



Victoria Community Safety & Wellbeing Plan

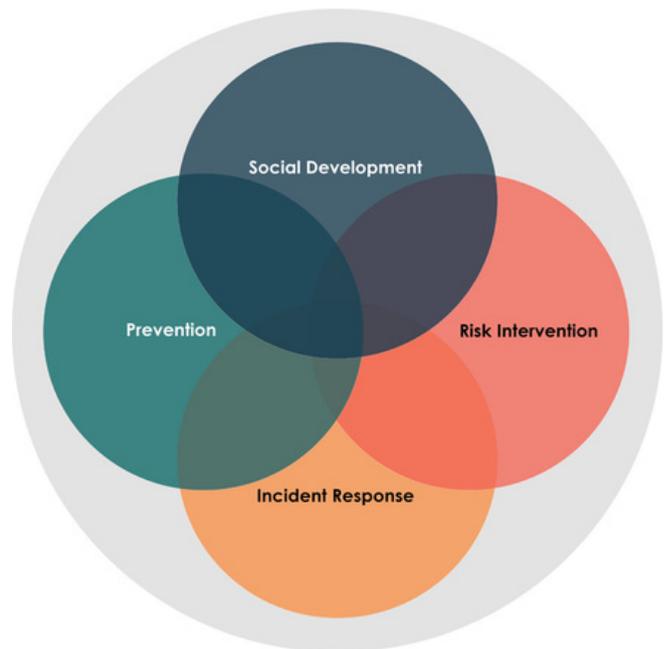
The Community Social Planning Council of Greater Victoria (CSPC) and community partners are developing a Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan for the Greater Victoria region.

The aim of the Victoria Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan (VCSWP) is to ensure that Greater Victoria residents feel safe, have a sense of belonging, and can meet their needs for education, healthcare, food, housing, income, and social and cultural expression.

We will pursue these outcomes through community-based research and engagement led by individuals that experience marginalization, criminalization, and racial inequity, as well as the organizations and service providers who work with them.

The insights and objectives they share will then be brought to the broader community through engagement sessions. This planning process seeks a proactive, balanced, and collaborative approach to community safety and wellbeing across four key areas:

- Social development - promoting and maintaining community safety and well-being,
- Prevention - proactively reducing identified risks,
- Risk intervention - mitigating situations of elevated risk, and
- Incident response - responding to both critical and non-critical incidents.



The elements of a community safety & wellbeing plan overlap and can be addressed in any order, individually, or simultaneously.

The VCSWP presents an opportunity to broaden the conversation of what makes us feel safe in our community with diverse individuals who are the most likely to experience insecurity and harm.

Local Challenges

Greater Victoria is seeing rapid population growth and the erosion of housing affordability as well as pandemic impacts which are worsening the opioid crisis. In the City of Victoria's 2022 budget consultation survey, safety was ranked as the area of highest concern, with homelessness and the housing crisis ranked as the top City priority.



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Project Plan

Phase 1

Community Advisory Committee Workshop Meetings

- Sharing best practices
- Identifying safety and wellbeing priorities
- Developing questions for research sessions
- Reviewing Research Data for safety and wellbeing priorities

Phase 2

Broadening the Conversation

- Reaching out to other community organizations and service providers
- Focusing on additional safety and wellbeing topics

Research Engagement Objectives

- Physical and non-physical safety concerns
- Identifying and developing safety and wellbeing priorities

Who is involved in developing the Community Safety & Wellbeing Plan?

The development of the VCSWP is overseen by an advisory committee, which brings together various sectors' perspectives and provides strategic advice and direction to CSPP on the development and implementation of the plan.

A lived experience steering committee and lived experience staff members will guide the work in an advisory capacity as well as through direct involvement in the research.

Victoria's Community Safety & Wellbeing Plan has representation from the following groups:

2SLGBTQIA+ community	Youth	Law enforcement & the justice system
People of African descent	Veterans	Early childhood organizations & families
People of colour	People with experiences of mental health challenges	Neighborhood & community groups
Indigenous Peoples	People who use substances	Faith communities
People with diverse abilities	People with lived/living experiences of poverty and/or homelessness	Business groups & BIAs
Newcomers	Social service providers	Social development organizations
Older adults/elders	Peer support workers	Municipal elected officials
Women+	People with lived/living experience	Others identified by the community

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