

Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2010
Lutherwood, 285 Benjamin Road
9:00a.m. – 11:34a.m.

Present: Shelley Adams, Iman Arab, Brice Balmer, Steve Beckett, Christine Bird, Tom Brenner, Todd Cowan, Bill Davidson, David Dick, Tom Galloway, Brenda Halloran, Kathryn McGarry, Jane Mitchell, Wayne Morris, Maureen Murphy, Irene O’Toole, Katherine Pigott, Don Roth, Yvette Rybensky, Mike Schuster, Steve Sherrer, John Shewchuk, Gay Slinger, Brent Thomlison, Julie Thompson, Angela Vanderheyden, Aubrey Walters, Reg Weber, and Mary Zilney.

Regrets: Lesley DeYoung, David Dick, Sandy Dietrich-Bell, Pat Gillies, Jeff Klinck, Peter Ringrose, Laurie Strome and Bill Wilson

Staff and Students: Mary Anna Allen, Ben Brock, Jessica Hutchison, Juanita Metzger, Tracy Jasmins, Fanis Juma, Michael Parkinson, Anthony Piscitelli, Christiane Sadeler, and Emily Schacht and Lisa Armstrong.

Guests: Councillor Jim Olender (Township of Wellesley); William King (Salvation Army), Rohan Thompson and Angela Gitano (BSW with UofW), Tina McWilliams (Social Service Student Conestoga), Frankie Zilney(Social Service Student Conestoga)

Chair: John Shewchuk

Recorder: Mary Anna Allen

1. Approval of Agenda:

John Shewchuk asked for the addition of the item: Crime Prevention Ottawa under “Other Business.”

Brent Thomlison asked for the addition of the item: Nominations for 1) Facilitating Committee; 2) Chair and 3) Vice-chair under “Nominating Committee.”

Moved by Brent Thomlison as amended and seconded by Aubrey Walters. Carried

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

3. Welcome and Introductions:

John Shewchuk welcomed guests and members and introductions were made.

Christiane Sadeler introduced Rohan Thompson as the newly hired Program Manager for the Street Gang Prevention Project. His start date is February 1, 2010.

Ben Brock has completed his cooperative placement with the CPC. Ben's experience as a placement student was displayed at an event at Bluevale Collegiate High School on January 11, 2010.

Christiane thanked Ben for his work as part of the CPC staff team and wished him well as he leaves the CPC and continues his studies.

Keytags with the CPC logo and web address produced by youth at ROOF were handed out to the CPC members.

Jessica Hutchison announced the Grand Valley Institute and the Fusion Youth Activity & Technology Centre tours that are currently being planned. For more information please contact the CPC office at 519-883-2304. Bill Davidson gave a brief overview of the Fusion Youth Activity & Technology Centre. Both Bill and Brent encourage CPC members to attend the tour. A school in Ingersol has been converted into youth centre. The facility includes business ventures for youth: A cafeteria, computer lab, graphics artist lab, recording studio etc.

Dates available for the Fusion tour are February 24th and 25th. Please let Mary Anna know if you are interested in attending.

David Dick is willing to provide several tours in G.V.I. with smaller groups of CPC members. Please contact Jessica Hutchison if you are interested in touring the facility.

4. Presentation:

4.1. Lutherwood Tour and Presentation: Steve Sherrer

Steve Sherrer gave a presentation of the services available through Lutherwood. Please see PPT attached.

Lutherwood has three Operating Divisions: Mental Health Services; Employment Development Services and Seniors' Services.

4.2. Integrated Drug Strategy: Brice Balmer

The IDS is going ahead with its work plan. The Strategy will be finished by January 2011 for approval by Regional Council and implementation in the region.

The Task Force is taking a 4 pillar approach: Enforcement and Criminal Justice, Recovery and Rehabilitation, Education/Prevention and Harm Reduction.

David Siladi, seconded from Public Health, has done a media analysis on how drugs and alcohol as portrayed in the media.

A gaps analysis is in progress and a survey is being prepared and will be sent out to see how organizations collaborate with regards to drugs and alcohol prevention and treatment.

The Steering Committee of approximately 25 is in the process of finding out ways to involve people with substances or recovery issues in the Task Force.

CPC members involved on the Steering Committee are Leslie DeYoung, Don Roth, Irene O'Toole, Steve Beckett, Kathryn Pigott, Sandy Dietrich-Bell and Brice.

5. Nominating Committee:

Brent Thomlison, Chair of the Nominating Committee asked for a motion to move in camera for 1) Nominating Committee Report; 2) Slate; 3) Facilitating Committee Recommendation for Approval.

Tom Brenner moved and Mike Schuster seconded. Carried.

Motion to approve the CPC slate for 2010.

Moved by Brent Thomlison and seconded by Kathryn McGarry. Carried.

Motion to approve the Facilitating Committee Recommendation to the CPC.

Moved by Brent Thomlison and seconded by Todd Cowan. Carried.

Actions:

The approved 2010 CPC Slate to be forwarded to Regional Chair Ken Seiling and Regional Council for approval and endorsement.

The Facilitating Committee, the Nominating Committee and Christiane will develop an ad hoc working group to look at governance and membership. Terms of Reference for the group will go to CPC in February 2010

Letters of regret will be sent to those that expressed an interest in membership but can't be accommodated for 2010

The CPC came out of camera and resumed the meeting at 10:10a.m.

Continued under Presentation:

Christiane explained that one of the functions of Council is to be well educated in current trends. The CPC staff have started a data bank including presentations that can be used for public education. CPC members can present to other groups

when requested to do so on behalf of Council. The Homicide Data presentation is an example of the kind of data that comes to CPC through a whole host of national data and international networks.

6. Homicide Data: Jessica Hutchison

Jessica presented a comparison of the homicide data between Canada and in the USA. The PPT presentation was emailed to CPC members that requested it. The statistics used for the homicide data presentation is from a report called “Homicide in Canada 2008” by Sarah Beatty .She tracked the data over 10 years

Professor Randolff Roth a professor of history at Ohio State University has been tracking homicide rates dating back to 1640. His theory as to why the homicide rate fluctuates over time is that the homicide rate depends on how we feel about our government. He theorizes that the amount of solidarity, empathy and kinship that we have with fellow citizens affects homicide rates. The strongest correlates for homicide rates are the percentage of Americans that say they trust the government to do the right thing most of time and the percentage of Americans that believe most public officials are honest. When the percentages are high homicide rates are low and when these percentages are low homicide rates are high. (This information was also part of an interview that was done by Anna Maria Tremonte from “The CBC show Current”.

The K-W Metropolitan Survey that looks at fear of crime and actual crime rates as well as trust in local and other levels of government also makes the connection between these three variables.

The Region of Waterloo has the lowest homicide rate compared to any municipality over 500,000 in Canada. The rate is .78 per 100,000.

Locally we have not seen any real change in these rates over 30 years. With the new integrated team approach out of Mosaic Counselling domestic homicides rates have been tracked very closely. This new approach is very encouraging but increases in public awareness and increases in reporting affect the statistics.

Therefore, reporting has increased which may not reflect increases in actual events but rather opportunities for support.

Many other factors can contribute to homicide rates: Social economic factors, demographics etc. The data does show that crime is not simply an individual act.

Suicide rates in Canada are higher than homicide rates but tend to receive less public attention.

The availability of guns in the United States may impact homicide rates also.

Homicide rates are the most reliable measure of public safety for comparisons between geographic areas.

7. Approval of Consent Agenda and Business Arising:

Moved by Tom Brenner and seconded by Wayne Morris. Carried.

Council members commented on the usefulness and efficiency of the Consent Agenda.

8. Member Profile:

Steve Sherrer of Lutherwood and Brent Thomlison of the WRPS were profiled.

9. Staff Reports:

9.1. Community Consultation: Juanita Metzger.

Juanita Metzger presented the preliminary findings of the community consultation's survey that was held from September to December 2009. The survey returned 500 responses. 75 % of the respondents indicated that they did not have prior experience with the Crime Prevention Council.

The staff also held a series of focus groups. 158 people to date have participated in these focus groups.

Andrea McArthur is working on the qualitative data that is coming out of the survey and focus groups. On February 4, 2010, members of the Facilitating Committee, Community Relations Committee and Alumni members along with a facilitator will be looking at the early themes that are coming out of the data. This will form the basis of the work for the annual CPC Retreat this year to be held on April 9, 2010. A strategic plan should be ready for the summer.

10. Talk Local Safe Cities Series – Women and Crime: Tracy Jasmins

CPC members listened to the commentary of the Women and Crime episode of the Safe Cities Series. DVD's of the series to date are available through the CPC office.

11. Ontario Crime Prevention Initiative for 2010: Christiane Sadeler

The CPC discussed the Provincial government's plans to develop an Ontario Crime Prevention Initiative.

The CPC would like to assist in the development of the initiative and suggested articulating that to the provincial government through correspondence. This would also allow for the opportunity to acknowledge the "Roots of Youth Violence" report.

Action:

It was recommended that Christiane write a letter, on behalf of John Shewchuk, to Rick Bartolucci, Minister Community Safety and Correctional Services, to endorse a crime prevention entity and offer consultation and support. Cc. MPP's, other municipal crime prevention initiatives in Ontario, Dan Parkinson (Chair of the OACP), and the co-chairs of the "Roots of Youth Violence." Post addendum: The letter was sent directly to the Honourable Premier Dalton McGuinty with copy to the Honourable Rick Bartolucci.

The CPC members are asked to send the letter to provincial associations they belong to.

12. Confirmation of Meeting Dates: Mary Anna Allen

The CPC will be meeting at 99 Regina in room 508 on February 12, 2010 for its inaugural meeting.

The CPC Retreat will be held on Friday, April 9, 2010 at the Waterloo Recreation Centre in the Hauser Haus Room. Details to follow.

13. Roundtable:

- Mental Health Forum is being held on February 11, 2010 at St Georges Hall.
- Municipal Women and Politics education again is being organized by Jane Mitchell. It will be held on February 6, 2010 from 8:30am to 3:00pm at City Hall in Kitchener.
- An article in the Record about John Bilton's retirement with the John Howard Society was shared by Maureen Murphy.
- The Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police is now accepting applications by community groups in Ontario for the 2010 substance abuse grants program. The program is to support community groups interested in applying for grants of between \$500 and \$2,000 to initiate or support programs that deal directly with drug prevention or information sharing involving youth. Applications are available on the OACP website www.oacp.ca the deadline date is April 16, 2010.
- Wayne shared that Conestoga College is developing 3 programs: 1) Paralegal program; 2) Settlement Worker program; 3) Mental Health Worker program.

14. Other Business: Ottawa Crime Prevention

Motion that Christiane draft a letter to be sent to the Chair of the Ottawa Crime Prevention to support continuation of crime prevention through social development and forward the letter to crime prevention municipalities across Ontario and to the Ottawa local media.

Moved by Gay Slinger and seconded by Wayne Morris. Carried.

Action:

Chritiane will draft, a letter, on behalf of John Shewchuk, and staff will forward the letter to the Chair of the Ottawa Crime Prevention to support continuation of crime prevention through social development.

CPC staff will forward the letter to crime prevention municipalities across Ontario and to the Ottawa local media.

**15. Adjournment: Moved by Todd Cowan and seconded by Brent Thomlison.
Carried at 11:34a.m.**