

1. Correspondence:

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

Received:

- Via the Regional Chair's office: PLAY WORKS information brochure and application 'Youth Friendly Community Recognition Program 2009.' For more information please visit: www.playworkspartnership.ca
- Canadian Social Trends, Summer 2009, No. 87
- Canadian Social Trends, Special Edition 2009
- Langs Farm Village Association 27th Annual Report, 2008-2009 and Summer Newsletter 2009
- John Milloy, MPP Kitchener Centre 3rd Annual Community Progress Report
- John Howard Society of Waterloo-Wellington 59th Anniversary Annual Report, 2008-2009.
- The Government of Canada hero recognition of the WRPCPC presented by Harold Albrecht, MP Kitchener-Conestoga
- Justice Report: Canadian Criminal Justice Association, 2009
- The Community Justice Initiatives (CJI) officially announces the appointment of Fraser Stewart as the new Executive Director for Community Justice Initiatives: "Fraser comes to CJI with over 20 years of experience as an Executive Director in the charitable not-for-profit social and human services sector".
- Letter from Peter Braid, MP congratulating CPC on its successful application to the HRSDC summer student grant.

Sent:

- Letter of Congratulations sent on behalf of CPC by Chair John Shewchuk to Retired Chief of Police Larry Gravill, who received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from University of Waterloo at spring convocation (June 2009)
- Letters regarding request to support Bill C304 to all Mayors. (Letters to Regional Chair Ken Seiling, MPs, leaders of all parties and MP Libby Davis are pending at time of consent agenda release)

- Letter of support for the National Municipal Network proposal to NCPC's Executive Director Bob Cormier
- Letter of support to the Trillium Foundation for Neighbourhood Watch Division 3 application for capital funding to replace their dial out machine
- Letter of invitation to all MPPs and MPs for the July CPC meeting

2. **Staff and Committee Reports:**

2.1. Facilitating Committee:

The Facilitating Committee met at its regular meeting to prepare the agenda for the July 2009 CPC meeting and related presentations. The Committee also reviewed the action lists coming out of CPC and FC and noted that we are progressing well with this approach to monitoring actions not anticipated in the work plans of CPC or Regional corporate and human services plans. This approach was adopted to stay responsive to community needs while assessing impact on CPC's strategic directions and commitments made in its business plan. Facilitating Committee members also "debriefed" about the meeting of CPC in June 2009, and noted the positive impact on discussions at the table with new venues, and the addition of the consent agenda approach. The presentation by Peter Ringrose (E.D.) was highlighted as a model for the presentations in the future with a view to understanding "mainstreaming" of crime prevention by partner organizations.

(Christiane Sadeler for Tom Brenner, FC Chair)

2.2. Communications & Marketing and Community Relations Committee:

Aubrey Walters and Bill Davidson will co-chair the Community Relations Committee, effective June 2009. Special thanks to John Shewchuk for his leadership during his term as chair. The committee also welcomed two new members – Mike Farwell (570 News) and Carrie Debrone (Kitchener Citizen).

The committee's Terms of Reference have been amended as follows:

*"The committee will meet bi-monthly for up to two hours per meeting or as needed."
and
"Members are expected to attend a minimum of four out of six meetings per year."*

CPC participated in the KWCF Anniversary Celebration event with a display (June 14, 2009). The event was well attended by over 50 organizations.

CPC supported a feature in the Record for *Nutrition for Learning* with an ad as part of the feature (June 20, 2009).

CPC submitted "In The Mind's Eye" series nomination for a 2009 Ontario Innovation Excellence Award.

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

2.3. Substance use and addictions:

Ongoing work throughout June and early July 2009 has included consultations with several neighborhoods which expressed concerns with regards to safety & security. In this capacity the staff has for example assisted an area municipality and high school with regards to drug-related issues.

Support for the Ontario Network of Drug Strategy Specialists continues.

With a successful application to HRSDC we were again able to engage a student full time for the summer to assist with the work of the In The Mind's Eye film and forum series to be held this fall 2009 for the fifth time. **Please welcome Eliot Winkler to the CPC staff team for the summer!** We have also received confirmation that an MSW student will be joining our team in the fall for four days per week and much of her focus will be on supporting the ongoing efforts to develop the IDS for Waterloo Region. The Waterloo Region Integrated Drugs Strategy Task Force work has momentum but is somewhat hindered by lack of dedicated resources to accomplish this task especially with one Community Engagement Staff position still needing to be filled. Funding sources are being sought to support the IDS. Katherine Pigott led the Task Force in an excellent focused discussion. Meetings will resume in September.

Toronto Public Health contacted the CPC office for advice on Narcan-based overdose programming.

Staff has started to work on developing In the Mind's Eye 2009. Currently, by exploring possible themes for In the Mind's Eye 2009, as well as locating new films that complement the project by taking a glimpse into the real world of substance abuse. In the Mind's Eye 2009 is still in the early stages of planning and we are seeking appropriate venues, speakers, forums, films, and workshops to create a successful program for the fifth year running. ITME programs are developed in consultation with area service providers.

(Michael Parkinson and Eliot Winkler)

2.4. Violence Prevention:

During the May Violence Prevention Plan Implementation Committee (VPPIC) meeting it was agreed that Marty Schreiter would act as vice-chair with Bill Wilson. Changes were made to the Terms of Reference in regards to membership. It was decided that representation would be from "knowledge areas" and "areas of expertise" rather than based on organizational representation. Several people have been approached or will be approached by Committee members to determine their interest in sitting on the Committee. Also added was a two-year term for Committee membership which can be renewed twice to a maximum of six years. New members will commence sitting on the Committee in the Fall. The revised Terms of Reference will be presented to CPC at the September 2009 meeting. The Violence Prevention Work Plan has been updated and was presented to the Committee with a view to assessing at the next meeting the roles of Committee members are likely to take with regards to implementation and with a view to setting priorities for 2010.

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

2.5. Research and Evaluation:

The Advisory Group on Research and Evaluation (AGORE) met on June 22nd 2009. The Fear of Crime Report was presented to the Committee for comment and recommendations. It was determined that the Waterloo Regional Police Service had written a complementary report and that the two reports can be used together to provide a baseline for fear of crime in the Waterloo Region. The CPC Fear of Crime Report has been updated based on the feedback from AGORE and will be presented at the next meeting. Fact sheets on mental illness, crime and victimization and risk factors for crime and victimization were presented for feedback. It was suggested that instead of having references in the body of the text, a section providing further resources could be placed at the end of the fact sheets. Other fact sheets under development include mandatory sentences for drug offences, older adult abuse, as well as poverty, crime and victimization. These will be presented at the next AGORE meeting for feedback. The fact sheets will be strategically released with support from the Communications Committee. Staff will be conducting an asset inventory of violence prevention initiatives and programs currently in place in the Waterloo Region as well as a gap analysis. Exact methodology has not been determined and will be the focus of the next meeting.

An article was submitted to the Child and Family Journal about mental illness, poverty, crime and victimization. It is currently under review.

A chapter on Older Adults' Safety was submitted for inclusion in the Waterloo Region Health Status Report. The Waterloo Region Elder Abuse Response Team (EART) provided useful input into the occurrence of older adult abuse in the Waterloo Region. In 2008, they received 202 calls for investigation. The most prevalent type of abuse EART responded to was financial, followed by neglect, psychological, physical and self-neglect. The most common perpetrators of abuse against older adults are adult children.

CPC staff worked with staff from Community Justice Initiatives to develop a business case for the Victim-Offender Reconciliation Program (VORP) as directed during the May 2009 CPC meeting.

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

2.6. Youth Gang Prevention Collaborative:

The group continues to discuss potential next steps in anticipation of funding. The collaborative spirit remains high despite the delay in getting a response and the deadline of July 01 having passed. The group however is moving ahead with some items such as working more closely with WRPS with regards to their role in the proposal as well as bringing together Lutherwood and CPC communication staff for developing an approach for communicating the funding to the public without raising unfounded fears.

Lutherwood and a student volunteer Lisa Armstrong with CPC have also started to review best practice models in youth gang prevention as well as scan the media for coverage related to youth gang activities in Waterloo Region in the past years.

(Christiane Sadeler for the YGPC)

3. Additional CPC Information:

(A) Andrea McArthur has been engaged on a summer contract with the office of the CPC to assist with the community consultation. She will be the central go to person for the design and early implementation of the community consultation of CPC. She can be reached at: amcarthu@region.waterloo.on.ca

Please welcome Andrea to the team!

(B) Staff attended several AGMs by invitation from CPC partners as well as open houses and events to raise funds for partner organizations. The demands on the staff team for this representation are high and we ask for understanding that we are not able to attend all events to which we are invited. Recommendations around a best practice to handle these requests are appreciated. CPC members who are able to take on part of this role please contact the office.

(C) The National Municipal Network proposal has been submitted to NCPCC. The small working group comprised of Claude Vezina, Irvin Waller, Patrice Allard and CPC staff had several strategic meetings to align directions, feedback from across the country, and budget guidelines by NCPCC. Letters of support have mostly been received from across the country, but are pending from several larger organizations such as CACP and FCM. If successful the project has an anticipated start date for October 2009 with a first meeting of NMN members in Montréal in conjunction with the international crime prevention symposium of ICPC in Montréal. Christiane was invited to present at that symposium and agreed to do so. WRCPCC remains in a co-chair position for the network with Montréal.

(D) Staff frequently collaborate with other partnership organizations across the Region such as: the Alliance for Children & Youth, the Suicide Prevention Council, OWR, WRIEN, and others. Some of these alliances are more concrete and long standing than others but for a start there is agreement to share minutes (CPC minutes and consent agendas once approved are available on the website www.preventingcrime.ca) and look for other opportunities to align actions in the interest of maximizing resources. Members of CPC are encouraged to point out these opportunities to CPC staff and/or in their roles in these partnerships.

(E) The SCAN legislation information memo was provided to the ROW Community Services Committee at its regular meeting on June 16, 2009. A copy is attached.

(F) An 8-part television series on **Parenting with Passion** will feature on CTV every Saturday at 6:30 PM starting July 04 to August 22, 2009. The work of the CPC will feature in the first screening on July 04 with a focus on neighborhoods and safety.

4. Other additional information...

that may be of interest was selected from many that are received in the CPC office. Members of CPC are encouraged to direct staff to particular areas of interest and to share information through the consent agenda approach.

(A) The World Health Organization continues to be a strong supporter of using evidence, collaboration and good planning to reduce the number of victims of violent crime. Their most recent report speaks to:

New scientific confirmation that the positive parenting program ("Triple P") reduces child maltreatment

Launch of a partnership between the Violence Reduction Unit of the Scottish Government and the WHO to promote effective violence prevention in low and middle income countries

The 4th Milestones Meeting in the Global campaign for Violence Prevention, entitled "Boosting global violence prevention" which will take place in September in Geneva to make plans to substantially increase action, political support, and funding for violence prevention worldwide.

(B) The Minister of Health, David Caplan, is hosting a Mental Health and Addiction Summit in Toronto on July 13 and 14, 2009. The purpose of the summit is to share information regarding the work done to date on the MH and Addictions Strategy and to gather further feedback into the process in preparation for the anticipated release of the 10 year strategic plan in the fall of 2009. The WWLHIN has been given 10 consumer/family spots and 10 service provider spots for the summit. For information please contact:

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(C) Correctional Services Canada has funding available for hosting community forums with a focus on corrections and rehabilitation and community. The CPC in collaboration with CMHA expressed an interest to CSC in applying for the funding in the fall of 2009 to host a forum on mental health and crime. GVI originally made this information available and here it is again from Wayne Morris (Conestoga College) with a suggestion that partner organizations on CPC may be interested in reviewing the guidelines with an eye to applying also. Maximum one time funding is for \$8,000. Information can be found at:

http://www.mcscs.jus.gov.on.ca/english/contact_us/SVC/SVC_grant_2009.html

5. Attachments:

- CPC Minutes of June 12, 2009 (members of CPC only ; pending approval)
- Copy of the information memo re SCAN for the meeting of CSC on June 16, 2009