



POLICING COMMITTEE – AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: 8 April 2026

Subject: Airdrie’s Community Safety and Well-Being Plan

Directorate: Community Safety and Social Services

Issue:

The Policing Committee is being presented with an overview of the development of the City’s Community Safety and Well-Being Plan. Community Safety and Social Services team members will introduce the Canadian Centre for Safer Communities (CCFSC) who will provide the Committee with the overview.

Policy / Council Direction:

Airdrie’s Community Safety and Well-Being Plan aligns with Council’s Social Policy (COM-72-C), Council’s 2023-26 Caring Community Focus Area, and the Policing Committee Bylaw B-07/2025.

Background:

As a result of changes to the *Police Act* (R.S.A. 2000, c. P-17) through the *Alberta Police Amendment Act, 2022* (S.A. 2022, c. 22), every municipality is now required to develop a Community Safety Plan in conjunction with the local police detachment and Mayor, including a plan for collaboration between the community and community agencies.

As community safety and well-being go hand-in-hand, the Community Safety and Social Services teams are working together to develop a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan to provide the municipality with a holistic and proactive approach to fostering healthier, safer and more resilient communities, by identifying and prioritizing local social and safety concerns. The City of Airdrie has contracted the Canadian Centre for Safer Communities (CCFSC) to assist in developing Airdrie’s Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.

Work is already underway on Airdrie’s Community Safety and Well-Being Plan. The development began with a review of existing data, relevant policies, plans, and strategies. This will help set the context and ensure that the plan is aligned with other municipal initiatives and will help identify any gaps in the existing data that will require further interest-holder or public engagement. As the Policing Committee and the Community

Safety and Social Services Committee are key stakeholders in both community safety and well-being, opportunities will be provided for committee input on the plan.

Further, following best practices, Administration has worked with CCFSC to establish an advisory group to provide guidance and direction in the development of the plan. The Advisory Group is made up of both City staff and external representatives from a number of sectors and is intended to help ensure that the plan is rooted in the community and reflects the needs, experiences, and interests of the community. CCFSC facilitates the work of the Advisory Group, and the inaugural meeting took place in February and will continue throughout the project.

The plan is expected to be completed by December 2026 and presented to Council in Q1 2027. When completed, the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan will help address community social issues and improve preventative and responsive efforts at the community level. It will do so by:

- Identifying local priorities and challenges,
- Working collaboratively with the community,
- Implementing evidence-informed approaches and solutions,
- Increasing collaboration and coordination of efforts,
- Better aligning service delivery with priorities and needs,
- Increasing engagement of community groups and residents, and
- Reducing investment in and reliance on incident response.

Administration Recommendation:

That the Policing Committee accepts the presentation of Airdrie’s Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, for information.

Alternatives/Implications:

As this report is for information, no alternative recommendations are required.

Budget Implications:

As this report is for information, there are no budget implications.

Communications and Engagement:

Community Safety and Social Services will continue work with Corporate Communications, Engagement and Marketing regarding any public participation, as well as to share the final Community Safety and Well-Being plan with the public.

Recommendation:

That the Policing Committee accepts the presentation of Airdrie's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, for information.

Chris Esselmont, Social Planner; and
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Attachments:	There are no attachments