting and publishing the Plan. This approach allows municipalities to take a leadership role in defining and addressing priority risks in the community through proactive, integrated strategies that ensure vulnerable populations receive the help they need from the providers best suited to support them.

Neither the development of the Plan nor its implementation are funded by the Province, leaving municipalities responsible for the costs associated with it. This is effectively a download of community safety responsibilities to municipalities without adequate financing to support it.

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President