



**WRCPC June 12, 2009 Draft Minutes**  
**9:00am to 11:29am**  
**Family & Children Services of Waterloo Region**  
**200 Ardel Avenue**  
**Kitchener, Ontario**

**Present:**

Shelley Adams, Iman Arab, Sandy Bell, Christine Bird, Steve Beckett, Tom Brenner, Todd Cowan, Lesley DeYoung, David Dick, Tom Galloway, Kathryn McGarry, Jane Mitchell, Wayne Morris, Irene O’Toole, Katherine Pigott, Peter Ringrose, Don Roth, Mike Schuster, Fraser Stewart, Randy Penney on behalf of Steve Sherrer, John Shewchuk, Gay Slinger, Angela Vanderheyden, and Mary Zilney.

**Regrets:**

Brice Balmer, Bill Davidson, Pat Gillies, Brenda Halloran, Jeff Klinck, Maureen Murphy, Yvette Rybensky, Laurie Strome, Brent Thomlison, Aubrey Walters, Reg Weber and Bill Wilson.

**Staff and Students:**

Mary Anna Allen, Tracy Jasmins, Andrea McArthur, Christiane Sadeler.

**Guests:**

Jonathon Bell (Alliance for Children & Youth), Deputy Chief Mike Mann, Councillor Jim Olender (Township of Wellesley), and Peter Thurley.

**Chair:** John Shewchuk

**Recorder:** Mary Anna Allen

John Shewchuk welcomed guests and members: Special guests include Councillor Jim Olender from the Township of Wellesley, Jon Bell from the Alliance for Children & Youth, Peter Thurley, Deputy Chief Mike Mann, Fraser Stewart from C.J.I. (the new E.D. and replacing Mark Yantzi on Council).

No	Item
1.	<p><b><u>Approval of Agenda:</u></b></p> <p>Moved by Tom Brenner and seconded by Sandy Bell. Carried.</p>
2.	<p><b><u>2.1. Presentation:</u></b></p> <p>Peter Thurley presented to Council Bill C-304 “National Housing Strategy” (please see attachment) and shared what Council’s role might be in helping to build a national</p>

housing strategy. Bill C-304 would see a National Housing Strategy created at the Federal level. Bill C-304 calls for collaboration between the federal and provincial governments.

The implementation of the Strategy would involve working with the provincial ministries responsible for housing, as well as community representatives, not-for-profit organizations, municipal and regional governments and Aboriginal representatives.

The Bill currently has wide support in the House of Commons.

The Bill focuses on affordability, accessibility, security and adequate housing and is consistent with the current Housing Stability Strategy in the Waterloo Region.

HHUG has just released a Report Card (a document dealing with housing and homelessness). The Waterloo Region received a B-. Waterloo Region has a good framework but more can be done.

**Peter Thurley requested the WRCPC support the Bill by the following actions:**

- 1) Write letters seeking support for Bill C-304 from the Mayors and the Regional Chair.
- 2) Write letters of support and endorsement to all parties in Parliament.
- 3) Write letters of support to area MPs
- 4) Encourage CPC affiliated organizations to become vocally supportive.

Peter also made available a petition to be submitted to the MPs.

The Bill does not include funding mechanisms.

Mike Schuster suggested that if Council supports the Bill, to do so in a timely fashion and with regard for the homelessness, housing and the stability of housing strategy in the region.

It was suggested that the same presentation be made to all Councils in the region.

**Motion: That the WRCPC support in principle the Bill C-304: the “National Housing Strategy.”**

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

**Action:**

**On behalf of WRCPC Christiane Sadeler will draft letters to go to the Regional Chair, the Mayors and MP’s seeking support of Bill C-304.**

**2.2. Presentation: (Peter Ringrose)**

Family & Children Service's (F&CS) current service delivery approach directly supports crime prevention.

In the mid-90's root causes were identified by CPC and by 2004 changes had been made to the service delivery to more directly have a positive impact on crime prevention.

Since then F&CS service delivery is focused on dealing with root causes by helping those affected develop care-giving skills and build strength and resiliency in children.

Current provincial policy is in line with this approach also.

The Agency's efforts are in partnership with many organizations. This is partly due to the Crime Prevention Council's emphasis on the importance of the networking that occurs naturally around the table.

F&CS delivers off-site programs to deal with root causes of crime (including neglect) by providing programs to strengthen parenting skills and programs to enhance supports for children and youth. The off-site programs provide a comfortable option for people that might otherwise feel self conscious about attending programs at the Agency.

F&CS has also partnered with Waterloo Region Family Violence Project. The Agency's staff, along with other service delivery organizations, are housed at Catholic Family Counselling Centre. All staff work together to deliver service to deal directly with family violence.

The whole service delivery model is resourced by reallocation of Agency resources. 1,300 families received services that may not have otherwise had access to these supports.

The Agency is also delivering education programs including a tutoring program to ensure that children finish grade 12 and go on to post secondary education. The tutoring program includes retired teachers that partner with the classroom teacher and assist children in care. The Agency would like to extend this program to the Catholic School Board.

**Action:**

**John Shewchuk volunteered to facilitate a dialogue about this.**

All staff participate in asset building workshops and asset building is considered in all care plans.

The Agency also provides work experience for the children through such things as

	<p>“Project Photo” or the opportunity for the children to provide music to the seniors.</p> <p>Mary Zilney commended Peter for his leadership and good partnership with the Women’s Crisis Services.</p> <p>The question was asked as to how the Agency bridges the funding gap between high school and post secondary. The Agency receives some grant funds and also has a Crown ward scholarship program supported by the two Universities, Conestoga College and Employment, as well as donations.</p> <p>John Shewchuk thanked Peter Ringrose for hosting the CPC meeting and for the presentation.</p>
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Approval of Consent Agenda and business arising:</u></b></p> <p>The following items be pulled from the Consent Agenda for further discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Bill C15 mandatory minimum sentencing</li> </ul> <p>Jane Mitchell shared that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities did pass a resolution to support this legislation.</p> <p>Mike Mann shared that the OACP hosted a drug seminar and listened to the experience of a young person’s drug addiction and how with the proper supports and dealing with the underlying problem (the root cause) young people are able to overcome addictions. Incarceration is not always the answer. The decision as to where to spend funds needs to be evidence based.</p> <p>There is a difference between criminal enterprise and addictions.</p> <p>Many members of CPC felt strongly that the Council needed to voice concerns regarding this legislation even if the Bill is passed.</p> <p>Some of the concerns shared by Council members are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Taking discretionary powers away from the Judges.</li> <li>o The potential to lead to a high number of incarcerations.</li> <li>o Potential for a disproportionate number of women being incarcerated: Victimized women with addictions may get 2 year mandatory sentencing.</li> </ul> <p><b>It was suggested:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the CPC measure the impact of Bill C-15 and how it plays out in the next couple of years and provide research to the government down the road.</li> <li>2. That the CPC put out a fact sheet with research already done.</li> </ol>

	<p>3. That the author (Elsie Knudson) of the article that Christiane was included with the Consent Agenda be included in the discussions of preparing a position.</p> <p>4. That the position comes directly from the Council not from a committee level.</p> <p>5. That the CPC develop a strategy to communicate the evidence against mandatory minimum sentences to the average citizen.</p> <p>There may be an opportunity to express Council concerns at the CPC meeting on July 10, 2009 with the MPs.</p> <p><b><u>Action:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Develop a fact sheet (The Communication Committee can assist with this)</b></li> <li><b>2. Meet with the MPs and present information</b></li> <li><b>3. Connect with the National Municipal Network to encourage them to speak out against Bill C-15</b></li> </ol>
<p>4.</p>	<p><b><u>Guidelines for presentations from host organizations:</u></b> (Tom Brenner)</p> <p>The Facilitating Committee discussed creating guidelines for presentations to the Council and suggested adding the guidelines to the governance of the CPC. The policy, as a one pager, would be made available to organizations before a presentation.</p> <p>The presentations should be relevant to the business of Council and inline with the current governance policy “The Issue Selection Process.” The presentation should also be limited to 10 minutes.</p> <p>When the CPC member organization hosts a CPC meeting, the host organization will be given the opportunity to present to the Council its efforts in mainstreaming crime prevention (host presentations are optional). If the organization hosts the event for the second time, the host member organization will be given the opportunity to update the WRCPC or another member organization that may not have available space will be given the opportunity to present.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><b><u>Mid year Actual vs Budget 2009:</u></b> (Christiane Sadeler)</p> <p>Christiane reported that 36% of the CPC budget has been used at mid year spending to date does not include some interdepartmental charges that have not been allocated. The Community Engagement position has also been vacant and hiring has been delayed leaving a surplus in staffing dollars. The evaluation dollars will be allocated to the “Community Consultation.” Andrea McArthur has agreed to stay on over the summer to assist with this.</p>

<p>6.</p>	<p><b><u>CPC Website:</u></b> (Tracy Jasmins)</p> <p>Tracy shared the developments of the new CPC website. The new website will have access to the 4 other sites: ITME, Neighbour to Neighbour, Say Hi, and Reach Out as a popup on the first page. The Minutes to the Council meetings will also be available. The website will include a search function, and push out an information newsletter. The colour of the website will be consistent with the new logo. The website will be delayed until mid July 2009. Currently CPC website has approximately 40,000 hits per month.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><b><u>Planning of meetings with MP's and MPP's:</u></b> (John Shewchuk)</p> <p><b>7.1. Better use of Resolutions</b></p> <p>The CPC has planned for two separate meetings to be held at the next CPC meeting on July 10, 2009. One meeting will be held with the MPPs to discuss: (1) Funding cuts to VORP and (2) A crime prevention entity at the provincial level. The second meeting will be with the MPs. This meeting will provide MPs with information about the CPC and Bill C-15 may also be a topic of discussion.</p> <p>The Council was reminded that we should honour the request from the MPPs to select one to two issues in advance so that they have time to prepare for the meeting.</p> <p>The CPC will inform the MPs and MPPs in advance about the issues selected so they can prepare for discussion as well provide an opportunity for them to contribute to the agenda.</p> <p>Kathryn McGarry suggested inviting the Attorney General also with a view to getting his feedback on the Violence Prevention Centre.</p> <p>Todd Cowan suggested developing a strategy for continued advocacy for an Ontario Crime Prevention Strategy.</p> <p>It was suggested that the Facilitating Committee continue the discussion. Todd Cowan volunteered to help.</p> <p><b><u>Action:</u></b></p> <p><b>The FC Committee to develop an agenda for the meeting and work with Todd on a strategy regarding crime prevention.</b></p> <p><b>Staff to send letters inviting MP's and MPPs in advance.</b></p>

<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b><u>SCAN: Report to CSC</u></b> (Gay Slinger)</p> <p>Christiane shared the newest developments of the SCAN Legislation. The Legislation is being challenged in the Yukon under the Human Rights Code. In Ontario the Legislation has passed the second reading, but remains before the Standing Committee on Justice. SCAN is one of four Bills that are recommended for a third reading.</p> <p>Christiane and Gay are preparing an information memo instead of a report to go to the Community Services Committee on June 16, 2009.</p>
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b><u>National Municipal Network:</u></b> (Christiane Sadeler)</p> <p>There was a lot of media coverage locally about the Action Briefs. The CPC was featured on: 570 News (Talk Radio/Rogers); Rogers Television (First Local News); Community News (bi-monthly community newspaper); Exchange Daily (online business-daily); The Waterloo Chronicle (weekly newspaper); and an in depth interview (with Mike Farwell) with Christiane and Chief of Police Matt Torigian on the Gary Doyle Show (570 News). There was a feature article in the Waterloo Chronicle citing the Family Violence Project as an example.</p> <p>The NMN is in the process of finishing a proposal for NCPC funding. The Network agreed that the secured NCPC funding would be best placed at the municipal level with the first choice being Montreal with support from Waterloo Region and the second choice being Waterloo Region. Montreal has several advantages. The ICPC is located in Montreal, Montreal is bilingual, it has a long standing and strong infrastructure and Quebec Justice is very supportive of crime prevention. It would not be ideal for CPC to be the primary host because if the youth gang proposal funding is successful this would lead to too much growth within a short time.</p> <p>Member of CPC agreed with Christiane on having made the decision to advocate Montreal being the host.</p>
<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Results from internal evaluations:</u></b> (Andrea McArthur)</p> <p><b>10.1. March Retreat 2009</b></p> <p>Andrea gave a summary of both mainstreaming activities regarding (please see attached).</p> <p>Mainstreaming is what member organizations do in their work for crime prevention when they are away from the table and where their activity fits in the Integrated Model of Crime Prevention. Based on the exercise between 60 to 70% of organizations work</p>

	<p>in the prevention end.</p> <p><b>10.2. Justice Dinner 2009 survey results:</b></p> <p>Andrea provided the Justice Dinner 2009 feedback results (please see attached). The feedback was, on the whole, positive.</p> <p>Wayne Morris asked that Andrea provide to the Justice Dinner Committee a verbal or written report.</p> <p>Keynote speaker suggestions and theme ideas were shared from the survey results. The CPC members also suggested Richard Florida and Malcolm Gladwell.</p> <p>Andrea asked CPC members to email her further ideas. Andrea can be reached at <a href="mailto:mandrea@region.waterloo.on.ca">mandrea@region.waterloo.on.ca</a></p> <p><b><u>Action:</u></b></p> <p><b>Andrea will provide Justice Dinner Committee the results of the survey for discussion.</b></p> <p><b>CPC members are to email Andrea with ideas for the Justice Dinner 2010.</b></p> <p><b>CPC to reach out to Malcolm Gladwell.</b></p>
<p><b>11.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Roundtable:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Health Canada Grant: Sandy Bell announced that Health Canada is requesting submissions of applications for grant proposals very similar to the “Health Canada Drug Strategy Community Initiatives Fund” that CPC and partners had applied for but were declined in early 2009. Grant applications are due by July 31, 2009. Sandy is working with Michael and Joanne from Christopher Champlain to update the application and resubmit it. The grant includes ages 10-24 years.</li> </ul> <p>Sandy asked the CPC to get ready to resubmit letters of support.</p> <p><b><u>Action:</u></b></p> <p><b>Sandy will draft a model letter and send it out to the CPC.</b></p> <p><b>Member organizations will submit letters of support.</b></p>

- Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee Conference:  
Don Roth announced the HSJCC Conference “Law and Disorder - Creating Momentum for Change.” It is being held on October 26 – 28, 2009 at the Hilton Niagara Fallsview Hotel, Niagara Falls, Ontario. Please see link for further information. <http://www.hsjcc.on.ca>
- Community Forum Grant:  
David Dick made CPC staff aware of a funding opportunity. The CPC will apply for a Community Forum funding grant for up to \$7,500 from Correctional Services Canada. The CPC will be working in partnership with the CMHA and others on the topic: Mental Health and Crime. The forum will be scheduled for early 2010
- Conestoga College Degree Program:  
The Conestoga College Community and Criminal Justice Crime Prevention Degree Program has been approved by the Minister. The program will be made available in 2010. The program will also include paid co-op placements. Wayne Morris will provide more detail at the next meeting in July.
- Councillor Jim Olender, from the Township of Wellesley, thanked members of Council for their openness to have him attend meetings. He is interested in crime prevention especially in small communities where programs are limited.
- Gay Slinger announced that the HHUG Report Card on homelessness and housing is available on the website. She also mentioned that the B grading is an improvement in housing in the Region largely due to the effort of the Region.
- Jane Mitchell announced that the FCM will be meeting in Collingwood in September 2009 and she will ask FCM to support of the NMN proposal.
- Angela Vanderheyden attended an event on Monday, June 8, 2009 called "Racing Against Drugs", hosted by the WRPS, with the assistance of many other agencies. The event struck a reasonable balance between raising awareness among kids regarding important issues they should be paying attention to (including the risks of smoking, fire, bullying, street gangs, narcotics, alcohol abuse, drinking and driving) without creating fear. Presenters were approachable, friendly and attentive, speaking to kids in a direct, understandable manner. Topics were interesting and the event included fun and entertaining aspects as well.
- Fraser Stewart, the new Executive Director of C.J.I., announced that he was impressed with the Council and glad to be part of the Council.
- Tom Galloway announced that at the UW convocation Arts ceremony, Tom Brenner had the honour of having his son graduate and Tom Galloway had the

	<p>honour of doing the reading for the announcement of the Honourary Degree for Larry Gravill.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The WRPB passed support for a community garden at Division Two which also will include a youth diversion program.</li> <li>○ CACP asked the CPC to present at its annual conference which will be held in August 2009 in Charlestown. Christiane will be presenting together with Tom Galloway on behalf of Council. Mike Mann helped to facilitate the process of getting the CPC on the agenda.</li> <li>○ Lesley DeYoung announced an event: Addiction and Mental Health Services Open House. The event is being coordinated by Public Health, St. Mary's Counselling Service, and CAMH. It will be held on June 24, 2009 from 1-5:30pm at Luther Village (Great Hall), 139 Father David Bauer Drive, Waterloo.</li> <li>○ Both school boards are involved in a threat assessment training facilitated by Kevin Cameron. Staff will be trained to assess potential violence.</li> </ul>
12.	<b><u>Other Business:</u> None</b>
13.	<b><u>Adjournment:</u></b> Moved by Wayne Morris and seconded by Kathryn McGarry. Carried. 11:29am.
14.	<b><u>Next Meeting:</u></b> <b>Date:</b> July 10, 2009 <b>Time:</b> 9:00am – 11:30am <b>Location:</b> Conestoga College, Doon Campus – Guild Room. Please park in lots 8, 9. This is north of the Student Client Services building which houses the Guild Room. A map will be provided when the Consent Agenda is emailed out.