

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.

Received:

- 1.1. A letter from MP Harold Albrecht thanking the CPC for its support of the community shredding event that promoted awareness about identity theft.

1. Staff and Committee Reports:

1.1. Facilitating Committee:

The Facilitating Committee met on September 30, 2009 at its regularly scheduled monthly meeting to develop the agenda for the October CPC meeting and discuss governance policies, CPC Alumni mandate, staff and other administrative items. Christiane gave an update on the "SCAN" legislation and the FC debriefed about the meeting held on September 29, 2009 with Dr. Alvin Curling regarding the "Roots of Youth Violence."

(Christiane Sadeler, staff for Tom Brenner, Chair of FC)

1.2. Communications & Marketing and Community Relations Committee:

Check out www.PreventingCrime.ca. Our new website is now LIVE! This is a work in progress so your feedback is appreciated.

"Safe Cities" series had its debut on Rogers TV on Wed. Sept. 30 and featured "Crime Prevention 101: An Introduction". Guests include Regional Chair Ken Seiling, Chief Matt Torigian, Christiane Sadeler and Dr. Ross Hastings, Director of the Institute for Prevention of Crime, Ottawa. A copy of the program will be available in our Resource Centre.

Monday, October 12, 2009 – we will be participating in the Oktoberfest Thanksgiving Day Parade with a revamped float and colourful new Say Hi Shirts. **Walkers needed!** Start time 8:30 a.m. in Uptown Waterloo, walk 5km, finish in downtown Kitchener about 10:30 a.m. GRT bus will take walkers back to uptown Waterloo.

Monday, October 19, 2009 is SAY HI DAY in schools throughout Waterloo Region. Packages have been sent out to all schools to encourage participation. We will again offer two \$500.00 Connected School Awards through a random draw (to a school representing each board).

Sunday, October 25, 2009 – Festival of Neighbourhoods (Kitchener). CPC is once again sponsoring the "Safer Neighbourhood" award.

A CPC member is needed to volunteer to present the award during the afternoon celebration.

Oct. 28 "Safe Cities" will feature the topic "Drugs, Alcohol & Crime".

Nov. 25 "Safe Cities" will feature the topic "Crimes Against Children".

The RAP Sheets (Research & Planning) are still in the development stage.

Keep those CPC Member profile bios coming!

(Tracy Jasmins, Staff for Aubrey Walters & Bill Davidson, Co-Chairs, Community Relations)

1.3. Substance use and addictions:

The Waterloo Region Integrated Drugs Strategy Task Force (WRIDS) met September 15. Waterloo Region Public Health has generously dedicated a part time, 3 month position to assist WRIDS. Resourcing, communications, environmental scan, gaps analysis are among the items currently being worked on.

In The Mind's Eye website hopes to go live October 9. Posters are available now.

Initiated by WRCPC in November 2008, The Ontario Network of Drug Strategy Specialists continues to meet with Michael as Chair. A 2010 provincial conference is in the planning stages.

Due to changes in Vancouver, WRCPC has assumed temporary responsibility for re-crafting and distributing the "4 Pillars Across Canada" newsletter. Lindsay Klassen, MSW student with CPC, will coordinate the re-vamped cross Canada newsletter, in addition to her work with WRIDS and ITME. Lindsay has also begun the exploration of emergency overdose response protocols and options.

(Michael Parkinson, Staff)

1.4. Violence Prevention:

The Violence Prevention Plan Implementation Committee (VPPIC) meeting in September focused upon the gap analysis and asset inventory being conducted upon the services that are available for those who have been victims of a violent crime and for those individuals who have committed a violent offence. The committee helped to identify services that will be approached and asked to complete a survey and the committee provided some feedback on the study design paying particular attention to the length and type of questions that service providers will be likely to answer.

The committee also spent time reviewing a concept paper that was shared with senior policy analysts at the Attorney General's office. The paper has now been updated to provide a clearer explanation of how a Violence Prevention Evaluation Centre would operate in Waterloo Region.

(Anthony Piscitelli, Staff for Bill Wilson, Chair of VPPIC)

1.5. Research and Evaluation:

The Advisory Group on Research and Evaluation (AGORE) met on September 23, 2009. Dr. Terry Mitchell, professor of psychology at Wilfrid Laurier University, joined the committee on behalf of the Centre for Community Learning Research and Action. A research ethics application was submitted to WLU for approval of the asset inventory and gap analysis of services for individuals who have been victims of interpersonal violence and for those who have committed interpersonal violence. AGORE provided feedback on the ethics application during the meeting. AGORE members also reviewed and provided feedback on the Fear of Crime Report and RAP (Research and Planning) sheets on: (1) mandatory minimum sentences for drug offences, (2) mandatory minimum sentences and (3) seniors and crime.

On Friday, September 24th we received ethics approval to conduct the gap analysis and asset inventory study. The next step is to submit ethics applications to Correctional Service of Canada and the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services to obtain approval to conduct interviews with inmates at federal and provincial correctional facilities who have committed interpersonal violence. Surveys for service providers will be sent out via email by the end of October.

Plans for a forum on mental health and crime to be held in February 2010 continue with support from CMHA and GVI. An application to CSC community forum grant allocation has been submitted and is pending decision.

(Jessica Hutchison, Staff for Tom Brenner, Chair of AGORE)

1.6. Consultation with the Community, 2009:

The consultation with the community has successfully been launched with the release of the survey and scheduling of focus groups. Most of the tools that members of CPC will need have been sent. WRPCD DVDs will be made available at each consultation as a tool to familiarize participants with the Crime Prevention Council's vision, mission, mandates, strategic directions, history, and campaigns. If you have not already done so, you are encouraged to connect with Andrea McArthur to schedule a focus group to be held at your agency/organization. Your feedback about the online discussion (blog) to take place with service agencies that you will soon be invited to, is appreciated before we launch this stage of the consultation. Ongoing questions, comments, or recommendations about the consultation are also welcome during the data collection stage and can be directed to Andrea McArthur: mcar6250@wlu.ca

(Andrea McArthur, Consultant for CPC community consultation)

1.7. Youth Gang Prevention Program

Regional Council at its regular meeting on September 23 ratified the motion from Community Services Committee of September 15, 2009 to enter into a contribution agreement with the Ministry of Public Safety & Security. Copies of report CPC-09-001 are available for review upon request. This brings the agreement with NCPC to sign-off stage and more formally allows CPC to start the project launch

The interim advisory committee has been meeting to work out terms of reference, project staffing and partnership agreements. Research into best practice models continues and will likely lead to a site visit with a project in Hamilton funded through Service Canada with a focus on street gangs. Additionally municipalities across Canada that have gang prevention efforts in place have agreed to a conference call hosted by Ottawa Crime Prevention for the purpose of information and resource exchange. NCPCC is planning a get together of all NCPCC funded projects for February 2010.

With the contribution agreement signed the hiring of a program manager has become the first priority. We hope to be able to announce progress in this area in due course.

(Christiane Sadeler, staff)

1.8. Roots of Youth Violence

Member of CPC will recall that in 2007 the Province of Ontario launched a community consultation into the roots of youth violence. This community was approached to be one of the consultation sites. ROOF took on the task of hosting several focus groups with youth and facilitated by youth in a very short turn around time. The CPC hosted a forum in December 2007 which was attended by over 50 community representatives. We subsequently provided input into governance possibilities and reiterated the importance of a province wide crime prevention secretariat.

Since that time the report has been presented to the office of the Premier. CPC participated in a review of progress on the report hosted by the National working Group of the Institute for Prevention of Crime (Ottawa). Report pending.

A small group of staff and CPC members met with Dr. Alvin Curling (co-author of the report with Justice Roy McMurtry) on September 29, 2009 to discuss how to ensure that the report gains some momentum. Several potential action steps were discussed and it was agreed to continue to play a part in monitoring the implementation efforts. To date none of the recommendations of the report have been implemented.

(Christiane Sadeler for John Shewchuk, Chair)

1.9. CPC office updates

It is my pleasure to announce that as of October 26, 2009 the CPC staff team will be at full staff complement.

Please join me in welcoming Juanita Metzger to the CPC staff team as the second Community Engagement Coordinator. Juanita comes with diverse experiences in community development including work outside Canada. She is currently working at CIGI and will start her engagement with CPC on October 26, 2009. I look forward to introducing you to Juanita at the November meeting. Meanwhile please don't be shy to drop in and, well, "say hi".

As every year the office of the CPC is fortunate to engage student volunteers from various walks of life. Please welcome Ben Brock, co-op student from Bluevale Collegiate. Ben will be with us four days per week for four hours per day until mid January to assist with resource library online and other communication tasks.

We are also fortunate to yet again welcome a student from the community psychology masters program at WLU. Lisa Armstrong who is known to the youth gang prevention committee through some research that she contributed during the summer has chosen CPC as her placement. Lisa will devote 200 hours of practicum time to crime prevention and will be available in the office for one or two days per week.

With the above additions to our team the office space at 99 Regina Street is at maximum capacity.

An updated staff and student volunteer list with contact information will be provided to you in hard copy at the October CPC meeting.

(Christiane Sadeler, Staff)

2. Other additional information:

- 2.1. The National Municipal Network proposal is being reworked for submission to NCPC in the next two weeks. The small working group comprised of Claude Vezina, Irvin Waller, Patrice Allard (co-chair) and CPC staff have been involved in several conference calls to align the project work-plan with the detailed budget. If successful, the anticipated start date for the project is December 1, 2009. The City of Montréal will be the administrative host for the project. An interim coordinating group will meet in December in conjunction with the 15th anniversary of the International Center for the Prevention of Crime in Montreal. Christiane as co-chair of the network will be attending this meeting. Christiane will also be presenting at the ICPC conference both on a panel during the first day and with Patrice Allard on the NMN on the third day.
- 2.2. The National Provincial Territorial Working Group is hosting a day long dialogue about municipally based crime prevention in Winnipeg on October 28. Christiane has been invited by FCM to make a presentation about the Waterloo Region model and to represent municipally based crime prevention efforts.

3. CPC Member's Information Exchange Corner

Staff have added this section to the consent agenda for CPC members to share information that cannot be accommodated at the round table discussions during the meeting. Please submit your information items in a brief paragraph to Mary-Anna Allen no later than three weeks after the last meeting of CPC.

Thank you!

4. Attachments:

1. Anselma House invitation to relocation
2. Boost Child Abuse Prevention & Intervention: The YMCA is inviting to a "train-the-trainer" event. Registration forms attached.
3. Link to : Ontario To Introduce Cross Border Legislation:
<http://news.ontario.ca/mcscs/en/2009/09/ontario-to-introduce-cross-border-policing-legislation.html>
4. A research report about challenges in incarceration written by Professor M. Jackson and Graham Stewart (former Ed of John Howard National) is available through the office.

Respectfully submitted
Christiane Sadeler, Executive Director, WRCPC
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