



CS&CPC Consent Agenda  
February 13, 2009

1. Minutes of January 9, 2009 (see attached)
2. Correspondence:

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

- (a) Received a letter from the Honorable Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada Mr. Rob Nicholson on January 16, 2009 in response to the letter from CS&CPC regarding the YCJA review sent in July 2008.
- (b) Sent a letter on January 18, 2009 to The Honourable Deborah Matthews, Ministry of Children and Youth Services regarding the roots of youth violence report and requesting to meet with her to discuss the CS&CPC's potential role in furthering the report.

3. Committee Reports and Staff Reports:

*Please note that the information below is not exhaustive but rather selectively highlights key activities of the CS&CPC and its committees and staff between monthly meetings of Council.*

**3.1 Facilitating Committee Report:**

The Facilitating Committee met on January 21, 2009 to set the agenda for the February meeting of CS&CPC and to discuss issues arising from the January meeting of the CS&CPC. Since the February meeting is the inaugural meeting for 2009 it was decided to devote a significant part of the meeting to member orientation and re-orientation. Some members expressed that the learning curve for joining CS&CPC can be quite steep and that orientation support and a "buddy system" need to be a priority.

FC also discussed the importance of monitoring the adherence to governance. Suggestions were made to more actively use the policy that the vice chair review and monitor the Council's governance compliance at least quarterly. FC also discussed the need to more clearly have members of CS&CPC distinguished from guests and visitors. While a round table approach is desirable few if any physical locations allow for guests to be part of the round table in addition to 39 members and ex-officio members of CS&CPC. Mary-Anna was asked to seek alternative settings to room 508.

FC discussed a template for the MPs and MPPs meetings and a "Regional, Provincial and Federal working group" on issues of public safety & security as they concern the Communities of Waterloo Region. Wayne and Kathryn volunteered to work with Christiane on a draft template for the MPs and MPPs and to ensure a briefing of Regional Chair Ken Seiling about this initiative.

Finally FC set an extra meeting for February (9-11 AM) to discuss the CS&CPC role in the youth gang funding proposal to NCPC.

(Christiane Sadeler for John Shewchuk, Chair of FC)

### 3.2 Violence Prevention Plan Implementation Committee

Meetings with Conestoga College continued over the past month. These meeting culminated in a presentation to the Attorney General, Chris Bentley which was organized by local MPP Leeanna Pendergast. Christiane Sadeler and Brent Thomlison attended on behalf of the Crime Prevention Council. A follow up letter and one page summary of the proposal will be forwarded to Minister Bentley shortly. In addition to this project staff has been working to secure volunteers for the Advisory Group on Research and Evaluation. It is hoped that this committee will hold its first meeting in late February or early March.

(Anthony Piscitelli for William Wilson, Chair of VPP)

### 3.3 Community Relations Committee/and Communications

The newly adopted name and tag line of the CS&CPC have led to many design meetings. Samples of the new look and plans for the next steps will be presented as part of the orientation at the February meeting. On Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm John Shewchuk will be presenting to Regional Council on behalf of the Community Relations Committee of the CS&CPC with regards to the branding. CS&CPC members are encouraged to attend. The presentation is for information only.

In response to a quarter page ad by Vital Signs on Public Safety an insight article was submitted to the Record for their consideration. The decision re publication is pending.

(Tracy Jasmins for John Shewchuk, Chair of CRC)

### 3.4 Nominating Committee

A letter was sent to applicants for the community representative position that were not selected for the CS&CPC slate 2009 to thank them for their interest in crime prevention and encourage their participation in committees and working groups of CS&CPC. HHUG confirmed their preparedness to represent the housing and homelessness sector on the CS&CPC for 2009 and Gay Slinger will in turn be the person representing HHUG. This information was received after the January meeting of the CS&CP council when it was approved in anticipation of HHUG being prepared to take on the sector role. Gay will join Council at the February 2009 meeting. The 2009 slate of CS&CPC has been provided to Regional Council at its regular meeting on February 04 and was approved (Report: CR-CLK-09-002).

(Christiane Sadeler for Matt Torigian, Chair of Nominating)

### 3.5 Community Engagement

The Municipal Task Force committee confirmed the date of Wednesday March 11 for the Municipal Breakfast: "The Key to Safer Communities II" to build on the previously held event in 2007. Terms of reference for the committee are under review and are expected to be presented to CS&CPC in March. Staff met with neighbourhood groups and continued information interviews with key community sectors including housing, mental health, poverty reduction, youth and community organizations. Work has also begun to support Wilmot Healthy Communities Week and a review of the "Neighbour2Neighbour" Tool Kit in collaboration with United Way.

(Sharron Walpole, Community Engagement Coordinator)

### 3.6 Substance Abuse Prevention:

The Integrated Drugs Strategy Task Force is being formed. There is little to no funding available to support this work.

A summary and evaluation of In The Mind's Eye 2008 is close to being completed.

A collaborative proposal between ROOF, Christopher Champlain Neighbourhood Association and CS&CPC for preventing illicit drug use amongst youth worth \$600K+ was declined by Health Canada in January; the proposal received 25 letters of support last February, many from members of CS&CPC.

The CS&CPC Drug Strategy Resolution calling on the Province to provide funding and to develop a Provincial Drugs Strategy was affirmed at Regional Council last week.

Michael Parkinson has been elected Chair of the Municipal Drug Strategy Coordinators Network of Ontario.

The Overdose Working group meets again February 13 and, despite a number of requests, is concerned about the absence of any health professional at the table.

The KCI Steering Committee has met twice in an effort to roll out addiction-mental health-restorative justice-community centre programs.

The Mobile Omni Bus subcommittee is part way through a second round of consulting work.

(Michael Parkinson, Community Engagement Co-ordinator)

### 4. Community Information Items:

- 4.1. Waterloo Region Vital Signs is looking for feedback regarding their 2008 report. A survey has been developed that takes 5-10 minutes to complete. The evaluation will be live until Tuesday, February 10th at 5 PM at [www.wrvitalsigns.ca](http://www.wrvitalsigns.ca)
- 4.2. The Waterloo Regional Block Parent Program is ready to fold its organization after more than 30 years of community involvement within the Region. The declining number of Block Parent homes, the difficulty in recruiting new Board members, and the lack of financial support from the community has been extremely discouraging to the current Board of Directors. More information about the program can be found at: [www.blockparents.ca](http://www.blockparents.ca) or by calling 519-745-8410.
- 4.3. Youth Leadership & Chronic Disease Prevention in Waterloo Region will host a Community Building Forum. At this facilitated session participants will explore how to engage youth in leadership opportunities for Waterloo Region. The focus will be on eating healthy, physical activity, tobacco prevention, stress and other chronic disease factors. The forums will take place on Monday, March 2, 2009 at 12pm – 4:30pm (Registration at 11:45am) at KW Counseling Services, Room 217. There is no cost. (From information provided by Phuc-Nhi Phuong, Region of Waterloo Public Health Tel: (519) 883-2008 Ext. 5396, Fax: (519) 883-2226, [pphucnhi@region.waterloo.on.ca](mailto:pphucnhi@region.waterloo.on.ca))

#### 4.4. Mental Illness By Itself Does Not Predict Future Violent Behavior

People with mental illness alone are no more likely than anyone else to commit acts of violence, a new study by UNC researchers concludes. But mental illness combined with substance abuse or dependence elevates the risk for future violence. "Our study shows that a link between mental illness and violence does exist, but it's not as strong as most people think," said Eric B. Elbogen, Ph.D., lead author of the study and assistant professor in the forensic psychiatry program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine.

"We found that several other factors - such as a history of past violence or substance abuse or a recent divorce or loss of one's job - are much more predictive of future violence than mental illness alone," Elbogen said. "Only when a person has both mental illness and substance abuse at the same time does that person's risk of future violence outweigh anyone else's."

*Article adapted by Medical News Today from original press release. For copies of the full release please contact staff.*

#### 5. CSCPC items for information

- 5.1. The Children Services Planning Council bid went to the Children's Mental Health Round Table. Christiane Sadeler met with staff of the Ministry of Children and Youth in a meeting organized by the board of the Alliance for Children and Youth to provide some input in the composition and process for the Council.
- 5.2. With the approval of one time funding from Regional Council for 2009 a FT Management Support position (temp) has been advertised and the position of Research Developer is expected to be re-filled shortly. This will bring the staffing back to full complement.
- 5.3. The Social Planning Council of Cambridge met with staff about the SPCC reports on illicit substance use in Cambridge that include a toolkit. The reports are an initiative of the SPCC funded by The Cambridge Community Foundation, The City of Cambridge and The Region of Waterloo. Reports will be provided to the CS&CPC for information only at a later date.
- 5.4. The MSW program will be ready to provide students on placement to the CS&CPC again starting the fall of 2009. Meanwhile Andrea McArthur student with the city of Kitchener has expressed an interest in using some of her practicum time on crime prevention work. Please welcome Andrea to the meetings and events of the CS&CPC as they arise.
- 5.5. A one day training (Braiding Cultural Bridges) hosted for municipal staff focused on working with indigenous populations provided some helpful insights that may assist CS&CPC in taking connections to First Nations People in Waterloo Region from a more ad hoc to a more planned approach.
- 5.6. A commentary written with Patrice Allard from Montreal for the upcoming National Municipal Network Report has been submitted to IPCO.
- 5.7. Two members of Council and two staff as well as staff from ROOF attended the "hearing Voices" experiential training hosted by Conestoga College and organized for the CS&CPC and its partners by Wayne Morris. The training featured a video as well as a one hour session where participants used headphones that simulate the experience of "hearing voices" while attempting to perform various tasks. The agreement among participants was that the session far supersedes theoretical and text book learning when it comes to understanding mental health issues.

- 5.8.** The data from K-W metropolitan survey have been received and are currently being analyzed. The CS&CPC is sharing data with WRPS on some items to avoid duplicate efforts. A Report should be available for members of Council for the March retreat meeting.
- 5.9.** A first set of indicator updates are being submitted to the CAO's office of the Regional Municipality of Waterloo to update the contribution of the CS&COC to the corporate strategic directions of the Region.

Attachments:

- Letter from Rob Nicholson, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada
- Letter to Deborah Matthews, Minister of Children and Youth Ontario
- Bios provided by members of CS&CPC whose names are on the election slate for Chair, Vice Chair and/or membership on the Facilitating Committee.
- Minutes of January 09, 2009 meeting of CS&CPC. Closed session minutes will be handed out at the CS&CPC meeting on Friday.

Respectfully submitted,

(Christiane Sadeler, ED)  
2/6/2009