



INFORMATION SHEET

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A) Issue: Community Safety and Wellness Plans

B) Background:

In 2018, the government implemented a requirement for all municipalities to create a Community Safety and Wellness Plan by January 1, 2021. Given the size and geography of the Rainy River District, the cost/time of creating individual municipal plans it was suggested by two municipalities of that the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board create a district plan with individual municipal appendixes. The board supported this proposal by resolution, citing the benefits of a district wide plan, incorporating all aspects of concern to their municipalities, their citizens and capturing individuals living in the Townships without Municipal Organization (TWOMO).

Proposal:

Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board will lead the development of one integrated Plan. The Plan must be submitted by January 1, 2021. Many municipalities have asked for an extension to this date and funding to complete the plan, but currently the province has not made any changes.

The final Plan would have a district focus with an appendix for each municipality of any special information or circumstances specific to their municipality.

RRRDSSAB board has agreed by resolution to take the lead on the plan as it fits well with our current review of our Housing & Homelessness Plan, Children's Services Plan, creation of Ontario Health Teams and the restructuring of Public Health.

Concept:

Contract with a consultant to write the final plan estimated cost \$40,000 to \$60,000 for the district plan. The cost is dependant on the amount of work we put into the plan. I.e. setting up public consultation, using staff to arrange meetings, preparing draft documents and background information.

RRDSSAB proposes distributing the cost using our current apportionment. The RRDSSAB would be responsible for the TWOMO share.

We are currently looking at one time funding options that may be available to create the plan if supported by the municipalities.

Consultants:

We currently have a consultant working on the Housing and Homelessness Plan and Children's Services Plan. The consultant was approached and advised that much of the background demographics for the RRDSSAB would be similar to that required for the CSWP. This could result in a lower cost plan, perhaps in the \$40,000 range. We would directly negotiate with the consultant to provide this service.

Municipal Involvement:

- Agree to participate in a global plan
- Agree to fund the plan per the concept presented
- Assist the DSSAB with hosting consultations in their community, space, administrative support. (a decision to have a joint consultation with a group of municipalities may be possible if feasible and agreed to by the municipalities)
- Review and suggest revisions to the draft plan
- Support the final plan by resolution
- Distribute and post the plan as required by legislation and suggested by the municipal group & DSSAB

RRDSSAB involvement

- Contract with the consultant
- Provide administrative support for preparation, minute taking, creation of draft and final plan
- Call and host meeting of the collective group or individual municipalities as required

Next steps

- Commitment from each municipality supporting this approach
- Participation in joint meeting to decide what level of involvement, i.e. supports would be provided to reduce costs
- Set Communication strategy and timelines
- RRDSSAB to contract consultant to draft plan

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