



Corporation of the Municipality of Central Elgin

Terms of Reference - Municipality of Central Elgin Community Policing Committee

SECTION 1 - OVERVIEW

- 1.1 The Municipality of Central Elgin Community Policing Committee (CECPC) is a volunteer Committee established and approved by the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Central Elgin in coordination with the Elgin County Police Services Board.

SECTION 2 – COMMUNITY SAFETY & WELLBEING PLAN

- 2.1 The [Aylmer-Elgin-St. Thomas Community Safety and Well-Being \(CSWB\) Plan](#) is a roadmap for how partners across different sectors can work together to make the community a safer, more inclusive place where all residents thrive.
- 2.2 The CSWB Plan:
- 2.2.1 marks a shift in focus from a reactive, response-based approach to incidents to a more proactive, holistic approach to community safety.
 - 2.2.2 establishes a framework to respond to the needs of the community with local data to make evidence-informed decisions.
 - 2.2.3 recognizes that complex risks to safety and well-being cannot be addressed in isolation by any one organization, agency or sector.
- 2.3 The goal of the CSWB Plan is to achieve greater coordination and collaboration on issues and situations before they escalate.
- 2.4 The Ontario Community Safety and Well-Being Planning framework focuses on collaboration, information sharing and performance measurement, and identifies four areas in which communities can be made safer and healthier:
- 2.4.1 Social Development
 - Promoting and maintaining community safety and well-being by bringing together a wide range of sectors, agencies and organizations to address

complex social issues.

- 2.4.2 Prevention
 - Proactively reducing identified risks by implementing measures, policies or programs to reduce priority risks before they result in crime, victimization or harm.
- 2.4.3 Risk Intervention
 - Mitigating situations of elevated risk by multiple sectors working together to address situations where there is an elevated risk of harm.
- 2.4.4 Incident Response
 - Critical and non-critical incident response.

SECTION 3 - MANDATE

- 3.1 The purpose of the CECPC is to work together with stakeholders in identifying, prioritizing, and problem-solving of local community policing issues on a proactive basis through the sharing of ideas, addressing issues of common concerns and the delivery of programs, in order to preserve and enhance the quality of life and safety in the community.
- 3.2 The CECPC will:
 - 3.2.1 work to achieve the evolving goals of the CSWB Plan, with specific attention to prevention initiatives.
 - 3.2.2 facilitate, maintain and strengthen partnerships across sectors, including but not limited to, between the Ontario Provincial Police, community groups and businesses, and the citizens of the Municipality of Central Elgin.
 - 3.2.3 assist with diverting problems to local agencies, committees, organizations or municipal departments;
 - 3.2.4 provide a means of communication between the Ontario Provincial Police and the community;
 - 3.2.5 partner with the Ontario Provincial Police and stakeholders in providing public education and awareness programs;
- 3.3 The CECPC may propose and advocate for new community policing initiatives and programs, within the mandate of the CECPC, by way of recommendations to Council, for Council consideration.

SECTION 4 - COMPOSITION

- 4.1 The CECPC may be composed of a maximum of eleven (11) members as follows:
 - 4.1.1 One (1) member from each of the five wards of the Municipality of Central Elgin;
 - 4.1.2 Three (3) members from the Municipality at large;
 - 4.1.3 Two (2) members of Council;
 - 4.1.4 One (1) Community Policing Officer.