

1. **Correspondence:**

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

Sent:

WRCPC sent letters to our four area MPs (Peter Braid, Stephen Woodworth, Harold Albrecht, Gary Goodyear) to support the reinstatement of federal funding to the Circles of Support program.

Received:

Letter from Patrick Germann, Chair of HHUG, to thank CPC for taking a stand on SCAN.

Letter from Yasir Naqvi (MPP Ottawa Central) to thank CPC for a thoughtful deputation and to invite CPC to engage in future dialogue about SCAN which he intends to continue to pursue.

Letter from Peter Braid (MP) to thank CPC for participating on the “Emerging Stronger” Roundtable.

Various letters regarding the Ottawa Crime Prevention Situation, seeking support from CPC to ask Ottawa city council to reconsider its decision.

Letter from Peter Thurley who presented to CPC in July 2009 about the national housing strategy to thank CPC for its support in getting this information to local elected officials.

2. **Staff and Committee Reports:**

1. **Facilitating Committee:**

The Facilitating Committee met on January 8, 2010. In addition to administrative items and items for the CP agenda the committee discussed mainly the following:

- issues arising out of the nominating process
- approach to the Ontario Crime Prevention strategy especially in light of past *Roots of Youth Violence* report discussions and actions
- completing the performance appraisal for Christiane
- Moving the retreat to April

(Christiane Sadeler, Staff for Tom Brenner, Chair of FC)

2. Communications & Marketing and Community Relations Committee:

The next Safe Cities episode will feature 'Older Adults and Crime' and airs Wed. Jan. 27 at 9:00 p.m. live on Rogers TV, Cable 20. Panel is still being finalized.

A copy of the "Women and Crime" episode which aired Dec. 23 is available in CPC office for viewing. Special thanks to **David Dick, Julie Thompson, Marion Evans** and **Heather Kerr** for participating in our panel discussion.

The "Fear of Crime: Perceptions in Waterloo Region" report, which went to Community Services Committee on Jan. 5, received some media coverage as follows:

- The Record "Downtowns, dark parks scare some residents" (Jan 5)
- CTV 'News at Six', 'News at 11:30pm' (Michael Melling – report available in CPC office) (Jan 5)
- 570 News report (Jan 5)

The Fear of Crime report is now available on our website under 'Reports'.

The Community Relations Committee will review consultation findings on Feb. 4 and will advise council on ways to address communications for strategic plan.

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

3. Substance Use and Addictions:

An article on ITME's "Housing and Harm Reduction" session appeared in the Homelessness and Housing Umbrella Group (HHUG) newsletter. View this great website and newsletter at: <http://www.hhug.ca/>

The WRIDS Task Force has completed a Media Analysis and is preparing to send out a Gaps and Capacity Survey to Task Force members in January. In a drive to complete the Strategy by December, several initiatives are planned, including funding applications, external practices review, consultation forums etc.

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

4. Violence Prevention:

Staff members have continued to work on the gap analysis/asset inventory for victims and offenders of interpersonal violence. The research in December focused upon a continuation of the interviews with victims and offenders. Staff members are now in the process of developing questions to approach key informants. The key informants to be interviewed will be identified by the VPPIC during the January meeting.

The report "[Fear of Crime: Perceptions in Waterloo Region](#)" was received by Waterloo Region Community Services Committee at its regular meeting on January 05, 2010. This report seeks to provide an understanding of the nature of fear of crime within Waterloo Region, which may ultimately be used to influence policy decisions in local agencies and government. The report summarizes the results from the 2008 Waterloo Region Local Area Survey as they relate to fear of

crime. It also draws comparisons to the 2007 Citizen Survey conducted by Waterloo Region Police Services. Coinciding with the presentation to Regional Council the report received attention from a number of local media sources. This included a front page story in The Record (Jan 5), a report on CTV SWO News (Jan 5) and an interview on 570 News (Jan 5). The media attention also generated interest from a number of community agencies and other local organizations including the Police Services Board and the City of Waterloo who have requested a presentation of the report. These will be conducted over the next few months.

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

5. Research and Evaluation:

The Advisory Group on Research and Evaluation did not meet in December but will meet on January 20th, 2010.

Planning for the forum on the reintegration of federally-sentenced women with mental health issues is in full swing. Currently, there are 70 people registered to attend the event including women with lived experience.

To date, eight RAP sheets (fact sheets) have been completed. The template for the RAP sheet design is under development and will be completed in the next month. The RAP sheets will likely take the form of a post card with pertinent facts about the topic at hand and with a link to the CPC website where the entire document can be read and printed.

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

6. Community Consultation 2009/10

We are nearing the end of our consultation and information gathering stage of the Strategic/Business Planning process. The online survey closed December 20. We received 504 responses. We have completed 16 focus groups with the final groups to be completed by the end of January.

Next steps: Andrea McArthur is currently working on analysis of the responses and data to highlight the themes arising. Staff, along with the Facilitating, Community Relations and Alumni committees is participating in a joint working session on February 4th to examine the initial themes and begin to sort through what it means for the development of our next Strategic Plan. This will be a facilitated session.

Council will have another opportunity for feedback and consultation at the annual CPC retreat. It is our hope that the facilitator involved in the February working session will participate in this retreat also.

(Andrea McArthur, Consultant and Juanita Metzger, Community Engagement Coordinator)

7. Street Gang Prevention Project:

Project Evaluation – The Street Gang Prevention Project has 2 evaluation components. An impact evaluation is carried out by a third party contractor hired by National Crime Prevention Centre (Toronto). Our CPC office is contracting a third party evaluator to conduct the process and monitoring evaluation. We received three (3) proposals in response to a Request for Proposals. After reviews and

selected interviews, we expect to have awarded the contract by the end of this month, January 2010.

We were successful in our interview process for the Project Manager position. We have hired Rohan Thompson. Rohan has a Masters degree in Social Work with emphasis on community development. He has worked for many years at the City of Kitchener in youth engagement and management of community center and neighbourhood facilitation programmes. Rohan also has worked with "at risk" youth in Waterloo Region and Toronto and brings a high level of passion and skill to working with youth gangs as well as project management including experience with NCPC projects. Rohan has a great sense of team and a great sense of humour. Rohan will join our project team on 01 February allowing for some transition from the City of Kitchener which is a long time partner in many crime prevention efforts. Rohan will make himself available as much as reasonable for some meetings before that time including the first meeting with NCPC cross Canada conference call. Rohan will be a great asset to this project. Please welcome him to the team.

The Administrative Assistant position will be posted in the coming weeks.

Fee-for-service contracts between the Regional Municipality of Waterloo and the partner agencies will be signed on January 15th at the next Project Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting. The PAC met on December 22nd with staff from NCPC. Sadly, Monika Ochnik will no longer be working at NCPC as she has taken a position with the Correctional Service of Canada. Jyoti Grewel will be our interim Project Supervisor. We wish Monika all the very best in her new venture and thank her for her many years of collaboration with and support of the WRCP.

Project staff has been hired by several partner agencies. Lutherwood has hired both of their employees: Shanna Braden is the Clinician (Case Manager) and Tom Formier is the Employment Specialist. ROOF has hired its staff – Joshua Dills will be the Case Manager. Please welcome these staff to our street gang team! John Howard Society and St. Mary's will be posting for their positions this month with the hopes of having the staff in place by early February. The Waterloo Regional Police continue to be actively involved in the project on an in-kind basis.

More recently a situation in Toronto brought all too close to home why this project is vitally important. The brother of Rai Sean, one of the young men who spoke at the launch of the Gang Project, was tragically killed in a gang shooting incident in Toronto. He was 15 years young. The timing of his death was disturbing as just earlier that day he had contacted "Breaking the Cycle: for support in leaving the gang. Staff and PAC members have been in touch with our colleagues in Toronto and have been told that Rai Sean is getting a lot of support from the people at *Breaking the Cycle* as well as from people in the Waterloo Region.

(Juanita Metzger, Jessica Hutchison and Christiane Sadeler, Staff)

8. CPC Office Updates

Please join the CPC staff team, in appreciating Lindsay Klassen, MSW placement student who successfully completed her work with us at the end of 2010.

Lisa Armstrong will remain on placement with the Council and is taking on a lead role in developing the youth advisory committee of the street gang project. Ben Brock will be reflecting on his experience with the WRCP in a display at Bluevale Collegiate on Monday, January 11.

Please welcome Emily Schacht, MSW placement student and Fanis Juma, Renison College BSW placement student to the team. They will be with us for a large part of 2010. Our partnerships with Universities and the dedicated support from students contribute a significant resource to the work of CPC.

Naturally with these additional supports and further requests from students and volunteers we realize frequently that the issues of safety and security and criminal and social justice inspire many people in our community who wish to join our efforts in many ways. Unfortunately space limitations prevent us from taking up all the offers that come to our office. Staff is working with facilities management of Waterloo Region on an interim solution. Discussions have also started with the city of Kitchener about some possible space opportunities at their end for a somewhat longer term community arm of the current CPC office.

We appreciate all supports and suggestions that have been brought to us and ask for patience as we proceed with this task.

(Christiane Sadeler, Staff)

3. Other Additional Information:

While the Montreal ICPC conference may seem like a distant memory, connections from our participation there have continued to flourish including with youth crime prevention practitioners in Nairobi, Kenya who visited the Region several years ago and have again connected to our efforts. Dialogue with FCM (and CEDAR) continue from their end for a partnership but there as in many area financial limitations are significant at present. Informally the exchange of ideas and approaches is maintained.

The National Municipal Network met in conjunction with the ICPC events in Montreal (some face to face others via conference call). NCPC requested further changes to the application for funding which have been completed and submitted. In conversation with NCPC staff the interest in building on the existing network remains high but multi year funding approaches mean that much of the future funds are already committed to current projects. Nonetheless the network remains optimistic that the funds will become available before March 2010. Meanwhile network members support each other in a variety of ways with Montreal and Waterloo Region in a continued leadership role.

Ottawa Crime Prevention received notice that their funding will be cut. WRCP received many requests to approach Ottawa Council to reconsider that decision. A letter from WRCP will be drafted for council's consideration at the January meeting.

Centre for Community Based Research is asking for participation in the **Pay Day Lending Study**. Please forward this to your counterparts.

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Christiane Sadeler (Staff)

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

5. **Attachments:**

1. Minutes of December 11, 2009 meeting
2. 2010 CPC Slate

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the CPC and committee Chairs and Staff

Christiane Sadeler, Executive Director, WRCPC

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