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Leamington Neighbourhood Safety Plan

Updates

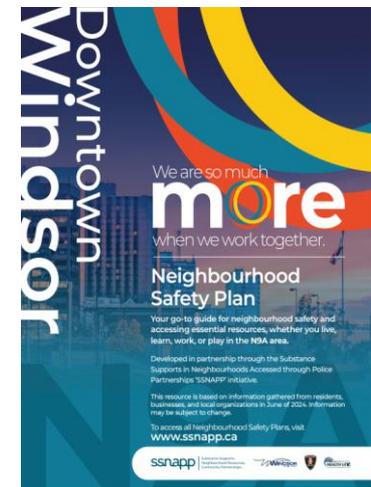
❖ The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), in partnership with the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit (WECHU) and the City Of Windsor’s Community and Safety Wellbeing team, have applied for a second Community Safety and Policing Grant to support the development and implementation of the Leamington Neighbourhood Safety Plans. This grant may encompass other communities in the county, as well.

- The first Community Safety and Policing grant received in 2022 funded the project Substance Supports in Neighbourhoods Accessed through Police Partnerships (SSNAPP) team. This funding ended in March 2025.
- Existing neighbourhood safety plans developed by SSNAPP cover the following Windsor area codes (N9A, N8W, N8Y, N8X). Topics covered in the safety plans:
 - Responding to substance use and mental health crises
 - De-escalation techniques
 - Homelessness, vandalism, and discrimination



Accomplishments to date

- ❖ Six community housing events have been attended in 2025 thus far – 920 Ouellette Community Care Fair (January 30th), Chateau Masson Health Fair (March 11th), Sandwich Teen Action Group Event (March 13th), Lassaline/Reginald Health Fair (April 10th), Bridge Ave Seniors Wellness (April 16th) and the Rivard Seniors Community Health Fair (May 29th).
 - 196 residents were engaged regarding the safety plans and shown how to utilize them.
 - 92.3% of residents indicated they felt more confident in supporting community safety related to substance use after receiving a review of the plans.
- ❖ 1,420 plans distributed as of June 9th, 2025.
- ❖ 1,905 online downloads as of February 20th, 2025.



Next steps

1

Identify key stakeholders to consult with to support the development of the Leamington safety plan

2

Promote Leamington Neighbourhood Safety Plan Survey

3

Facilitate focus groups

Key stakeholders

In addition to the partners represented in this group, the following community partners have expressed interest or have been suggested as key partners for consultation:

Hotel Dieu Grace Healthcare, Canadian Mental Health Associate Windsor-Essex, Mental Health Response Unit- Essex-Windsor EMS, Leamington Community Hope Centre, Erie Shores Healthcare.

Other potential partners:

Municipality of Leamington, Leamington OPP, South Essex Community Council, Migrant Worker Community Program, New Canadians Centre of Excellence, FSWE Essex County Homelessness Hub, County of Essex, The Bridge, Windsor-Essex County Health Centre, Windsor-Essex Community Housing Corporation, Leamington Probation and Parole, South West Detention Centre.

Leamington Neighbourhood Safety Plan Survey

❖ 14 questions

Questions about the contents of Individualized Leamington Safety Plans

* Do you live in **and** or spend considerable time in Leamington?

Choose one of the following answers

- Yes- Leamington (N8H)
- I don't live or spend considerable time in this postal code

* On a scale of 1 (never) to 5 (very frequently) how often do you see the following situations taking place in the community that you live or spend time in (Leamington)?

	1	2	3	4	5
Harassment on the street <i>Addressing: unwanted comments, gestures, or acts directed at someone in a public space without their consent.</i>	<input type="radio"/>				
Human exploitation <i>Addressing: the recruitment, transportation, harbouring and/or exercising control, direction, or influence over the movements of a person in order to exploit that person, typically through sexual exploitation or forced labour.</i>	<input type="radio"/>				
Discrimination / racism <i>Addressing: an action or a decision that treats a person or a group badly for reasons such as their race, age, or disability.</i>	<input type="radio"/>				
Mental health and substance use issues <i>Addressing: a person's state of psychological and emotional wellbeing and/or problematic patterns of substance use that interfere with a person's life.</i>	<input type="radio"/>				
Vandalism / graffiti <i>Addressing: any act that destroys or damages property that belongs to another or otherwise alters property in some way.</i>	<input type="radio"/>				
Issues with shared ride safety <i>Addressing: safety issues that may come about when people are utilizing rideshare services (i.e. Uber/Lyft).</i>	<input type="radio"/>				
Theft <i>Addressing: Non-violent property offence that covers a variety of illegal acts, including shoplifting or taking personal property from someone else, without their consent.</i>	<input type="radio"/>				
Other forms of conflict <i>Addressing: how to deal with disputes in a way that avoids confrontation and allows for a peaceful end to the conflict.</i>	<input type="radio"/>				

* On a scale of 1 (not at all important) to 5 (extremely important), how important do you think it is for an individualized neighbourhood safety plan to provide information about the following types of incidents?

	1	2	3	4	5
Anti-street harassment	<input type="radio"/>				
Human exploitation	<input type="radio"/>				
Discrimination/racism	<input type="radio"/>				
Mental health/substance use	<input type="radio"/>				
Vandalism/graffiti	<input type="radio"/>				
Shared ride safety	<input type="radio"/>				
Conflict resolution	<input type="radio"/>				

* Are there any other types of situations not mentioned here that you / a loved one has experienced that you think would be useful to have information on?

* When it comes to the types of information provided in the individualized Leamington safety plans about the previously mentioned situations, on a scale of 1 (not at all important) to 5 (extremely important) how important do you think it is to have the following types of information available?

	1	2	3	4	5
Educational information about substance use and opioids including appropriate language to use when speaking about people dealing with substance use and addictions	<input type="radio"/>				
A guide on how to safely administer naloxone, a life-saving medication that can reverse an opioids overdose and information about where naloxone kits can be found	<input type="radio"/>				
How to identify different types of situations occurring in your community	<input type="radio"/>				
Who to call in the event of these different types of situations occurring	<input type="radio"/>				
Names and contact information for community service providers in Windsor who can help in many of these situations	<input type="radio"/>				
Resources tailored to women	<input type="radio"/>				
Resources tailored to children and youth	<input type="radio"/>				
Resources tailored to seniors	<input type="radio"/>				
Resources tailored to newcomers	<input type="radio"/>				
Resources tailored to First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples	<input type="radio"/>				
Resources tailored to 2SLGBTQIA+ peoples	<input type="radio"/>				

*Are there other types of information that you would find helpful to include in the Leamington safety plans? Please specify.

*On a scale of 1 (not at all confident) to 5 (extremely confident), how confident do you feel in your understanding of when it is appropriate to call 911, 311 and 211?

	1	2	3	4	5
911	<input type="radio"/>				
311	<input type="radio"/>				
211	<input type="radio"/>				

*Do you have any other thoughts or comments about community safety in Leamington that you would like to share?

Inclusionary Questions (optional)

Leamington is home to both full-time and part-time residents, workers, and business owners. Please select the option(s) below that best describes you. Select all that apply.

 Select all that apply

- I am a full-time resident of Leamington.
- I work in Leamington.
- I own a business in Leamington.
- I visit these Leamington frequently (e.g., access services, visit restaurants, enjoy entertainment, etc.).
- Prefer not to say.
- Other (please describe):

If you live in Leamington, how long have you lived here?

 Choose one of the following answers

- Not applicable- I do not live in Leamington.
- Less than a year.
- 1-5 years.
- 6-10 years.
- 11+ years.

If you work or own a business in Leamington, how long have you worked here or owned your business?

Choose one of the following answers

- Not applicable – I do not work or own a business in Leamington.
- Less than a year.
- 1-5 years.
- 6-10 years.
- 11+ years.
- No answer

What is your age group?

Choose one of the following answers

- Under 18 years old.
- 18 to 24 years old.
- 25 to 34 years old.
- 35 to 44 years old.
- 45 to 54 years old.
- 55 to 64 years old.
- 65+ years old.
- No answer

Gender: How do you identify? Select all that apply.

 Select all that apply

- Male
- Female
- Female-to-male (FTM)/ Transgender male
- Male-to-female (MTF)/ Transgender female
- Genderqueer / gender fluid
- Non-binary
- Intersex
- Prefer not to disclose
- Prefer to self-describe:

End of survey

Focus group guide

In combination
with the survey

Open to service
providers and
residents of
Leamington

Up to an hour, in-
person or virtual

Focus group guide

Situations

How often do you see or hear about these types of situations taking place in Leamington?

Are there any other situations that you or someone you know has experienced that you think community members (residents and businesses) would benefit from having information on?

What types of information or resources would be useful for community members to have if they ever encountered these situations (or others not listed here)?

Harassment on the street

Human exploitation

Discrimination/racism

Mental health and substance use issues

Vandalism/graffiti

Issues with shared ride safety

Other forms of conflict

Focus group guide

Groups

Women

Children and youth

Seniors

Newcomers

First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples



When it comes to the types of information provided in these neighbourhood safety plans, how important is it to have resources dedicated to the following groups?



Are there any other groups that are not listed here that you think may require tailored resources?

Focus group guide

Additional Questions:



What are your thoughts on the current mental health and addiction resources available in Leamington?



Are there any particular resources that your organization offers which would be helpful for residents to access in the individualized safety plans?



Do you have any other thoughts or comments about community safety in Leamington that you would like to share?

In Summary



Expand safety plans to Leamington and/or other parts of the county



Applied for grant



List of key partners identified



Survey and focus group guide have been created

Thank you! Questions?