

1. Correspondence:

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

Received:

A letter from Deb DeJong, Host and Co-Producer, **Parenting with Passion** and Director of Family and Community Solutions at K-W Counselling Services thanking Christiane for her contribution in the production of the parenting series **Parenting with Passion**.

2. Staff and Committee Reports:

1. Facilitating Committee:

The Facilitating Committee met at its regular meeting on December 02. Points of discussion included: setting the agenda for December, a review of the youth gang project, progress on working with the alumnae on the roots of youth violence report, nominating committee issues, and a dialogue about the administrative connection between the Region of Waterloo and CPC.

With regards to the latter the following actions have been taken: Staff met with Mike Schuster, CAO designate to discuss options. There was also a meeting with Peter Ringrose (author of the governance for CPC). The next step will be to develop an addition to the policy document that does not comprise a policy change but rather a procedural addition to allow for smooth administration especially of the street gang project. It is anticipated that FC will provide a template for CPC consideration at the January meeting.

(Christiane Sadeler, staff)

2. Communications & Marketing and Community Relations Committee:

CPC garnered excellent media attention throughout the month of November:

- Rogers Daytime (Nov 23) – John Shewchuk was a guest to promote the community consultation and to encourage online survey participation
- Rogers TV “Safe Cities” (Nov 25) - Children & Crime: Risks & Resiliency
Special thanks to Shona Babstock (JHS), Christine Bird, Peter Ringrose, and John Shewchuk for being our panel of experts.
*DVD of program available in the CPC office

- Gang Prevention Project Launch (Nov 26)
 - CTV News
 - Rogers Newsmakers (*30-minute program dedicated to gang prevention. DVD available in the CPC office)
 - The Record “Anti-gang project will focus on five local neighbourhoods”
 - 570 News (interview)
 - Kitchener Citizen (East & West) - article
- Say Hi Day – Connected School Awards (Nov 27)
 - CTV News at Noon
 - SNAP KW (January issue)

On November 27, 2009 presentations were made to two schools that received the Connected School Awards as follow up to the Say Hi Day initiative. Special thanks to CPC Members Brenda Halloran, Jane Mitchell, Reg Weber and John Shewchuk for assisting with the presentations.

Here is a response from Elizabeth Ziegler Public School:

Thank you for such a great presentation today! The award was much more elegant than I imagined -- loved the laminated poster too. Thanks for helping us celebrate being a connected school and making our assembly a very special event. I am planning on designing a display in the hall cabinet featuring the award, chain, some photos of the day and some inspired art work from my friends. E.Z. is a caring school - thanks for caring about us!!! All the best - Colleen Howey CYW

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

3. Substance use and addictions:

In The Mind’s Eye 2009 wrapped up the last week of November with 6 events: overdose training, a film evening and an exciting forum entitled “No Place Like Home: Housing and Harm Reduction” with guests from Ottawa, Chicago and Waterloo Region. A summary report of that event is now available.

In The Mind’s Eye continues to be well received and well attended. Most events have a wide variety of participants and a special energy and synergy that transpires. More than one participant has said it is more of an experience than just a film or workshop. ITME continues to engage, inspire and facilitate community based initiatives.

In 2010, we will continue the process of transitioning ITME out of CPC, though it is likely we will still be involved in the film aspects. Work on this begins in late January.

Lindsay will continue to devote a portion of her time in developing a background report regarding “overdose response protocol”. The development of a protocol for 1st responders was a recommendation in last year’s “First Portrait of Drug Related Overdoses” report. Lindsay’s work will assist in informing a local response, the drugs strategy locally and those further afield.

Waterloo Region Public Health has generously extended staff support to the Waterloo Region Integrated Drugs Strategy. A gap analysis is now underway.

(Michael Parkinson, Staff for Brice Balmer, chair of IDS Task Force)

4. Violence Prevention:

The Violence Prevention Committee has not met since the last meeting of Crime Prevention Council. Staff members have continued to work on the gap analysis/asset inventory exploring services for victims and perpetrators within Waterloo Region.

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

5. Research and Evaluation:

The Advisory Group on Research and Evaluation met on November 18th. We are pleased to welcome Marion Evans of Conestoga College and Jennifer Schulenburg of the University of Waterloo to our committee. Research design and methods were discussed regarding the gaps analysis and asset inventory of services for victims and perpetrators of interpersonal violence.

The committee has added one line to the members section of the terms of reference to correct an oversight. The new line reads that membership will include:

- One member of Crime Prevention Council who shall serve as chair

An article has been published in Child and Family Journal Summer 2009 issue. The topic is Mental Illness, Poverty and Crime. Please see attached file for full article.

Planning for the forum on the reintegration of federally-sentenced women with mental health issues into the community is continuing. We have secured the Centre for Community-Based Research as facilitators for the event. Invites will be sent to individuals who have knowledge and experience in this area around December 7th as the maximum number of people that can attend is 100.

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

6. Consultation with the Community, 2009

Our goals are well within reach!

Survey responses have picked up and we have 357 completed surveys. Our goal is at least 400. We have made numerous contacts with community and partnering organizations who are willing to support the Community Consultation by promoting the survey on their websites and sending out the survey link in targeted email distribution lists (i.e. Leadership Waterloo Region, YMCA, Cambridge Downtown BIA, KDBA, Mayor Halloran's blog). Paper copies of the survey were sent to all Municipal and Regional Councilors as well as MPs and MPPs. CPC members and staff are also using the "Take our Survey" business cards to meetings and public events to promote participation.

Eleven focus groups have been completed to date with three additional groups scheduled for January. There are six more groups in the planning stages. Staff have identified several gaps in groups thus far and are working to ensure we have representation from seniors, the multi-cultural community, education, and several more community based groups.

We have removed the online dialogue from the Consultation process. In place, we anticipate a ½ day joint session (Staff, Facilitating Committee, Alumni Group & Community Relations Committee) in early February. This session will be designed to examine and work with the early themes emerging from the survey and focus group data in preparation for the March retreat. At that time we anticipate the development of the business plan taking place.

Juanita has taken on the overall coordination of the consultation because she is easier to reach than Andrea who works on a consulting basis. Please connect with Juanita if you have immediate questions and concerns. Andrea and Juanita work closely on making this happen within the remaining time frame.

(Andrea McArthur, Consultant for CPC community consultation and
Juanita Metzger, Community Engagement Coordinator)

7. Street Gang Prevention Project:

The project had a very successful launch on November 26 at KPL attended by over 100 community members. A presentation by *Break the Cycle* project from Toronto made it all too real and both inspired and made us aware of the work ahead. RFPs for the evaluation as well as the Program Manager position have been posted. Lutherwood has hired their case manager and John Howard's and Roof are in the process of doing the same. The Advisory Committee will meet with NCPC on December 22 to make sure all things are aligned.

Jessica Hutchison, our Research Analyst, has been promoted to full-time status with CPC, dedicating 14 hours per week specifically to research for this project.

We are, at this stage, in a good shape for the project start and while there are no specific activities to report just yet much of the time is taken up with setting up the administration of the work ahead.

(Christiane Sadeler, Staff)

8. Roots of Youth Violence

We received a copy of the report that CPC participated in with the National Working Group. Copies are available. This task has now largely been handed to the Alumnae for contacting provincial associations and MPPs to keep the recommendations alive at least from the Waterloo Region end.

Connections with Dr. Alvin Curling (co-chair of the committee of roots of youth violence) continue.

(Christiane Sadeler for John Shewchuk, Chair)

2.9. SCAN

The CPC made a deputation regarding SCAN (Bill 106) in Toronto on November 25 to the Standing Committee on Justice and Private Members' Bills. It was well received. Our participation was facilitated by Gerry Matnuik, MPP. CPC was one of six deputations, four against and two for Bill 106. The Bill did not pass committee approval and is now no longer active as a legislative proposal.

A copy of the deputation was emailed to all CPC members and MPPs a day after the deputation.

(Christiane Sadeler, Staff)

2.10 CPC office updates

We finally have a full staff complement augmented by the amazing work of placement students from all levels of educations. Special thanks to Lindsay, Lisa and Ben who work daily to support the work of CPC with enthusiasm and great skill. You make the team an even richer place.

Christiane has been invited to moderate a panel and participate on a panel during the 15th anniversary conference of ICPC in Montreal. ICPC was launched in the same year as CPC. This conference also coincides with a meeting of the working group of the National Municipal Network. The funding proposal with NCPC to sustain the network is still under consideration.

If successful it would bring tools and training to communities for crime prevention through social development to municipalities throughout Canada.

(Christiane Sadeler, Staff)

3. **Other additional information:**

The Working Centre provides services to the community through job search and employment tools, St. John's Kitchen, access to housing, community tools projects, access to technology and through the Waterloo School for Community Development. Donations to the The Working Centre can be made by mail: 58 Queen Street South, Kitchener, ON. Credit card donation can be made by calling 519-743-1151 x 111.

The Canadian Journal of Criminology and Criminal Justice - Canadian Criminal Justice Association, July 2009, Volume 51, No. 3 is available to borrow through the office.

National Working Group on Crime Prevention (NWGCP) has provided limited copies of a brief summary of the discussions from the workshop held in March 2009 as part of the last meeting of the NWGCP and the document entitled *Effective Planning for Crime Prevention* are available through the office and on the website of the Institute for the Prevention of Crime www.ipc.uottawa.ca

4. **CPC Member's Information Exchange Corner**

No information for sharing has been requested. Please make use of this space on the consent agenda until the website membership lounge has been established.

5. Attachments:

1. Mental Illness, Poverty and Crime article in Child and Family Journal
2. Letter of support for Langs Farm Village Association (Infrastructure Canada Funding)
3. The Record article about the Gang Prevention Project dated November 27, 2009

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the CPC Chairs and Staff
Christiane Sadeler, Executive Director, WRCPC
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