



**Quinte West Community
Safety & Well-being
Implementation Plan
2021-2024**



Priority Issue: Mental Health & Addictions

Our Goals:

We want to ensure ALL Quinte West residents:

- Are mentally healthy.
- Have reduced harms from substance use.

Headline Indicators:

- Rate of emergency department conditions entirely caused by alcohol.
- Rate of opioid-related emergency department visits.
- Rate of opioid-related deaths.



| Initiative | Actions | Lead Agency | Supporting Partners | Timeline |
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| Enhance access to treatment and support services in QW | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advocate for funding to provide MH+SU services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Flexibility & re-distribution of funding o Expansion of existing programs | All Agencies | | 2022-2023 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Launch of the mobile program for rural and high needs areas where agencies share space and see clients on a rotational basis | City of Quinte West | All Agencies | 2022-2024 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hold an annual professional development event/summit for staff in the MH+SU field within QW | City of Quinte West | All Agencies | 2022 - 2024 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hold an annual Wellness Expo | City of Quinte West | All Agencies | 2022 - 2024 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Connect all mental health and substance use strategies across all the municipal Community Safety and Well Being plans in Hastings & Prince Edward | City of Quinte West | | 2022 - 2023 |



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| Expand harm reduction programs in QW | - Establish a harm reduction sub-committee of the Action Table | City of Quinte West | All Agencies | 2022 |
| | - Develop a communication and education strategy to improve acceptance and understanding of substance use and its causes. This strategy should focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Improving understanding of the link between trauma and substance use o Reducing stigma within systems (e.g. schools, municipalities, healthcare providers, social services, policing) o Reducing stigma within the general public | Hastings Prince Edward Public Health | | 2022 |
| | - Develop an education and communication strategy to inform decision-makers and the public about the importance of harm reduction programs | Hastings Prince Edward Public Health | | |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review municipal zoning bylaws to ensure that are no barriers to harm reduction programs | City of Quinte West | | 2022 - 2023 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide regular training to frontline emergency responders on harm reduction | | | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop harm reduction sites (e.g. methadone clinics, safe injection sites, RAAM clinic) | | | |



Priority Issue: Appropriate & Affordable Housing

Our Goal:

We want Quinte West residents to have affordable and appropriate housing.

This result is important for all residents, yet residents living on low incomes are affected most by this issue.

Headline Indicators:

- Percent of renters and homeowners in Quinte West with core housing needs.
- Number of Quinte West households on Hastings County subsidized housing waitlist.
- Number of Quinte West households on Hastings County urgent need subsidized housing waitlist.



| Initiative | Actions | Lead Agency | Supporting Partners | Timeline |
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| Complete Quinte West Housing Plan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plan will establish long-term strategy to increase affordable housing supply. | City of Quinte West | QRLA, QHBA, HHRC, County of Hastings | 2023-2024 |
| Consider a new supportive housing project in Quinte West | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The City of Quinte West will initiate the conversation with Hastings County to understand what needs to be considered to achieve this. | City of Quinte West, County of Hastings | | 2022 and beyond |
| Advocate for more funding from Provincial & Federal partners | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New and innovative funding is needed to support development incentives and build supportive and subsidized housing. Funding opportunities and needs will be identified and an advocacy strategy developed to highlight the funding required to | City of Quinte West, County of Hastings | Housing Action Table Partners | 2022 and beyond |



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| | realize this plan's housing initiatives. | | | |
| Increase public awareness and acceptance of affordable housing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public support and understanding of housing as a basic need and housing solutions that improve well-being will improve public acceptance of these initiatives and reduce NIMBYism (not in my backyard sentiment) as new construction begins. HPEPH will include housing as part of their social determinants of health issue framing campaign. | Hastings Prince Edward Public Health | City of Quinte West | |



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| <p>Focus on housing supply retention</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify barriers being faced by current rental property owners and the causes contributing to some leaving the market. - Conduct online survey with landlords in Quinte West. - Conduct in person focus groups to discuss highlighted issues and potential solutions | <p>City of Quinte West, Quinte Region Landlords Association (QRLA), Quinte Home Builders' Association (QHBA)</p> | | <p>2022</p> |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Offer information and training to new and potential rental property owners (ie. rights, responsibilities, incentives, bylaws, purchasing property, how to rent, etc.) - Hold info session in Fall 2022 - Landlord 101 | <p>City of Quinte West, Quinte Region Landlords Association (QRLA), Quinte Home Builders' Association (QHBA)</p> | | <p>2022</p> |