

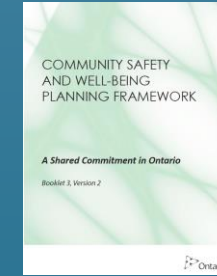
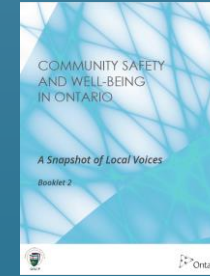
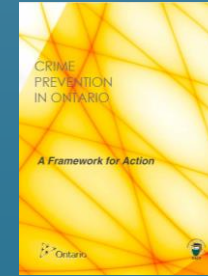
# Community Consultation

## Niagara's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan

March 2, 2021

# Introductions

# Background



Beginning  
in 2009

- MCSCS identified that police services were frequently responding to crisis situations that were non-criminal in nature + identified a need for a more collaborative service delivery model which prioritizes the local risks and needs of a community.
- **2012: Crime Prevention in Ontario: A Framework for Action**

2013 to  
2016

- MCSCS engaged with pilot communities across Ontario to test components of the Community Safety and Well-Being Framework
- **2014: Community Safety and Well-Being in Ontario: A Snapshot of Local Voices**

2017

- **Community Safety and Well-Being Planning Framework: A Shared Commitment in Ontario**

2018

- Bill 175, Safer Ontario Act passed which included section 187 (1) under the *Police Services Act*: “Every municipal council shall prepare, and by resolution, adopt a community safety and well-being plan.”

2019

- ***Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*** passed in March (however, has not yet been enacted), with the continued municipal requirement to complete a CSWB Plan.

# Community Safety and Well-Being Framework

## Objectives

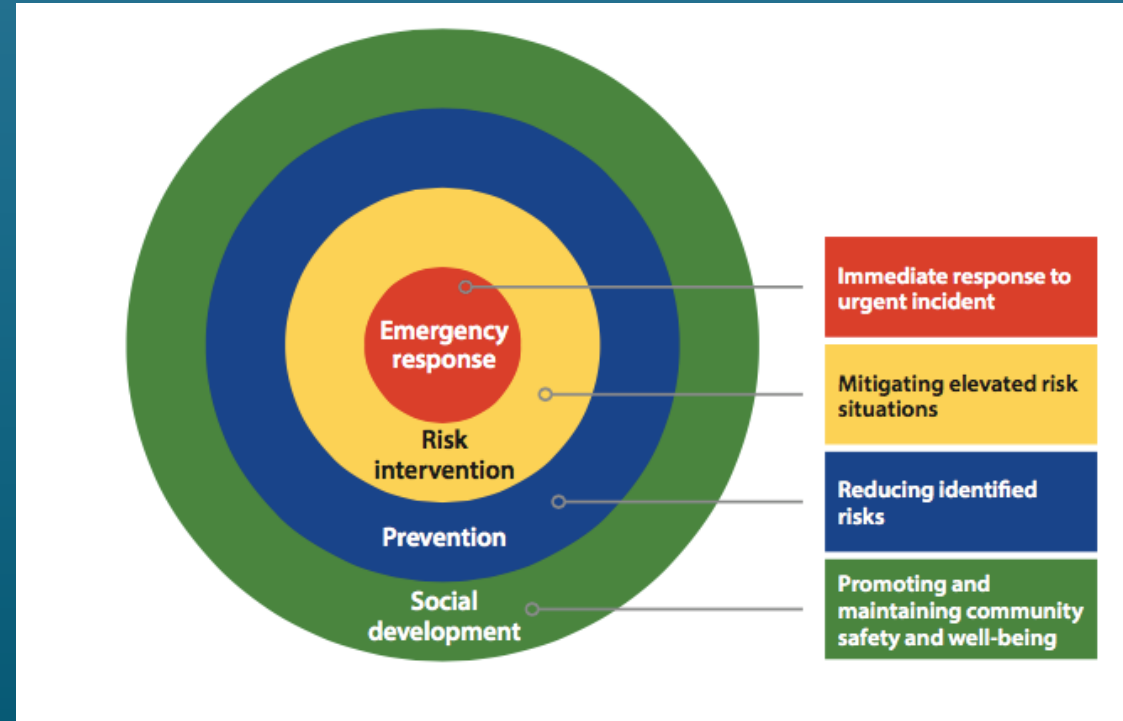
- Create communities whereby individuals are able to access the services they need, when they need them, in an efficient and effective way.
- To accomplish this, this Framework is designed to coordinate an innovative, multi-sector approach to community safety and well-being that focuses on social development, prevention and risk intervention strategies, thereby:
  1. Reducing harm, crime or victimization of individuals by meeting their needs before escalation to crisis, and;
  2. Preventing more costly emergency response interventions

# Community Safety and Well-Being Framework

## Pillars of Framework

1. Social Development
2. Prevention
3. Risk Intervention
4. Incident Response

Zones of Intervention for Community Safety and Well-Being Planning



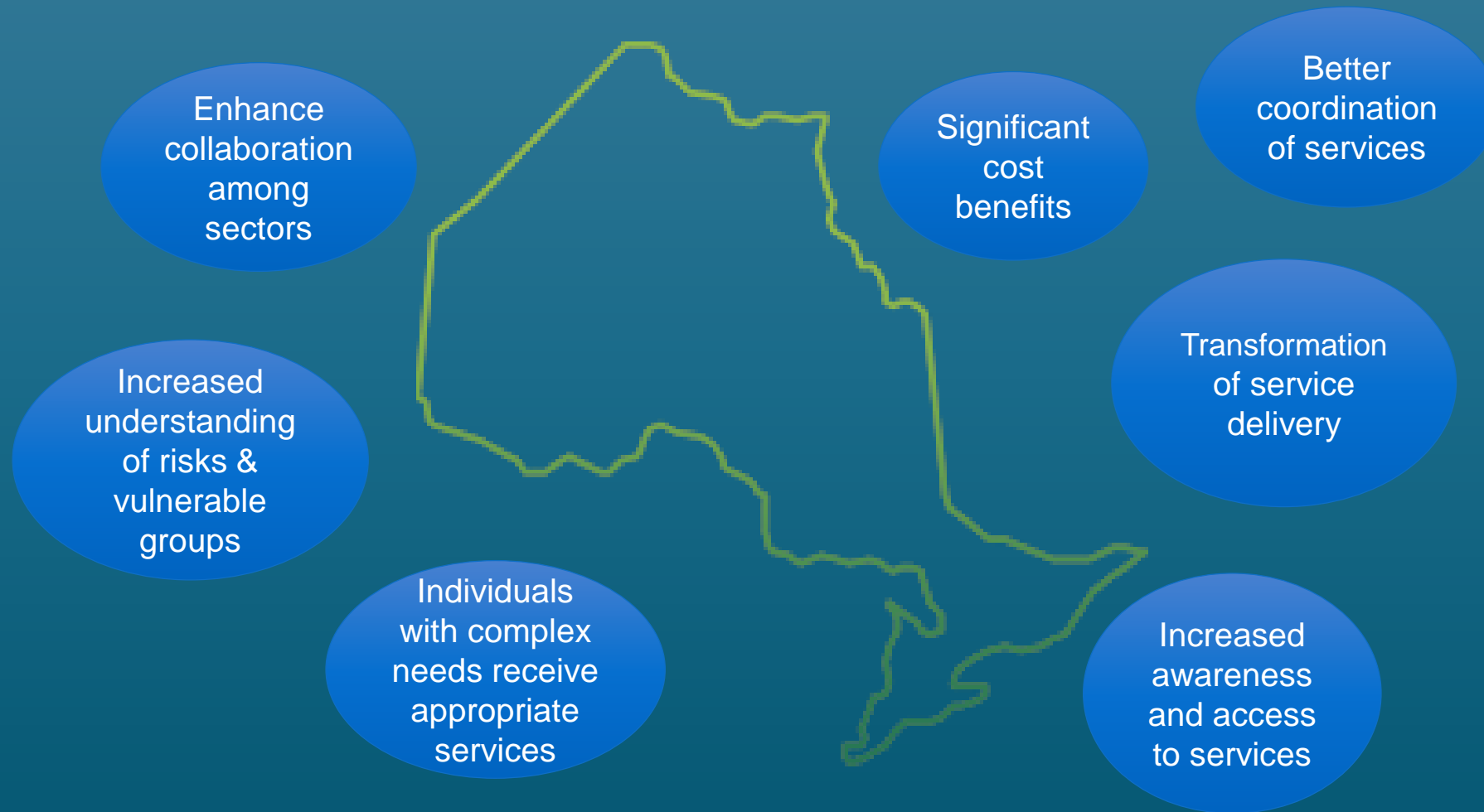
# Community Safety and Well-Being Plan

## Critical Success Factors

1. **Strength Based:** work already happening
2. **Risk-Focused:** risks  $\neq$  incidents
3. **Awareness & Understanding:** all community members know their role
4. **High-Level Commitment:** decision makers, political leaders
5. **Effective Partnerships:** meaningful connections
6. **Evidence & Evaluation:** research and data
7. **Cultural Responsiveness:** needs of diverse groups

# Community Safety and Well-Being Plan

## Benefits



# Advisory Committee

## Co-Chairs

Chief Bryan MacCulloch, Chief of Police, NRPS  
Ron Tripp, CAO, Niagara Region

- Brock University
- City of Niagara Falls
- City of St. Catharines
- Contact Niagara
- District School Board of Niagara
- Entité<sup>2</sup> (French Language Health Planning Entity)
- Family and Children's Services Niagara
- Gillian's Place
- Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce
- Niagara Indigenous Community Advisory Board
- Niagara Catholic District School Board
- Niagara College
- Niagara Community Legal Clinic
- Niagara Health
- Niagara Medical Group Family Health Team
- Niagara Region
  - CAO
  - Community Services
  - Public Health
- Niagara Regional Police Board
- Niagara Regional Police Service
- Positive Living Niagara
- The RAFT
- Township of West Lincoln
- YMCA



# Engagement Approach

- Extensive consultation: over 40+ face to face sessions
- Legislation: youth, members of racialized groups and members of First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities
- Diverse perspectives: clients and service providers, Niagara residents, community groups, business owners, educational institutions, etc.
- Lifespan approach
- Across Niagara
- Methods: focus groups, online survey, large community sessions, conference

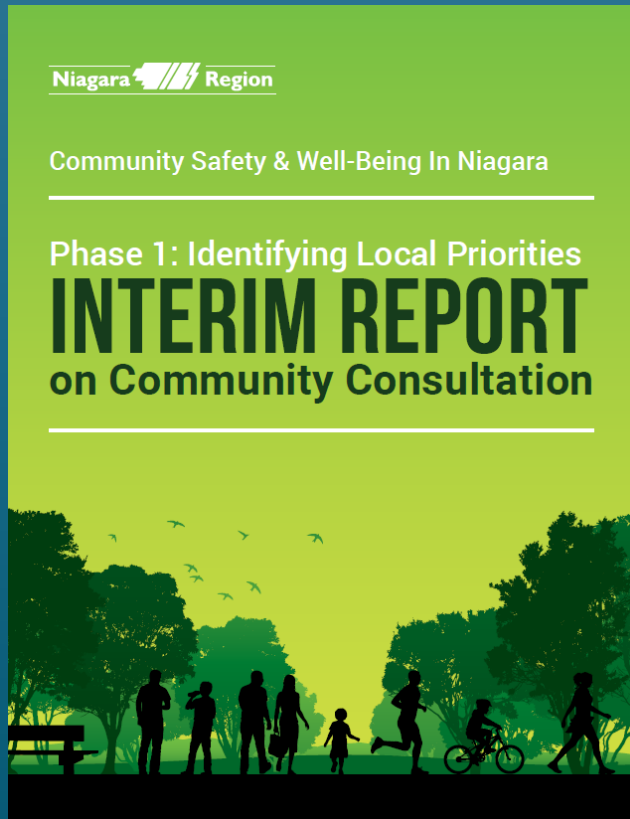
# Phase 1: *Community Consultation*

*Between February and March 2020:*

- In-person and virtual focus groups included:
  - Over 150 staff from across 70 different organizations
  - Over 85 clients or advisors from across 8 lived experience or client advisory groups.
- Online public survey received responses from 1,279 residents

**\*March 2020 – COVID-19 pandemic + Emergency Orders\***

# Released the Interim Report on Community Consultation



## *Objectives*

- Identify, prioritize and address issues that impact the health, safety and well-being of Niagara residents beyond the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Identify opportunities to collaborate between organizations to coordinate services;
- Increase understanding of local priorities and vulnerable groups; and,
- Increase awareness of local services and system gaps.

# New CSWB Deadline

**December 24, 2020:**

Received memo stipulating that the new deadline for municipalities to prepare and adopt a CSWB Plan is now **July 1, 2021**.

## Solicitor General

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132-2020-5553  
By email

December 24, 2020

Dear Head of Council/Chief Administrative Officer/Municipal Clerk:

As you know, on January 1, 2019, amendments to the *Police Services Act* (PSA) came into force which mandate every municipality in Ontario to prepare and adopt a community safety and well-being (CSWB) plan, working in partnership with police services/boards and various other sectors, including health/mental health, education, community/social services, and children/youth services. As previously communicated, municipalities originally had two years from the in-force date to prepare and adopt their first CSWB plan (i.e., by January 1, 2021).

The government recognizes that the pandemic has created unprecedented challenges for communities across Ontario. Over the past several months, we have heard from municipal partners that resources have been redirected to the pandemic response and, as a result, some have experienced delays in their CSWB planning and engagement processes.

In an effort to support municipal, policing and community partners during the emergency, on April 14, 2020, the government passed the *Coronavirus (COVID-19) Support and Protection Act, 2020*, which amended the PSA to allow the Solicitor General to prescribe a new deadline for the completion and adoption of CSWB plans post January 1, 2021. This amendment came into force immediately upon Royal Assent.

I would like to inform you that the new deadline for municipalities to prepare and adopt a CSWB plan is now July 1, 2021. This extension provides municipalities with an additional six months to complete their plans.

This change will ensure municipalities, police services and local service providers can continue to dedicate the necessary capacity and resources to respond to COVID-19, while also providing adequate time to effectively undertake consultations, work collaboratively with multi-sectoral partners, and meet the legislative requirements to develop meaningful and effective CSWB plans.

Community partners continue to underscore the importance and need for this type of holistic planning that addresses crime and complex social issues on a long-term, sustainable basis and improves the safety and well-being of Ontario communities.

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# Phase 2: Targeted Community Consultation

## Public Survey

- Niagara Region Public Health's "Community Health" survey integrated key CSWB survey questions related to priority areas

## Focus Groups

### *Scheduled*

1. Indigenous Community via Niagara Chapter of Native Women (**5 focus group sessions**)
2. Niagara Ontario Health Team - Mental Health and Addictions Working Group
3. Police Services Board
4. Niagara Francophone Interagency Table
5. Developmental Sector Service Managers

# UPDATED

## 2021 Timeline + Objectives

| Month    | Meeting | Date/Details                                   | Objectives   |
|----------|---------|--|--|
| January  | NO      | <i>Rationale: Peak of Second Epidemic Wave</i> |  |
| February | YES     | February 3, 2021                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review TOR</li> <li>• Elect Chair / Co-Chairs</li> <li>• <i>(Targeted Phase 2: Community Consultation completed)</i></li> </ul>   |
| March    | YES     | TBD  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify Local Priorities</li> <li>• Determine Outcomes &amp; Select Strategies to Address Priorities</li> </ul>  |
| April    | YES     | TBD  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Circulate Draft Niagara's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan and Collect Feedback</i></li> <li>• <b>Finalize Niagara's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan</b></li> </ul> |
| May      | NO      | -  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Provide Report and Presentation to Regional Council</i></li> </ul>   |
| June     | YES     | TBD  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Submit to the Ministry of the Solicitor General</i></li> </ul>   |
| July     | YES     | TBD  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish Implementation Plan and Tables</li> <li>• Celebration and Reflection on Process</li> <li>• Review Terms of Reference</li> </ul>                                       |

# Today's Session:

## Accessibility Advisory Committee Consultation

- Participate
- Share your Voice
- Provide Open and Honest Feedback



# Question 1

What does a “safe and well” community mean to you?

Go to [www.menti.com](https://www.menti.com) and enter the code I will provide.



## Question 2

What are the top safety and well-being issues facing Niagara?

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# Question 3

What are we doing well and what opportunities do we have to improve?

# Thank you!