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Timiskaming Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Committee Announces Official Launch December 19, 2023 - For immediate release

The Timiskaming Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Committee is pleased to announce its official launch in late September 2023. The Timiskaming CSWB Committee is a multi-sectoral group representing 23 municipalities within Timiskaming District, including the municipality of Temagami. This is an unprecedented opportunity to make lasting change in the district via high-level planning and direct, in-community support. Members of the CSWB Committee include municipal officials representing constituents from rural and urban communities, mental health and social services, justice sectors, and Indigenous organizations within the district. The Timiskaming Health Unit is the backbone organization of this committee, acting as the principal coordinator of the work of the committee. Within the CSWB plan, there are six identified priority areas: Health and Well-Being, Housing, Employment, Poverty, Community Safety, and Environment and Sustainability.

“Since the plan was approved in 2022, we have hired a coordinator, developed progress tracking tools, and created an asset map to identify existing initiatives that fit within the scope of the plan,” says CSWB Committee Co-Chair, Erin Cowan. “The Committee has formed three working groups including Health and Wellbeing, Housing, and Community Safety. Over time, the Committee will expand to work on more priority areas, ensuring that all aspects of the CSWB plan are supported.”

Co-Chair Steve McIntyre affirms the intentions of the CSWB Committee, stating, “this innovative collaborative approach is connecting Timiskaming communities in newfound ways. We will work together towards creating lasting improvements to the safety and wellbeing of Timiskaming residents. We will be issuing a progress report in early 2024 to share our successes and future plans.”

For more information on the CSWB Plan, please visit:
<https://www.timiskaminghu.com/90567/Community-Safety-and-Well-Being>

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