

1. Correspondence:

Please note that correspondence received by and sent from the WRPCPC office on a daily basis far exceeds those mentioned in this list. This correspondence section features letters specifically directed at or provided by WRPCPC but does not include correspondence of common daily practice or emails unless specifically requested by the sender.

1.1 Received:

- (a) Letter from MP Stephen Woodworth thanking the Crime Prevention Council for the updates on the Youth Gang prevention proposal. April 7, 2009.
- (b) CD: "Breaking It Down: Beyond Gangs, Groups and Cliques".
Speaker Presentations May 3,4, 2009
- (c) Report: Regional Official Plan, Second Draft, April 2009. Region of Waterloo.
- (d) Report: Literacy Awareness Resource Manual for Police, May 2008. Courtesy of the Literacy and Policing Project of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police.
- (e) Director Honoured
Roger Lawler Receives Distinguished Leadership Award From Ontario Catholic Supervisory Officers Association

Media Release: *Waterloo Catholic District School Board Education Director Roger Lawler was ast night honored by the Ontario Catholic Supervisory Officers Association (OCSOA) with its 2009 Distinguished Leadership Award.*

2. Committee and Staff Reports:

Please note that the information below is not exhaustive but rather selectively highlights key activities of the CPC and its committees and staff between monthly meetings of Council.

Please welcome Jessica Hutchison as our new staff member. Jessica will be the research development staff for the CPC for a one year contract on a PT basis.

2.1 Facilitating Committee

The Facilitating Committee at its regular meeting on April 30th in addition to discussing the agenda for the CPC meeting invited Mark Yantzi and Kathleen Cleland-Moyer to bring information of the funding cuts to the victim offender reconciliation program and decided to bring this dialogue to the full council.

The committee also attended to several other administration and organizational items. Minutes for the FC committee are available to members of CPC upon request.

(Christiane Sadeler on behalf of Tom Brenner, Chair of FC)

2.2 Violence Prevention

The Violence Prevention Plan Implementation Committee will not meet before the final consent agenda is circulated. An update can be provided at the CPC meeting.

There has been no news on the proposal for a center of responsibility from the office of the Attorney General of Ontario, the Honorable Chris Bentley.

Anthony and Bill Wilson presented the Violence Prevention Index to the Police Services Board.

An index on the severity of crime has been developed and Waterloo Region again shows to be one of the safest communities in Canada. Christiane was interviewed by Roger's news in conjunction with interviews from WRPS to speak to the various actions that increase public safety & security in communities.

(Christiane Sadeler for Bill Wilson, Chair of VPPIC)

2.3 Community Relations

The Community Relations Committee has not met since last council meeting. New committee chair(s) will be appointed at our next meeting (May 14).

The Annual Justice Dinner generated increased media attention including interviews with Dan Gardner with the following:

- o Waterloo Region Record
- o Province Wide
- o Rogers Daytime

Updated www.Preventingcrime.ca design is progressing - hope to go live by the end of May 2009.

We will have a WRPCPC display at the following community event this month:

- o Kitchener Waterloo Community Foundation's "A Celebration of Giving"
Sat. June 14 (12:00 pm-4:00 pm), St. George Hall, 665 King St. N., Waterloo

(Tracy Jasmins for John Shewchuk, Chair of Community Relations)

2.4 Substance Use

An ad hoc I.D.S. subcommittee of Council has been working to establish the I.D.S. taskforce, timelines, and related details. Resources and funding remain a core issue. An orientation session for I.D.S. Taskforce members is being planned for June 5.

An ad hoc Overdose working group has devised a manual and is hosting a community information session on May 22 for agencies and others interested in preventing and/or reducing drug-related overdoses.

The Health Canada Drug Strategy Community Initiatives Fund announced that St. Mary's Counseling Service's *High on Life Challenge* program will receive \$678,651 in financial support.

The *High on Life Challenge* project is designed to reduce drug use among young people and engage high school and college age youth in healthy activities and lifestyles. The project will deliver *High on Life* curriculum to educational professionals in local high schools, colleges and

universities, train school personnel and youth workers, and develop program materials and resources.

The Waterloo Region Crime Prevention Council had written a letter of support for the St. Mary's grant application in 2008. St. Mary's had written a letter of support for our unsuccessful application to the same fund.

(Michael Parkinson, Community Engagement Program)

2.5 Justice Dinner 2009

The Justice Dinner was held on Thursday, April 23, 2009 at Bingemans and was attended by close to 400 guests. Entertainment by local students and Haitian dancers together with a presentation by Dan Gardner about the roots of human fear were the main focus of the event. A survey has been generated to ask guests about their feedback as well as future directions for the dinner. Results should be available by the June 2009 CPC meeting.

(Christiane Sadeler for Wayne Morris and Barb Hill, committee co-chairs)

2.6 National Municipal Network:

A working draft proposal for funding was provided to NCPC based on discussions during several conference calls. The main motivation behind the proposal is to keep the network vital and open it up to other municipalities for coaching, mentoring, and support.

The Municipal Action Briefs are now competed and will be released at the end of May 2009. It is hoped that WRPCPC with others take on a leadership role in bringing media attention to the briefs.

A conference call with all members of the NMN was hosted by WRPCPC. Energy among network members remains high. Current network members from West to East include:

Vancouver
Surrey
Calgary
Saskatoon
Edmonton
Regina
Winnipeg
Kitchener
Waterloo Region
Toronto
Ottawa
Quebec
Montreal
St John's
Halifax

(Christiane Sadeler)

2.7 Youth Gang Prevention Proposal

Partners of the youth gang prevention proposal met on April 28 to discuss next steps which will include both more detailed consideration of the facts of youth gang activity in Waterloo Region in

preparation for a briefing of local MP's about the work of the CPC generally and the proposal specifically. Current partners on the committee include: John Bilton and Holt Sivak for the John Howard Society, Steve Sherrer for Lutherwood, Sandy Bell for ROOF and Coba Molenburgh and Barb Chrysler for St Mary's. There was an agreement to remain in a stage of readiness with regards to the funding and begin to action some of the work plan items even if resources are limited without the NCPC support at present.

NCPC has not responded to the most recent request for an update on the status of the proposal and one can only assume there has been no change since their last information provided which was promising.

The proceedings from the conference: Breaking It Down: Beyond Gangs, Groups and Cliques are now available at www.mms-data.com.

(Christiane Sadeler for the Youth Gang Prevention Collaborative)

3. Other Information

3.1. National Report on Crime Severity Index

Overall crime in Canada is less severe than it was a decade ago, but violent crime has only dropped slightly in that period, a Statistics Canada report said. The report is based on the "crime severity index," a new way for Statistics Canada to measure changes in the seriousness of crime over time and in different areas of the country. The agency's traditional measure of crime, the "police-reported crime rate," measures changes in the volume of crime and counts each incident equally whether it's petty theft or homicide.

The new crime severity index assigns each type of offence a different "weight. Statistics Canada also looked specifically at crimes against the person, such as homicide, robberies and sexual assault, to obtain an index of violence crime. In contrast to the declining overall crime severity index, the violent crime index held steady over the last decade, the report says, dropping only about two per cent between 1998 and 2007.

For details please visit:

<http://www.statcan.gc.ca>

3.2. National Report on different rates of victimization according to social and economic circumstances

Here are some highlights. The more detailed report is again available at:

<http://www.stascan.gc.ca>

Rates of violent crime victimization, including physical assault, sexual assault and robbery, were at least 1.5 times greater for Canadians from low-income households (i.e., under \$15,000) compared to those from higher household income groups.

Canadians from low-income households were no more likely than their counterparts from other income groups to report their victimizations to police. However, they were more likely to experience a disruption to their daily activities as a result of their victimization.

Canadians from low-income households were more likely than those from higher income households to believe their neighbourhoods had higher crime rates than elsewhere and to report socially disruptive conditions in their neighbourhoods.

3.3 Sleepless Nite is back

Participating in Wake-A-Thon involves staying awake between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. on the night of Friday May 1st, and collecting pledges to raise funds for backpacks, sleeping bags and other emergency equipment. It is a fun and educational experience.

Christiane and former staff member Brent Mayled as well as now CPC member Don Roth participated in this event last year. Don is again looking for pledges this year! Please consider supporting don in this effort by contributing to his pledge.

3.4 Learning about Community Capacity

The Social Planning Council Kitchener Waterloo invites to an evening with John McKnight on May 14th. The topic of his presentation will be *Leveraging Community Assets for Addressing Social Issues*. This event is open to all!

3.5 Crime Prevention: Sustaining the Momentum

Vol 3 of the national working group review journal through the Institute for the Prevention of Crime at the University of Ottawa has been released and includes commentaries from Patrice Allard and Christiane Sadeler as co-chairs of the National Municipal Network.

The IPC Review gathers and shares the most up-to-date knowledge on key areas of crime prevention and community safety, and explores implications for Canadian policy and practice. Volume 3 is divided into three sections. The first section considers what Canada can learn from recent experiences in England and Wales, Australia, New Zealand and the United States. The authors provide considerable insights on what to do and what not to do when designing and implementing a crime prevention strategy. Representatives from the federal, provincial and territorial, and municipal orders of government in Canada, as well as from the International Centre for the Prevention of Crime, reflect on what these findings might mean for Canada. The last two sections explore key requirements for success in the prevention of gang violence among youth and young adults, and in the prevention of violence against women. Download your copy now!



3.5 The Canadian Council on Social Development

invites all CCSD members to nominate candidates for the CCSD Board of Directors.

Region	Vacancies open for election	Eligible for re-election and have agreed to stand for re-election
Quebec	1	0
Ontario	1	0
British Columbia & Yukon	2	0
Atlantic Provinces	1	0
Prairies/ Northwest Territories /Nunavut	1	0

THE DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS Monday, June 1, 2009

4. EVENTS

4.1. WRPS OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, May 9, 2009, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
WRPS Headquarters, 200 Maple Grove Road, Cambridge

4.2. ROOF

2nd Annual Roof Top Event: “Celebrating 20 years in Waterloo Region”

Friday, May 29, 2009 - 7:00 pm
The Downtown Community Centre, Kitchener

Tickets \$20.00 - Food & Fun, Raffle Prizes, Silent Auction, Door Prizes
In honour of the 20 year anniversary, ROOF alumni (including ROOF's founder, Kate Millar) are expected to attend. The theme is *'bringing back the 80's'* and you are encouraged to dress the part (reach way back into that closet of yours..I'm sure you have some 80's clothing in there!)

Contact ROOF Office for tickets at 519-742-2788 or through Sandy Bell

4.3. The Kitchener and Waterloo Community Foundation

2009 Annual Town Hall Meeting: “Wellness, our foundation for success and happiness”

Tuesday, May 26th
4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Kitchener City Hall Rotunda

MC: Leslie Gordon – Health and Lifestyles Reporter, CTV
Guest speakers: Dr. Liana Nolan – Medical Officer of Health, Region of Waterloo,
Anne Ramsay – Executive Network Director, Project READ

4.4. CJIWR Barn-Raiser:

Celebrating 35 years and the retirement of Mark Yantzi. Saturday, June 6, 2009.
Dinner and dance, Bingeman's.
Details from carolynmj@cjiwr.com or 519-744-6549 ext.105

4.5. Women's Crisis Services of Waterloo Region

"Moving Beyond Violence: Lessons From Gandhi"

Keynote Speaker: Arun Gandhi, Grandson of Mahatma Gandhi

Friday, June 13, 2009 - 5:30 pm

Bingemans Ballroom

Tickets \$150 or \$1,000 for table of 8 - Call 1-800-625-7925

Black Tie

4.6. The Kitchener and Waterloo Community Foundation

"A Celebration of Giving"

Sunday, June 14, 2009

12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

St. George Hall, 665 King Street North, Waterloo

Have fun and learn about your community. Exciting activities will be running all day hosted by local non-profit and charitable organizations! FREE Admission, FREE Parking, LIVE entertainment!

For more info contact Bethan Llewellyn at bllewellyn@kwcf.ca or 519-725-1806 x 4

Your comments on content and approach to this consent agenda are always welcome.
Respectfully submitted,

Christiane Sadeler, ED
Tuesday, May 05, 2009