

Report to Council



Date: May 1, 2023
To: Council
From: City Manager
Subject: Community Task Force on Crime Reduction

Recommendation:

THAT Council endorses the Community Task Force on Crime Reduction Terms of Reference as attached to the report from the City Manager, dated May 1, 2023;

AND THAT recommendations for Task Force member appointments be brought forward for Council consideration.

Purpose:

To approve Terms of Reference for a Community Task Force on Crime Reduction.

Background:

Addressing crime and safety is one of Council's priorities, and one of the actions to advance this priority is to establish a safety task force with stakeholders. The Community Task Force on Crime Reduction will provide recommendations to Council on community-driven initiatives to reduce crime in Kelowna. The Task Force will:

- Review relevant existing programs and services locally and in other relevant jurisdictions;
- Listen to the community and identify positive actions underway, gaps, challenges and issues;
- Report back to Council with a summary of what was learned through the community review process; and
- Develop actionable recommendations related to crime and sense of safety in our community, drawing from the experiences of the members of the task force.

The Task Force will consist of 9 to 11 members that represent relevant expertise and sectors. Council will appoint the members, which will include one Councillor and the Mayor. The Mayor will serve as the Chair. Recommendations for appointments to the Task Force will come forward should Council endorse the Terms of Reference.

The Task Force will be in place for a 12-month term, with the ability to extend, and provide quarterly updates to Council.

Considerations not applicable to this report:

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:

Existing Policy:

Financial/Budgetary Considerations:

External Agency/Public Comments:

Communications Comments:

Approved for inclusion: D. Gilchrist, City Manager

Attachments:

Draft Community Task Force on Crime Reduction Terms of Reference

cc:

S. Leatherdale, Divisional Director, Corporate & Protective Services

L. Bentley, Deputy City Clerk