

## CONNECTEDMONTON NEXT STEPS

### Community Safety and Well-being and Edmonton's Healthy City Goal

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the May 16, 2022, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS00226, be received for information.

#### Report Purpose

##### Information only

This report provides Community and Public Services Committee with an update on Administration's approach to achieving the goal of becoming the safest city in Canada by 2030.

#### Previous Council/Committee Action

At the November 30, 2020, Executive Committee meeting, the following motion was passed:

That Administration proceed with the Next Steps, outlined in the November 30, 2020, Urban Form and Corporate Strategic Development report CR\_8450, and return to Committee.

#### Executive Summary

- Community safety has long been a priority for the City of Edmonton.
- Through the proposed Community Safety and Well-being (CSWB) Strategy, Administration has been bringing together various initiatives and measurable actions that advance community safety.
- In alignment with ConnectEdmonton as well as the City Plan's guiding values of Belong, Thrive, Live, Access and Create, the City will continue to advance towards being the safest city in Canada through collaboration with governments, the social sector, and community partners on the development and implementation of the CSWB strategy. The Strategy is City-led but community-driven.

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## REPORT

### Background

At the July 6/8, 2020, City Council meeting, a motion passed requesting that Administration review the ConnectEdmonton strategic goal of Healthy City and provide recommendations on revisions or clarity to make Edmonton the safest city in Canada by 2030. In the first report back to Executive Committee on November 30, 2020, Administration outlined potential analysis and next steps to achieve that goal, including the incorporation of findings from the Community Safety and Well-being Task Force's work.

### Edmonton as Safest City in Canada

Administration and its partners have been working towards a collaborative, inclusive approach to community safety and well-being, which culminates in outcomes of individuals and communities feeling a sense of purpose, safety and stability, curated through connectedness to self, land, culture and each other, and rooted in reconciliation, removal of systemic barriers and transformation of thinking, interacting and being.

Building on Council direction, feedback from the community and interjurisdictional research, Administration has developed a seven-pillar framework as part of the Community Safety and Well-being (CSWB) Strategy. The Framework, as outlined in cross-referenced May 16, 2022, Office of the City Manager report OCM00991, Community Safety and Well-being Strategy, includes the following seven pillars:

1. Anti-Racism;
2. Reconciliation;
3. Safe and Inclusive Spaces;
4. Equitable Policies, Procedures, Standards and Guidelines;
5. Pathways In and Out of Poverty;
6. Crime Prevention and Crisis Intervention; and
7. Well-being

Previously, Administration defined "safest city" using factors such as infrastructure, personal and digital security and health access, among others. These factors continue to be relevant and fall within the seven pillars.

The next steps referenced in Urban Form and Corporate Strategic Development report CR\_8450, presented at the November 30, 2020, Executive Committee meeting, are closely aligned with the outcomes of the proposed CSWB Strategy, outlined in report OCM00991, and the related work underway. To best coordinate this complex work, Administration has determined that the CSWB Strategy will guide efforts towards achieving the transformational goal of becoming the safest city in Canada by 2030.

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## **COMMUNITY INSIGHT**

Throughout the Vision 2050 engagement process, ConnectEdmonton was co-created with the community and reflects the diverse feedback from thousands of Edmontonians. Listening to and learning from Edmontonians continues to guide Administration's CSWB work. With a focus on engaging diverse populations in ways that are meaningful for them, Administration has enhanced traditional engagement practices with grassroots, informal and culturally appropriate approaches.

## **GBA+**

A comprehensive GBA+ and application was explored in cross-referenced Office of the City Manager report OCM00991.