

CPC Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2010

City of Cambridge

50 Dickson Street

9:00a.m. – 11:30a.m.

Present: Shelley Adams, Brice Balmer, Greg Lamport (left at 10:00am) on behalf of Steve Beckett, Christine Bird, Tom Brenner, Todd Cowan (arrived at 9:30a.m.), Niki Smith (left at 10:30am) on behalf of David Dick, Tom Galloway (left at 10:30a.m.), James Howe, Kathryn McGarry, Jane Mitchell, Wayne Morris, Irene O’Toole, Katherine Pigott, Yvette Rybensky, Steve Sherrer, Alison Scott, Mike Schuster (left at 10:30a.m.), John Shewchuk, Gay Slinger, Laurie Strome, Reg Weber, Barry Zehr.

Regrets: Bill Davidson, Sandy Dietrich-Bell, Iman Arab, Pat Gillies, Brenda Halloran, Jeff Klink, Don Roth, Julie Thompson, Aubrey Walters, Angela Vanderheyden, Bill Wilson and Mary Zilney.

Staff: Mary Anna Allen, Juanita Metzger, Jessica Hutchison, Tracy Jasmins, Michael Parkinson, Rohan Thompson and Christiane Sadeler.

Students: Emily Schacht and Fanis Juma

Guests: Jane Breithaupt (Community), Jim Olender (Township of Wellesley), Lila Read (K.C.I.), Inspector Scott Smith (Wellington County OPP), Sharon Zister (JHS).

Recorder: Mary Anna Allen

Chair: John Shewchuk

John Shewchuk welcomed members and guests. Introductions were made.

1. **Approval of Agenda:**

Moved by Mike Schuster and seconded by Kathryn McGarry. Carried.

2. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest:** None

3. **Presentations:**

3.1. Urban and Priority High School (Lila Read, Principal of KCI)

Lila Read, Principle from K.C.I. school made a presentation to the CPC about the Urban and Priority High School initiative that K.C.I. was able to secure funding for.

Lila Read acknowledged and thanked the CPC members and Michael Parkinson for their support. Michael sits on the K.C.I. Steering Committee for support of the initiative.

Approximately 5 years ago K.C.I. and the surrounding neighbourhood were having significant challenges e.g. gang activity, calls for service to police, drug related incidents etc. At that time the school and the community launched a community based initiative and some programs that came of the work of this group included a breakfast program, greening initiative, etc. Around the same time Justice Falkner released a report as a result of the Jordon Manner shooting in Toronto. His recommendation was that additional funding needed to be provided to downtown core schools primarily in Toronto. Eventually, the Ministry of Education expanded the initiative to other school boards with urban populations.

In Waterloo Region three schools applied for funding, one Catholic and two Public schools. K.C.I. was granted funding for \$220,000 per year built into the core budget.

The funding was for 3 projects: 1) Addiction Community Treatment worker based out of the school and provided by Ray of Hope; 2) A youth drop-in centre based out of the school and run by the City of Kitchener, and 3) Teacher training focusing on professional development and awareness training.

The programs (that are finishing the second year of implementation) have been highly successful. More than 150 distinct youth have visited the drop-in centre. 40-50 youth regularly visit the drop-in centre on Thursday evenings. The drop in centre runs year round.

The addiction treatment work has been provided by Ray of Hope. 41 students have accessed and graduated from the program and 15 are currently in the program and 7 are on the waiting list. Lila shared a few testimonials from a student and parent.

Internally, the staff is working on literacy and numeracy support and some direct intervention with students. They are also working on a community training program that will be held on September 29, 2010 from 3-8pm at K.C.I. called “One Small Act – Building Community One Relationship at a Time”. Michael Parkinson and Christine Bird are part of this group.

Lila Read invited CPC members to visit K.C.I.

Christiane commented that the program at K.C.I. has many elements of a “Best Practice”: Partnerships for a common vision, constant adjustments of services to truly meet the needs of the people etc.

CPC may want to look at project one or two years down the road and uphold them as a best practice by sharing testimonials as well as teasing out the strands that make it work.

John Shewchuk thanked Lila for her leadership.

3.2. City of Cambridge (Reg Weber and Yvette Rybensky). Please see PPT attached.

Reg Weber made a presentation to CPC about the services available at the City of Cambridge in the Community Services Department: Arenas, Parks, Recreation, Facility Development and Maintenance and Administrative Services. Reg Weber also announced the official opening of the City Hall historical building that will be held on Friday, June 18, 2010.

Yvette Rybensky made a presentation to CPC about the Planning Department's development project: "Heartwood Place". This type of housing is 100 per cent "affordable housing". The development project is a good example of wide partnerships with the Region of Waterloo, the City of Cambridge and the business community.

The CPC had a discussion about affordable housing.

- It is expected that the Province will be releasing an "Affordable Housing Strategy" in July 2010.
- Housing is a crime prevention issue because those that are well housed have a higher satisfaction of life and are less likely to be involved in criminal activity.
- CPC supported the Bill C 304 that is asking the federal government to come up with a Housing Strategy.
- Recently, there has been a Charter challenge issued in Superior Court. The challenge states that housing is a fundamental right and is asking for specific strategies to try to counter the impact of various steps that both levels of governments have taken to create the situation.
- There is also a Provincial Private Member's Bill submitted that is asking that for every development that comes forward to include the component of affordable housing.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda and Business Arising:

The Consent Agenda was deferred to the next CPC meeting being held on July 9, 2010.

Approval of Minutes of May 14, 2010 moved by Wayne Morris and seconded by Jane Mitchell. Carried.

Approval of the Position Paper on the “Long Gun Registry” moved by Jane Mitchell and seconded by Gay Slinger. Carried

At the WRPSB meeting on Wednesday June 9, 2010 the Board also approved the support of the “Long Gun Registry.”

Shortly, a space will be created on the CPC website that will house all the CPC position papers

5. Member Profile: John Shewchuk

Brice Balmer was featured.

6. Street Gang Prevention Project Overview and Discussion: Rohan Thompson

Sharon Zister from John Howard Society, Jessica Hutchison and Rohan Thompson presented an update of the “Street Gang Prevention Project” recent activities.

Christiane explained that we want to ensure that CPC understands that we have collectively taken on the project management together with the project partners; JHS, Lutherwood, WRPS, St. Mary’s Counselling and ROOF. Christiane provides regular updates to the Facilitating Committee and this presentation is an effort to keep the Council updated. Please see PPT attached.

Jessica shared that to date there have been 400 respondents to the “Community Residents Survey”. The goal is to reach 1,000. It is a 5-7 minute on-line survey.

Regional Council and the City of Kitchener are aware of the project. Part of the next steps is to connect with the other municipalities.

ACTION: CPC to ensure that their connections fill out the “Community Residents Survey.”

ACTION: Reg and Rohan are to connect to talk about the next steps in providing information to Cambridge.

ACTION: In the next few months the project team will be connecting with other youth advisory committees across the Region.

7. CPC Future Plan Discussion and Small Group Work: Christiane Sadeler and Juanita Metzger:

Christiane and Juanita provided an update to the CPC about the Future Plan. Please see PPT attached.

There are three priority directions: 1) Research and Inquiry 2) Education and Learning 3) Strategic Leadership (initially called Strategic Leadership for Social Change but decided that it is all about social change). There is also an underpinning of “organizational design” that is already being worked on by the Ad hoc Governance Committee.

In July 2010 at its regular meeting, the CPC will be voting on the Plan. If the Plan is approved by CPC it will be released to Regional Council and then the wider community in September 2010.

The WRPC Priority Directions, Rationale & Goals 2010-2014 was handed out to the CPC. The document included the priority directions the rationale statement for each of the directions, and goals statement by 2014 for each of the directions. Milestone years were also included in the handout. The first milestone year marker is March. This month was chosen because it is a marker of when the Plan started. It also coincides with the annual retreat and with the federal project.

The Plan is to be a living document that will come back to the CPC for ongoing review and adjustments.

The CPC moved into small focus groups. Each group was given a priority direction. An Ad hoc Governance Committee is working on the Organizational Design direction. They will be responsible for their own milestones, most of which were agreed to at the April 9th 2010 Retreat. Each group worked on a direction asking themselves the following questions: 1) How will we know the CPC is actually achieving this? 2) How will we know what kind of impact the CPC is having?

Groups were also asked to comment on the questions about “Smart on Crime” as well as summarize a value statement into one or two words.

The information accumulated from the focus groups will be integrated into the Plan.

Juanita has received approximately 50 responses to date on the “Smart on Crime” question that was sent out this week. The responses will be posted on the CPC website.

ACTION: CPC to provide feedback by email including editing comments by July 05, 2010.

8. Meetings with MPs and MPPs in July 9, 2010

MPs and MPPs will be meeting with the CPC at the July 9, 2010.

There is a small working group comprised of Shelley Adams, James Howe, Christine Bird and Juanita and Christiane preparing for the meeting.

There will be a brief review of the government's budget commitments such as they reflect on crime prevention. Fanis Juma has reviewed all the government websites for this.

WRCPC will also provide an overview of the Street Gang Prevention Project.

FC suggested asking the following: From a "root causes" of crime perspective, what is the government currently doing to prevent crime?

A package will be sent out to the government representatives before the next Council meeting.

Tom Brenner will be chairing the CPC meeting in July 2010.

9. Other Business:

Information about the Bachelor of Applied Human Services in Community and Criminal Justice Degree Program at Conestoga College was handed out. For more information please visit the website: www.conestogac.on.ca

More information is also available in the Consent Agenda dated June 11, 2010.

10. Ontario Crime Prevention: Christiane Sadeler -Carried forward from May 14, 2010 meeting.

For many years the CPC has engaged in advocacy to create a provincial crime prevention entity. They have met with several Attorney Generals and wrote a letter to Premier Dalton McGuinty asking the government to create a committee of cabinet or similar independent entity. There seemed to be an added opportunity to discuss this further when the CPC provided input for the "Roots of Youth Violence" report.

Letters have been written to provincial organizations to support the CPC efforts. Some associations expressed their support e.g. the Directors of Education, Trustees, CMHA and the OACP.

Christiane and Wayne Morris had the opportunity to participate in a conference call with the staff person, Oscar Mosquera, dedicated to the development of the "Ontario Crime Prevention strategy".

Mr. Mosquera asked for information material from the CPC but the government will continue to work only with the OACP as a partner and not with the communities and municipalities at this time to avoid being seen as biasing their efforts towards one

community rather than another. Dan Parkinson, President of the OACP among others has challenged them on this.

The government is hosting a conference in November 2010 to launch the Ontario Crime Prevention Initiative.

It was suggested that the Violence Prevention Conference to be held in June 2011 could also be used to build awareness about this.

11. First Scheduled Report of ad hoc Governance Group: Tom Brenner

Tom Brenner gave a brief overview of the first scheduled report of the Ad hoc Governance Group in Peter Ringrose's absence. Peter chairs the group. Please see attached.

A full report is expected for the September 10, 2010 Council meeting.

12. Nominations for CPC slate: John Shewchuk

John Shewchuk made the following motion:

"That the WRCPC appoint Chris Cowie, ED of CJI and Joan Nandlal, ED of JHS as the Community Based Justice Sector representatives starting in the year 2010 and further that the WRCPC thank Julie Thompson (current representative for CJI) and Maureen Murphy (current representative for JHS) for their significant contribution to crime prevention during their tenure with council".

After some discussion the motion was deferred until after the Ad hoc Governance Committee's final report. Moved by Irene O'Toole and seconded by Tom Brenner. Carried with one abstention.

13. CPC mid-year action review: Carried forward

14. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn. Approved by consensus. 11:40am.