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HALIFAX

Public Safety Strategy

Halifax Board of Police Commissioners

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How we got here

- 2006 -- Violent crime in Halifax escalating.
- 2006 -- Mayor's Roundtable on Violence created.
- 2008 -- Consultant's public safety report received by Regional Council.
- 2011-- Public Safety Office (HRP) and public safety strategic plan created.
- 2014 -- Follow-up consultant report received by Council.
- 2015-- Public Safety Advisor hired and located within administration.
- 2016 -- Regional Council direction to develop a public safety strategy.

Why the Municipality

- Municipalities are the level of government closest to neighbourhoods, communities and citizens.
- They provide many direct services and programmes that enhance community safety, from community policing to safe urban design and support for vulnerable groups.
- Municipalities can impact Public Safety as a primary, shared or complimentary contributor.

Purpose of the strategy

- Promote a better understanding of the nature and root causes of crime and insecurity.
- Support upstream thinking and coordinated approaches to addressing public safety.
- Improved stakeholder collaboration, commitment and coordination.
- Promote adoption of a public safety perspective across HRM business units during daily activity and yearly planning.

Public safety framework



Vision

Communities
where everyone is safe
to live, work, learn and play.



Mission

To implement collaborative and
holistic approaches that advance
public safety for all.



Strategic
priorities



Build resident
resilience



Ensure
safe places

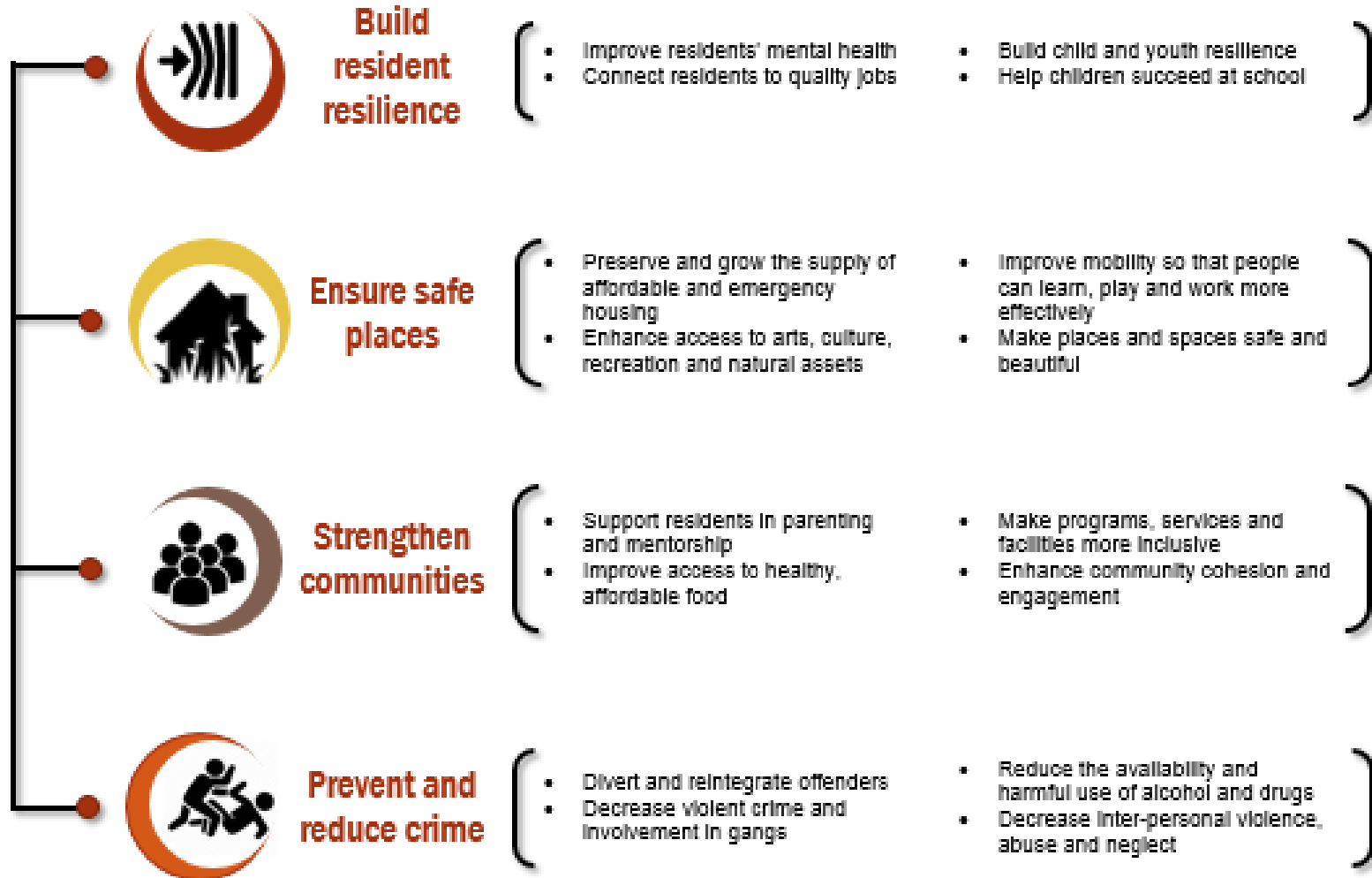


Strengthen
communities



Prevent and
reduce crime

5-Year strategic priorities and objectives



Next steps

- Internal stakeholder consultation (On-going)
- Presentation to Regional Council (Oct.31st,2017)
- Implementation (when approved by Council)
- Review and report (annually)