Community Safety and Well-Being Framework 2025-2029

The Community Safety and Well-Being Plan is a legislated requirement of all Ontario municipalities under the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* and requires a formal review every four years. The Ministry of the Solicitor General's framework guides these plans to identify local priorities, address systemic issues and promote upstream crime prevention.

The City of Brantford published the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan 2021-2025 in collaboration with community partners from a variety of sectors, including law enforcement, healthcare, post-secondary institutions and human services.

Over the duration of the plan, the community has made significant strides across its priority areas, each of which will continue to be reflected in the updated framework. Additional priorities have been integrated into the framework to better meet the evolving needs and opportunities in the community.

The framework is organized into three categories:

Community Priorities

Areas where the provincial and federal governments maintain primary oversight and responsibility to address the issue. The primary role of the municipality within these areas is to bring together community experts to develop local plans, create visibility for the issue and advocate to upper levels of government for needed resources and solutions.

Goal Statements



Access to Healthcare

Support access to equitable, timely and coordinated health care.



Food Security

Strengthen local systems to increase access to affordable, nutritious food.



Substance Use and Mental Health

Support integrated community approaches to prevention and treatment.



Intimate Partner and Gender-Based Violence

Foster a safer community through prevention, education and response.



Climate Change

Promote sustainable practices and collective action to build environmental resilience.

Municipal Focus Areas

Areas where the municipality is best positioned to lead based on its mandate, scope and direct services.

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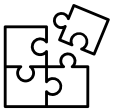
Truth and Reconciliation

Foster respect, understanding and equity in relationships with Indigenous communities



Safe and Inclusive Neighbourhoods

Create neighbourhoods that are secure, connected and inclusive.



Children and Youth

Provide opportunities for children and youth to achieve their full potential.



Housing Solutions

Support affordable and diverse housing options.



Economic and Community Investment

Drive local economic growth and opportunities for a thriving community.



Older Adults

Promote dignity, connection and quality of life through age-friendly initiatives.

Community-Driven Policing

This area reaffirms the municipality's commitment to support high quality policing in our local community, recognizing that strategic and operational policing decisions are the purview of the Police Services Board and senior leadership within the Brantford Police Service.

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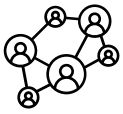
Co-Design and Engagement

Continue to work with the Brantford Police Service on initiatives that address root causes of crime.



Strategic Collaboration

Coordinate municipal services to support community policing goals, such as by-law, social services and social development.

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