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SUBJECT DRAFT PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE TERM WORK PLAN

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report:

To present to the Public Safety Committee a draft copy of the Public Safety Committee term work plan to assist the Committee with further discussions at the September 4, 2024 Special Committee Meeting.

BACKGROUND

At the June 12, 2024 Public Safety Committee Meeting, the Committee held a roundtable discussion on its work plan identifying key priorities and initiatives. Arising from the discussion, six themes were identified:

- Transportation Safety;
- Crime Prevention (City);
- Homelessness, Addiction & Community Impacts;
- Health & Wellness;
- Advocacy; and
- Education.

For each theme, the Committee identified several potential priorities and initiatives, and referred them to staff for review and incorporation into a formalized draft work plan for the Committee's consideration.

The draft term work plan is provided as Attachment A of the report.

DISCUSSION

When reviewing the work plan, it is important to keep in mind the Committee's mandate outlined in its Terms of Reference. The Committee's mandate is to *discuss concerns* and *propose solutions* that would serve to *enhance safety and security within the City of Nanaimo*. The Committee *advises Council on strategic and policy initiatives related to the City's provision of public safety programs* with a goal of maintaining and enhancing a safe and healthy community.

The draft work plan includes the themes, specific priorities and initiatives, high level budget implications, responsible City departments or divisions as well as examples of related ongoing or completed projects or initiatives. Staff have identified six of the 16 priorities and initiatives as being within the Committee's scope. Another six priorities and initiatives may be within the Committee's scope, depending on what aspect of a priority or an initiative the Committee

focuses on. Lastly, staff have identified four priorities and initiatives as being outside of the Committee's scope. This is often the case due to an item being beyond the Committee's mandate and/or the City's jurisdiction.

At the September 4, 2024 Committee Meeting, staff plan to review each priority and initiative with the Committee. To ensure they are within the Committee's mandate and staff can appropriately support the Committee in achieving its priorities, staff need more clarity from the Committee on the following two priorities under the Advocacy theme:

- Advocate for addressing root causes of the opioid overdose public health and safety emergency; and
- Advocate for a restorative justice program. |

CONCLUSION

Following further discussion at the September 4, 2024 Committee Meeting, staff will update the draft term work plan by incorporating the Committee's feedback and determining whether identified priorities and initiatives are achievable within the Committee's current term which ends by December 31, 2026. Priorities and initiatives that are not within the Committee's mandate or are not achievable within the current term will be removed.

The Committee will have an opportunity to review and approve the final term work plan at its October 9, 2024 Meeting. The work plan will be then advanced to Council for its approval. The finalized term work plan will be used to develop annual Committee work plans at the beginning of each year. |

SUMMARY POINTS

- The Public Safety Committee is developing a work plan for its term ending December 31, 2026.
- The term work plan focuses on six themes with the goal of enhancing safety and security in the community.
- The finalized term work plan will inform the development of annual committee work plans.

ATTACHMENT

Attachment A – City of Nanaimo Public Safety Committee Term Work Plan Development |

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