

Community Plan for Safety & Well-being Lanark County & Smiths Falls 2025-2029



*Council Presentation
Winter 2025*

Background

Municipalities mandated under Community Safety and Policing Act to complete plans

Act outlines requirements for multi-sectoral advisory committee, consultation, establishing priority risks, strategies, outcomes and measurables

Original plan approved in 2019 – update to be filed with Ministry by July 1, 2025

Plan completed on behalf of whole county and Smiths Falls through provincial grant

Community Safety and Policing Act & O. Reg 414/23



CSWB section similar to PSA, with some additional specifics around Advisory Committee membership and submission of the plan to the Minister. Plans prepared under PSA are deemed to have been prepared and adopted under CSPA.



Regulation: Municipalities are required to publish completed plan on Internet within 30 days of adoption and can publish it in any other form desired.



Regulation: Municipality must review and, if appropriate, revise plan within four years after day of adoption and every four years thereafter. (If adopted before 2021, review and revise by July 1, 2025)

Advisory Committee

Sector	Organization
Justice	Lanark County OPP, Smiths Falls Police
Community Organizations & Youth	United Way, Perth & District Community Foundation, RNJ Youth Services, Family & Children's Services, Open Doors (Planet Youth)
Health Care	Health Unit, Lanark County Mental Health, Rideau Community Health Services, Lanark County Paramedic Services
Social Services and Housing	Lanark County Social Services
Victim Services	Lanark County Interval House and Community Support
Education	Upper Canada District School Board, Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario
Culture and Diversity	Indigenous Elder, Queer Connection Lanark, Smiths Falls for All Diversity Committee
Local Government	County of Lanark and Town of Smiths Falls
Climate/Environment	Lanark County (Climate/Environmental Department)
	Coordinator

Approach and Methodology

- Review of original plan and progress updates and consultation with advisory members – began 2023
- Identification of key themes
- Community (393) and agency surveys (37)
- Partner Day (23)
- Council/PSB/CPAC Focus Session (9 attendees, 6 municipalities)
- Focus groups (SAAC, LCCYSC, SADV)
- Data and report collection and review
- Identification of assets and gaps; draft outcome statements
- Development of goals, measures and outcomes
- Plan approved by Advisory Committee on Feb. 10, 2025
- Presentations to Municipal Councils for review and approval

Plan Update: Overall Outcomes

Lanark County and Smiths Falls is a community...

- Of opportunity and equity for its diverse populations.
- Where citizens have access to the basic needs of housing, a liveable income and nutritious food.
- Where its residents respect the legacy of stewardship by the Indigenous people who lived here before us and continue to care for the Earth in a way that will sustain it for seven generations.
- Of collaboration, where service providers work together for the benefit of residents in order to prevent harm.
- Offering a robust range of health and social services that are accessible in various formats within a period of time that is reasonable to prevent emergency or crisis situations.
- Of healthy relationships and respectful and welcoming neighbours, where people look out for one another and where residents are safe from violence in all its forms.

Themes and Pillars

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Affordability and Quality of Life: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Income and Employment• Housing and Homelessness• Transportation• Food Insecurity and Food Access• Climate Change and Environment• Belonging and Civic Engagement	Health: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physical Health (including access to care – primary, long-term care, end-of-life care)• Mental Health and Substance Use
Violence Against Persons: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence, Intimate Partner Violence, Gender-Based Violence• Hate-Motivated Crime• Children, Elderly and Other	Priority Populations and Diversity: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children and Youth• Seniors and Elderly• Indigenous• 2SLGBTQIA+• New Canadians and immigrants• Accessibility

Each pillar includes assets and risks/issues information (including data), followed by goals, measures and strategies to show how work will be done

Highlights

- Building off the previous plan and the progress made was a key starting point
- Housing, food security and income became clear priorities – enhance access to basic needs to mitigate other risk areas
- Strong record of collaboration stands out as a big asset
- Many risks emerged associated with children and youth – this needs attention
- Importance of recognizing and building on existing assets

Affordability and Quality of Life Goals

- **Income and Employment:**
 - Poverty, local employment, affordable child care, digital access
- **Housing and Homelessness**
 - Eradicate homelessness, increase affordable housing
- **Food Insecurity and Food Access:**
 - Address root causes of food insecurity
- **Transportation**
 - Increase transportation options
- **Climate Change and Environment**
 - Climate action, community involvement, Indigenous teachings
- **Belonging and Civic Engagement**
 - Reduce isolation/increase social inclusion, volunteerism, connection between municipalities and CSWB Plan objectives

Health Goals

- **Physical health** (including access to care – primary, long-term, end-of-life)
 - Diversion from emergency, more information sharing, better info about wait times and service expectations
- **Mental health and substance use**
 - More resources for complex mental health or addictions, improved reported mental health in children

Violence Against Persons Goals

- **SADV/IPV/GBV**
 - Reduce incidents, support victims/survivors, Zero-Femicide
- **Hate-Motivated Crime**
 - Cultural competency to reduce incidents
- **Children, Elderly and Others**
 - Reduce incidents in specific populations

Priority Populations and Diversity Goals

- **Children and Youth**
 - **Seniors and Elderly**
 - **Indigenous**
 - **2SLGBTQIA+**
 - **New Canadians and Immigrants**
 - **Accessibility**
- Overall goal in each population is to support in the community

CSPA: Council Responsibilities Upon Adoption

- Sec. 252: Publication after adoption (O. Reg. 414/23)
- Sec. 253: **“A municipality that has adopted a CSWB plan shall take any actions that the plan requires it to take and shall encourage and assist other entities to take any actions the plan requires those entities to take.”**
- Sec. 254: Monitor, evaluate and report on the effect the plan is having, if any, on reducing the prioritized risk factors. (No current regulation; done through progress reports.)
- Sec. 255: Review every four years (O. Reg. 414/23)
- Sec. 256: Provide information to Ministry about preparation, adoption or implementation; outcomes; other prescribed information. (No current regulation, plan will be submitted.)

Key Actions



Adoption indicates approval to implement. Champion the plan!
(Submission by July 1, 2025)



Specific municipal actions would always be brought to council(s) for consideration



Implementation teams undertake actions, annual reports, report to province if regulated. community partners lead much of the work



Revisit in four years

Municipal Council Endorsements

Suggested Motion:

Whereas the Corporation of the Council of the [Municipality] is committed to community safety and well-being for its citizens,

And whereas Part XVI Sec. 248 (1) of the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, S.O. 2019, c. 1, Sched. 1 states that “every municipality shall prepare and, by resolution, adopt a community safety and well-being plan,”

Therefore be it resolved that the Corporation of the [Municipality] adopts the Community Plan for Safety and Well-being Plan for Lanark County and the Town of Smiths Falls (2025-2029) as presented by the Community Plan for Safety and Well-being Advisory Committee.

Questions?

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