



Consent Agenda
Friday, March 13, 2009

1. Minutes of February 13, 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.

Received:

February 19, 2009: Letter from Minister Deb Matthews thanking CPC for its letter regarding the Roots of Youth Violence report and informing CPC that a committee has been formed to examine the recommendation more closely.

Feb 24, 2009: Copy of a letter from Elizabeth Witmer, MPP thanking Regional Council for a copy of the resolution regarding the integrated drug strategy and in forming RC that she requested immediate financial assistance for the development of this strategy for the Region and other communities across Ontario.

Feb 26, 2009: Copy of a letter from Premier Dalton McGuinty thanking Regional Council for forwarding the resolution on the Integrated Drug Strategy which the Premier forwarded to the Minister of Health and Long-Term care David Caplan.

Sent:

To the Attorney General of Ontario Chris Bentley a one page proposal summary for the *Center of Innovation in Violence Prevention* with a letter signed in partnership between Conestoga College and WRPCPC. The one pager was a follow up from our meeting with the AG as requested by him.

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:

FC met on February 25 and dates for the full year have now been set and are as follows:

March 23 8:30 AM
April 30 10:30 AM
June 03 8:30 AM
July 02 10:30 AM
September 02 8:30 AM
September 30 8:30 AM
November 04 8:30 AM
December 02 8:30 AM

All meeting will be two hours and will be hosted in the Regional Chair's board room. CPC agendas are developed at that meeting and requests for agenda additions can be made via Tom or Christiane.

Other discussion focused on four main areas

- (1) How to maximize the time of CPC together especially given that the group has become rather large. Some suggestions re seating arrangements, microphones, and use of 8:30 AM network time will likely be implemented as early as the April meeting and CPC member's feedback is encouraged.
- (2) The decline of the Health Canada Grant led to several actions including the request from FC for a grant executive summary (which has been provided) and outreach to the MPs (communication has happened with three of the four MPs and their requests for information about the grant as well as the NCP grant application have been met).
- (3) The March retreat including a panel was planned.
- (4) The community consultation is moving closer to needing a detailed work plan. CPC member will be asked to support elements of the consultation through e.g. hosting a focus group at their own agency.

(Christiane Sadeler for Tom Brenner, Chair of FC)

3.2 Violence Prevention Plan Implementation Committee

The committee is currently in the process of deciding on the next steps to move the violence prevention plan forward. The committee is focusing on the following question: *Given the work that is currently been completed, what should be done to begin to influence the community to adopt best and promising practices that will work to address the violence issues facing Waterloo Region?* If any members of council have feedback on this question, please pass it along to Bill Wilson or Anthony Piscitelli and they will share it with the committee.

(Anthony Piscitelli for Bill Wilson, Chair of VPPIC)

3.3 Community Relations Committee/and Communications

Our new name and logo was received positively by Regional Council in a presentation made by John Shewchuk (Feb 25). Some media coverage was provided – Waterloo Region Record, Cambridge Times, Exchange Magazine Online.

Effective immediately, please use the new name Waterloo Region Crime Prevention Council and tagline "Together for a Safer Community". We will roll out the new material and website over the next several weeks.

An insight article was submitted to and accepted by the Record in response to the article "Tough Crime Law Under Fire" (Feb 27). Thanks to John Shewchuk for writing this (see attached).

The Orillia Youth Drop-In Centre and OPP detachment requested our Look Deeper posters for framing for display and said "They are great posters. Those who have already seen them have nothing but good things to say."

Christiane Sadeler was interviewed by Cherri Greeno of the Record who is doing a feature article on the Waterloo Region Crime Prevention Council for a future publication date. (Mar 2)

Christiane Sadeler and Justice Dinner Committee co-chair Barb Hill appeared on Rogers Daytime (Mar 5) for an interview to promote the dinner and the new WRPCPC.

Maclean's National Crime Report: Christiane Sadeler was interviewed by CTV (SWO) News and 570 News to give a local perspective and analysis of the data (Mar 5)

(Tracy Jasmins for John Shewchuk, Chair of CRC)

3.4 Nominating Committee:

There is no report from this committee. But please be reminded that this year we will be meeting to address some longer term governance and succession items that were highlighted by the 2008 nominating committee.

(Christiane Sadeler for Brent Thomlison, Chair of Nominating)

3.5 Community Engagement

Several time-limited requests were met or are on-going, including requests from area municipalities, an apartment complex, and some schools. The demand for the service outstrips the current available resources and some requests had to be declined for this reason. A review of the engagement program as well as how to monitor its activities is expected to assist CPC in maximizing the resources attached to that position.

3.6 Substance Use:

The decline of the "Partners in Prevention" grant request to Health Canada continues to be an issue. The Premiere has responded to the Drugs Strategy resolution by passing it along to the Minister of Health. Funding to enable a local drug strategy is difficult to secure. Brice has been contacting potential members for the IDS Task Force.

Requests from across North America to replicate ITME continue.

The overdose injury-death prevention working group continues to meet but has had no success in attracting any attention from health professionals.

Michael to keynote in Windsor on drug strategies. Requests declined from Barrie, UWaterloo, and Edmonton. Several local presentations accepted.

The 15 municipalities/counties that make up the Ontario Network of Municipal Drug Strategy Specialists hope to present at AMO in August. Michael is Chair.

(Michael Parkinson, Community Engagement Program)

3.7 Advisory Group on Research & Evaluation

The Advisory Group on Research & Evaluation will be holding the first official meeting on March 10th, 2009. The committee has a membership consisting of: Thomas Brenner (Renison College) (Chair), Don Roth (CHMA Grand River Branch), Leslie Jostling (KW Counseling), Myrna Dawson (University of Guelph), Mike Simpson (Conestoga College), Marg Gloade (Waterloo Regional Police Services), Andrew Taylor (Centre for Community Based Research) and Natalie Brown (Center for Research Learning & Action).

(Anthony Piscitelli for Tom Brenner, Chair of R&E)

3.8 Municipal Task Force

The task force has been planning the second municipal break fast: the key to safer municipalities. It will be hosted on March 11 in the morning at Rock way Golf Course. Close to 40 area municipal staff and councilors have agreed to attend.

(Christiane Sadeler for MTF)

4. Other Information Items:

National Municipal Network: Some members of the national municipal network for crime prevention met with Dr. Irvin Waller and staff from the IPC to review 9 action briefs that will be published on behalf of the network to support and stimulate municipal crime prevention efforts across the country. IPC funding will end at the end of March 2009 and the network will need to find other avenues to sustain the mutual support and collective voice for crime prevention at the municipal level. A proposal to NCPC asks for support in bringing members of the network together for knowledge mobilization, best practice exchange and as a catalys5t for other municipalities. A conference call hosted by Ottawa Crime Prevention showed that the energy for sustaining the network remains high.

Youth Gang Conference

Tom, Sandy and Christiane attended a two day free conference in youth gang prevention in Toronto hosted by NCPC and MYS. John Howard and Lutherwood staff (two other partners on the youth gang prevention proposal) were also in attendance. Christiane has been asked to join a national think tank on youth gang prevention to start later in the year under the leadership of Michael Chettleburgh.

Staffing

Sharron Walpole (Community Engagement Coordinator) is no longer working with the CPC. We wish Sharron all the very best in her future endeavors. The position will be advertised later in March.

Anthony Piscitelli was the successful candidate in the application for the Supervisor of Research and Evaluation. The position is charged with furthering the work as of the VPP as well as boosting the research capacity of CPC. A PT research position will support Anthony in this venture. Congratulations Anthony!

Attachments:

Minutes of February 13, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

(Christiane Sadeler, ED)
3/9/2009