4.0 Conclusions

As a strategic document to guide City's responses to community social issues, the Social Plan encompasses a comprehensive scope of Goals, Objectives and actions directed toward creating the vision of its social future. An inclusive, healthy, safe community will rely on the diversity, strengths, and potential of its members through their involvement in meeting community needs. These values will be supported and encouraged through the various actions outlined in the Social Plan.

The value of a framework for City responses to community social issues through the implementation of the Social Plan will become apparent in more effective use of City resources and focussed social planning activities. The necessity for City collaboration with service providers and community members in addressing quality of life issues is an essential element of the Plan.

The development of a City Social Plan has involved a process with a citizen-based working group, and many cycles of consultation with key stakeholders, representatives of local service providers, and community members. The two resulting documents, the Social Plan Background Document and the Social Plan, will be essential to the work of City hall. Both documents will be useful references for community members and service providers in working with the City to create a vibrant community with a high quality of life.