

Background: Through the Police Services Act, the province of Ontario mandated municipalities to develop and adopt Community Safety and Well-being Plans. The plans must work in partnership with a multi-sectoral advisory committee with representation from the local Police Service Board and other local service providers in health/mental health, education, community/social services and children/youth services.

The County of Brant's Community Safety and Well-being Plan was initiated in the fall of 2019.

Strategy: The County of Brant's Community Safety and Well-being Plan focuses on the input received through various community engagement. Information collected from residents indicated there are 5 (five) main priority risk groups that need to be focused on to improve Community Safety and Well-being within the County of Brant.

1. Mental Health and Addictions
2. Youth Services
3. Transportation and Pedestrian Safety
4. Housing Affordability
5. Diversity and Inclusion within the County of Brant

In addition, secondary risk factors presented include:

1. Seniors access to service
2. Familial dynamics
3. Neighbourhood Safety
4. Digital Safety, youth and cyberbullying
5. Community health resources and information

The plan outlines an Action Plan of projects and programs to address the 5 priority risk groups. The Action Plan is spread over a 5-year planning horizon from 2021 to 2026 and includes actionable items for the County of Brant in partnership with various agencies and organizations.

Timeline and Implementation:

The County will work alongside experts from Wilfrid Laurier University to develop evaluation frameworks for the various projects and programs outlined in the Action Plan. The framework will include a list of outcomes and indicators that will be used to measure program development and successes.

County of Brant Council approved the Community Safety and Well-being Plan on June 22, 2021. The plan is now underway and will be seen through to 2026.

For more information regarding the Community Safety and Well-being Plan and to review the full report, please visit www.Brant.ca/Plans.