

Terms of Reference



MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON CRIME REDUCTION

1. Introduction

The Mayor's Task Force On Crime Reduction provides recommendations to Council on community-driven initiatives to reduce crime in Kelowna.

The Mayor's Task Force On Crime Reduction functions as a **Task Force** of Council.

2. Objectives

Task Force recommendations to Council will focus on the following objectives:

- Reduce crime and increase sense of safety in the community;
- Engage the public in crime prevention;
- Increase integration between all stakeholders involved in crime reduction; and
- Improve public awareness around the reality and perceptions of crime through the use of data and evidenced based research.

3. Scope of Work

To achieve its purpose and objectives, the Mayor's Task Force On Crime Reduction 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.
 - Identify which order of government or stakeholders are responsible for actions and recommendations identified;
 - Recommend advocacy actions to orders of government; and
 - Identify collaborative projects and partners that will have a direct impact reducing crime and increasing sense of safety.

4. Guiding Principles

The Task Force should consider the following guiding principles when developing recommendations:

- Consider initiatives and advocacy currently underway such as the Community Safety Plan, Guns and Gang Reduction initiative, ongoing Criminal Justice Reform Advocacy, Block Connector program, etc.,
- Consider short- and medium-term enforcement and crime prevention initiatives;

- Consider and provide definition around appropriate order of government(s) for recommendations and initiatives;
- Consider partnerships – initiatives that may involve citizens, community groups, resident or business association, non-profit sectors, businesses, Indigenous communities, lived experience groups, faith groups and other potential partners in the community while acknowledging capacity, respective mandates, expertise, and level of involvement;
- Base recommendations on best practices, data and evidence-based approaches;
- Consider cost, sustainability and accountability of initiatives.

5. Membership, Appointment and Term

Members will be appointed by resolution of Council and will include:

- 1 member with Legal Expertise/Background
- 3 – 5 Subject Matter Experts
- 1 member at large
- 1 member from the Social Services Sector
- 1 member from the Indigenous community
- 1 Councillor
- Mayor

The Mayor will serve as the Task Force Chair.

The Mayor's Task Force On Crime Reduction will be in place for a 12-month timeframe with the ability to extend.

6. Reporting to Council

The Task Force will provide updates to Council on a quarterly basis.

10. Support

Support will be provided as follows:

- Administrative support will be provided by the City of Kelowna;
- Meeting rooms will be provided at City Hall as needed;
- Miscellaneous expenses will be covered by the City of Kelowna; and
- Recommendations are subject to regular budget processes.

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