



MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 18, 2018
TO: Community Safety Task Force
FROM: Gord McKay, Mayor
RE: Community Safety Task Force Project Update

Following is an update to the project with a summary of the tasks completed to-date in July 2018, including next steps in the project timelines.

The Community Safety Task Force last met on June 27, 2018. At that meeting, the Committee was advised that one-on-one interviews had begun and would continue into mid-July.

One-on One Interviews:

Interviews were conducted by Mayor McKay, and the organizations were represented as follows:

- OPP
- Street Outreach
- BIA
- OPP
- Library
- Guesthouse Shelter
- Situation Table/Chigamik
- Georgian Bay District Secondary School
- Waypoint – HERO Centre
- Georgian Bay Native Friendship Centre

The Central North Correctional Centre was also invited for an interview; however they were unable to send a representative at this time.

Surveys:

Three surveys were developed to engage the community and solicit feedback on their feelings of safety in Downtown Midland. The survey data was collected between June 11, 2018 and July 4, 2018. The surveys collected included:

- **Community Survey**
 - Administered via Survey Monkey by Town staff on the Town's Website;
 - 292 responses were collected.

- **Library-Specific Survey**
 - Administered via Survey Monkey and hard copy by Midland Public Library staff;
 - Paper results were entered into Survey Monkey by Library staff;
 - 134 responses were collected.

- **Lived-Experience Survey**
 - Administered via hard copy by Guesthouse Shelter, Salvation Army Street Outreach and Huronia Transition Homes staff;
 - Paper results were entered into Survey Monkey by Town staff;
 - 41 responses were collected.

Town Hall:

A public Town hall was conducted on June 20, 2018. Approximately 25 individuals attended.

Stakeholder Workshops:

Two stakeholder workshops were conducted. The first workshop on June 14, 2018 was attended by:

- County of Simcoe
- Police Service Board
- Guesthouse Shelter
- Waypoint – Hero Centre
- Youth Haven
- Huronia Transition Homes
- Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit
- Salvation Army Street Outreach

The second workshop on June 18, 2018 was attended by:

- County of Simcoe
- Police Service Board
- OPP
- Youth Haven
- Guesthouse Shelter
- CMHA
- St. Paul's United Church
- BIA
- FACE – Huronia Restorative Justice Project

Data Analysis:

Town Staff engaged the County of Simcoe's team of research analysts to analyze the data collected from the surveys, and notes of the two Workshops and the Town Hall Meeting. The research team will organize the data to assist Town Staff to prepare a report to Council in August, 2018, with the goal to

provide some short-term solutions specific to the downtown core that would also include some focus on the Library.

The research team met with Mayor McKay on July 13, 2018 to discuss the methodology of the survey collection, and also to establish a work plan for the research team. The research team is looking to have the data analyzed and in a draft form for the Committee to review in early August.

Next Steps:

The next meeting of the Committee should take place in early August 2018, with a focus on reviewing the draft report of the County's findings of the data collected to-date. Town staff will then prepare a draft report to Council for the August 27, 2018 Council meeting for the Committee's review.