



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Council approves creation of Community Safety Task Force**

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(MIDLAND, ON) Midland Town Council takes proactive steps to develop a Community Safety Plan.

Council has approved the creation of a Community Safety Task Force which will include representation from several community stakeholders, including: the Canadian Mental Health Association, County of Simcoe Health and Social Services, Downtown Midland BIA, The Guesthouse, Midland Police Services Board, Midland Public Library, the OPP, and the Salvation Army/Street Outreach.

“Community safety is of paramount importance for our Town, our businesses and our residents” said Mayor Gord McKay. “This Task Force brings our community together in an effort that will ensure a safe, healthy and sustainable community for us all.”

The Task Force is charged with developing a Community Safety Plan by August 2018. The 2018 approved budget includes an allocation of \$50,000 towards the creation of the Plan with guidance and assistance from a wide range of stakeholders. The consultation process will ensure that all voices in the community are heard, meeting the needs of the community and the requirements of the Safe Ontario Act (Bill 175).

“A request for proposals (RFP) has recently been issued to secure the expert resource and support for the Community Safety Task Force,” added Mayor McKay. “This Task Force is ready to hit the ground running, and Council looks forward to seeing their safety plan report later this summer.”



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