

APPENDIX A – Ottawa City Council Minutes 67

**OTTAWA CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES 67**

**Wednesday, December 8, 2021
10:00 am**

By Electronic Participation

**This Meeting was held through electronic participation in accordance with
Section 238 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended by the *COVID-19 Economic
Recovery Act, 2020***

MOTION NO 67/6

Moved by Councillor J. Cloutier
Seconded by Councillor K. Egli

WHEREAS Council approved the City's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan (ACS2021-EPS-PPD-0003) on October 27, 2021, which includes goals, strategies, and actions to address key local priorities: discrimination, marginalization, and racism; financial security and poverty reduction; gender-based violence and violence against women; housing; integrated and simpler systems; and mental well-being; and

WHEREAS Council has heard from community members, organizations, and service providers over the last year through emails, telephone calls, delegations and written reports to committees and boards with regards to changing how social concerns should be addressed in our City; and

WHEREAS, Council has heard that there needs to be a new approach to the provision of supports and services for at risk groups; and

WHEREAS Council and Staff recognize and acknowledge the importance and value of working collaboratively with internal and external stakeholders in the City to develop a new approach; and

WHEREAS there has been an expressed desire by stakeholders to provide funding to address areas of social concern including but not limited to; programs to build community well being and resilience, such as enhanced programming for racialized youth, mental health supports and crisis outreach services and programs to prevent violence against Indigenous women and girls; and

WHEREAS to date, while the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan is a requirement under Ontario's *Police Services Act*, the provincial government has not committed to providing any funding relating to this project at this time; and

WHEREAS Councillor Cloutier's motion (Motion No. FEDC 2021 1/27) was referred for Council's consideration during the 2022 draft budget review process and recommends

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that “the budget directions be amended to provide that, should the Ottawa Police Service table a draft budget with the Board and Council that provides for less than a 3% increase, that Council be presented with recommended options to approve the allocation of the corresponding difference between the tabled police budget % increase and the 3% increase to community mental health support services.”; and

WHEREAS the Ottawa Police Services Board approved and referred to Council a draft 2022 Budget estimate based on a 2% police tax levy increase, which has resulted in \$2.65 million in unallocated funds; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that \$2.1M of the 2.65M in unallocated funds from the 2022 Budget be directed to the Community and Social Services Department in support of the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan and in consultation with the Guiding Council as follows:

1. That \$2.1 million in project funding be allocated to community organizations to:
 - A. support racialized youth program solutions across the city that are community-based, culturally appropriate and that assess risks and promote protective factors, such as increasing employment, mentorship and skills development for youth; and
 - B. support community-based, culturally appropriate 24x7 (24 hours a day, seven days a week) mental health prevention, addictions and crisis outreach services across the city; and
 - C. enhance access to culturally safe mental health programs, services, and crisis and social supports for the Indigenous community in Ottawa, and prevent violence against Indigenous women and girls; and
2. That funding be allocated as soon as practicable in 2022 for initiatives that can be implemented in 2022 in accordance with the Council-approved Community Funding Framework mandate and process (ACS2019-CSS-GEN-0012) and that Community and Social Services staff report back to Council via a memo on funding allocations by the end of Q1 2022 and that the performance indicators be established for these investments and that performance outcomes be reported as part of the Council-approved Community Funding Framework reporting process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor write to the Ontario Solicitor General and Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions with an overview of work undertaken by the City of Ottawa to promote mental health through the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan and to request that the Province of Ontario provide funding for municipalities to meet the mental well-being strategic objectives of these plans; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor write to Minister of Mental Health and Addictions to seek federal funding opportunities for the mental well-being strategic objectives of the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.

CARRIED

(Appendix 1 to Cloutier/ Egli Motion 67/6 re: Guiding Council See Annex 1 at end of Minutes)