

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.

The goal of the plan is “to achieve the ideal state of a sustainable community where everyone is safe, has a sense of belonging, access to services and where individuals and families are able to meet their needs for education, health care, food, housing, income and social and cultural expression.”

“Every resident should feel welcome and safe in their own community and there should be no tolerance of exclusive behaviour or barriers,” commented Mayor Andy Letham. “Having a plan in place that focuses specifically on unique needs, combined with measurable action items, will be critical in ensuring that we are continuing to prioritize the well-being of those who live here.”

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A recommendation to create a Community Safety and Well-being Plan Advisory Committee was brought forward and received by Council at the meeting. The committee will have representatives from police services and other local service providers in physical and mental health, education, community and social services and children and youth services. The committee will also look to engage in consultation with residents to assist in shaping the plan to best meet the needs of the community.

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