

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.

Sent:

WRPCPC sent letter to the Honorable Premier Dalton McGuinty expressing CPC interest in assisting with the new Ontario Crime Prevention initiative.

A letter was sent (Jan. 29) by John Shewchuk on behalf of WRPCPC to The Honourable Leona Dombrowsky, Minister of Education to encourage the ministry to adopt the "Say Hi" schools program province wide. We are awaiting a response.

Received:

Letter from Kris Fletcher, Director, Council and Administrative Services/Regional Clerk to advise WRPCPC that Regional Council at its regular meeting on February 03 passed the following motion: *THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo ratify the appointments and reappointments to the Waterloo Region Crime Prevention Council for the year 2010 as listed.*

Letter from the Honourable Dalton McGuinty regarding Ontario Crime Prevention initiative. Copy attached.

Letters of congratulations to John Shewchuk and Tom Brenner from MPP Elizabeth Witmer on their reappointments as Chair and Vice-Chair of WRPCPC respectively.

Letter from the Honourable John Milloy expressing his support of the "say hi" campaign and offering assistance to WRPCPC in any provincial matters.

2. Staff and Committee Reports:

1. Facilitating Committee:

The Facilitating Committee met on March 4, 2010. Mike Murray (Regional CAO) and past Chairs Irene O'Toole and Peter Ringrose were also in attendance to clarify CPC's administrative link to the ROW's administrative processes. In addition to this discussion items for the CPC agenda and setting the FC meeting dates were attended to. The committee finally discussed the next steps for the Ad Hoc Working Group on Council Governance.

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

2. Communications & Marketing and Community Relations Committee:

Safe Cities continues March 31 on Rogers TV (9:00 pm) with a look at "Neighbourhoods and Fear of Crime". We are finalizing our panel at this time. Special thanks to our "Youth & Crime" panel, including Sandy Dietrich-Bell

(ROOF), Alison Scott (F&CS), Randy Penney (Lutherwood), Bob Gould (WRPS), John Bilton (JHS) and Alvin Curling (Roots of Youth Violence Review). A DVD copy of the program is available in our resource centre.

Communications staff has been committed to assisting with design and promotion of the Annual Justice Dinner, and coordinating a branding strategy for the Street Gang Prevention Project.

Red Deer Neighbourhood Watch Association (Alberta) has created their own version of our Say Hi campaign (with our permission). "Just Say Hi" is part of Neighbourhood Watch Month (March) and they properly credit the Waterloo Region Crime Prevention Council for the concept and inspiration for their own program both on their website and in their media release. It is a much smaller scale campaign, conducted on an \$860 budget for the spring campaign.

We have secured two tables at the WRPS Open House on Sat. May 8, 2010 from 10am-3pm. One for CPC and one for the Gang Prevention Project. If any council members are interested in volunteering at our display, please let Tracy Jasmins know.

The Community Relations Committee meets again Thursday, March 18, 2010.

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

3. Substance Use and Addictions:

The WRIDS Task Force has received approximately 40 Gaps Surveys that will further inform the developments of the strategy. WR Public Health continues to be very supportive, recently procuring additional staff resources from Regional Council. Several grant applications are underway to support the WRIDS. A series of 4 Key Informant sessions are being planned for May and June.

Two WLU students are preparing an Overdose Bulletin using interviews as the main content tool. Emily, the CPC MSW student is working on ITME-related tasks, a survey of education-training interests among them. The Ontario Network of Drug Strategy Specialists, of which Michael is Chair, has just hired a consultant to begin planning for a province-wide conference. The City of Toronto has been very supportive of the Network.

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

4. Violence Prevention:

The Violence Prevention Committee has met twice since the last meeting of Crime Prevention Council. The committee reviewed a website called www.thatsnotcool.com and agreed that the website is a good tool and should be promoted within Waterloo Region. However, in recognizing the resource limitations of staff and the role of CPC the committee agreed that staff should promote the existence of the website and not attempt to roll it out directly. Staff has prepared a ten minute presentation about the website which is available to present to any interested agency. In addition a short summary regarding the website is provided below. Feel free to forward it along:

Thatsnotcool.com is a website designed to raise awareness among 13 to 15 year olds about dating abuse and stop it before it gets worse. It is sponsored by the Family Violence Prevention Fund, the Office on Violence against Women and the Ad Council. The site is designed to address issues such as constant and controlling texting, pressuring for sexually explicit pictures and breaking into someone's e-mail or social networking account. The website has been launched and evaluated in a number of demonstration sites through out the United States. The website is now prepared to be introduced to other communities including Waterloo Region. In order to facilitate this process tools are being shared free of charge to allow for the easy creation of a campaign to promote the website. These tools are available from www.thatsnotcool.com/tools. If you plan to promote this website please contact Anthony Piscitelli apiscitelli@regionofwaterloo.ca from Waterloo Region Crime Prevention Council for additional information.

The VPP Implementation Committee has also set the new goal for next year as being children from age six to twelve. A report is planned as follow up to the Community Fit for Children Report. In keeping with the collaborative nature of CPC Anthony is in the process of recruiting agencies as research partners. Family and Children Services has already joined and other agencies are being approached.

Finally, staff has also begun to explore the feasibility of hosting a conference in 2011 looking at Violence Prevention. Wayne Morris on behalf of Conestoga College has expressed interest in working with CPC on this endeavor and a meeting is scheduled to begin to shape the project direction. If you or your agency would like to be involved please contact Anthony or Wayne by email.

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

5. Research and Evaluation:

Staff members have continued to work on the gap analysis/asset inventory exploring services for victims and perpetrators within Waterloo Region. However, due to the resource requirements of the Street Gang Prevention Project Jessica Hutchison will be working full-time on the federal project as the researcher until the end of April 2010 for the next two months. Timelines for research fact sheets and other objectives may need to be extended as a result.

The fear of crime report continues to generate interest. Presentations since January included: City of Waterloo, John Howard Society Board, a class in Restorative Justice at Conrad Grebel.

(Anthony Piscitelli, Staff for Tom Brenner, Chair of AGORE)

6. Community Consultation 2009/10

Work on the Community Consultation of the past month has been focused on planning for the working session at the Council retreat (April 9). The full council will engage in a facilitated session to make decisions about our priority directions, medium/longer term objectives and activities related to each area. The session will be facilitated by Jo Nelson who joined us Feb. 4 for a council working session.

Staff are doing some additional digestion of material from the surveys, focus groups and working session to help shape the presentation of draft priority

directions, objectives and activities. A final report from consultant, Andrea MacArthur, is being drafted now and being used by staff in their preparation work.

Reviews of options for web-based presentation of our *future plan* are being sourced now. We anticipate there will be a print version of the plan 'highlights' and that a full version of plan will be available by download.

(Juanita Metzger, Community Engagement Coordinator)

7. Street Gang Prevention Project:

We are currently conducting an assessment of Waterloo Region to determine the nature and scope of the gang issue. There will be 5 main sources of information gathered: 1) community demographics, 2) street gang data – police data and interviews with gang members, 3) school data – surveys of students and personnel, 4) community perception data – surveys of community leaders, youth-serving agencies and the general public, 5) an inventory of services available to at-risk and gang-involved youth. It is hoped that we will have a good understanding of the issue by May 1, 2010.

A training day with all PAC members was hosted on February 23, 2010. The day provided both WRPS data, a review of each partner agency capacity, and an overview of the Spergel model.

A presentation by project partners at the March CPC meeting will provide an overview of the current status and future goals of the project.

(Rohan Thompson on behalf of PAC)

8. CPC Office Updates

The WRPCPC office is almost at full staff and student complement and hence office space is very limited. This does not appear to deter drop in visits which continue to be encouraged.

The Street Gang Prevention project has taken much attention since the beginning of January with working out administration including the flow of information, funds and accountability to the federal government and within the Region as well as with project partners. The evaluation team has been chosen through an RFP and interview process and we are pleased to say that Astwood Inc who have formidable expertise in evaluation especially with a focus on street gangs have accepted the contract for the process and monitoring evaluation. Coincidentally Astwood was also awarded the outcome evaluation by NCPC.

Collaboration effort with other collaboratives has been a theme for the last month with WRPCPC having been represented in initiatives such as OWR recreation programming, Vital Signs report, HHUG visioning, Tide Canada, an initial meeting about the possibility of developing a drug court, and more. The connection to the Alliance for Children and Youth remains strong and opportunities for partnering on projects are frequent.

Support to other municipalities also continues and most recently involved a video conference with Thunder Bay City Council and dialogue with Mississauga and Oshawa. Quite a number of these activities fill a void for national and provincial

crime prevention support to communities, municipalities or community groups. The application to NCPC for the National Municipal Network is progressing forward in the system but more slowly than anticipated. Network members remain committed to maintaining and strengthening the network. Waterloo Region CPC has been asked in addition to co-chairing the network to be the representative for Ontario on the coordinating committee. Other municipal representatives are: Edmonton for BC and Alberta, Winnipeg for Saskatoon and Manitoba, Montreal for Quebec, Eastern representation is yet to be determined.

The SCAN legislation has been chosen as one in 5 Private Members' bills to be carried forward. HHUG and CAMH as well as numerous homelessness initiatives continue their efforts to alert to issues with the proposed legislation. WRPCPC remains a part of this effort.

The efforts to encourage the Province of Ontario to consult with municipalities in the design of their crime prevention strategy continue. Here are some of the actions taken in addition to the letter to the Premier (which was copied to all MPPs, other municipalities with crime prevention committees and the OACP):

WRDCSB approached the Ontario Council of Directors of Education who wrote a letter of support, The Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association and the Ontario English Catholic Trustee Association. The latter have forwarded the request for support to their executive. The Ontario Catholic Supervisory Officers' Association has also been approached for support.

Mississauga and Brantford crime prevention have written to their MPPs to request further information. Crime Prevention Ottawa has written to the Honourable Rick Bartolucci.

The office of Ms Leeanna Pendergast MPP has provided information on the development efforts and the office of the Honourable John Milloy has also provided information. Dr. Alvin Curling supported the letter in person during a meeting with the Premier.

Other Provincial associations that can be approached are: AMO, OMSSA, OMMI, Urban Commissioners Group, OANHSS; and Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies.

(Christiane Sadeler, Staff)

3. Other Additional Information:

Both throne speeches from the Federal and Ontario provincial government are being reviewed with an eye to crime prevention through social development. Staff will make this information available at the March meeting or through email communication after the meeting.

4. CPC Member's Information Exchange Corner

4.1. John Bilton (John Howard Society) sent the following:

"Stefan Loker, President of John Howard Society of Waterloo-Wellington, is pleased to announce the appointment of the new Executive Director – Ms. Joan Nandlal. Joan

brings with her more than 15 years of experience working in the criminal justice and mental health sectors. Most recently, Joan was employed with the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health in Toronto, overseeing a team of professionals working with community-based mental health clients. Joan's background also includes strategic and business planning, research and program evaluation, grant proposal writing and administration, program development and management, teaching and training. Joan has a Bachelor's degree from York University and Masters and Doctoral degrees in applied social/community psychology from the University of Guelph. She resides in Guelph with her husband John of more than 20 years and their two school aged children, who are both actively involved with soccer, hockey and related extra-curricular activities. Joan commenced her duties with the Waterloo- Wellington affiliate on March 1, and is transitioning with John Bilton, retiring March 31. Joan is looking forward to meeting colleagues and partners in the weeks ahead."

4.2. Sandy Dietrich-Bell (ROOF) was informed that the second application to Health Canada for a partnership in substance use prevention was also rejected.

4.3. Shelley Adams (city of Kitchener) shares that Compass Kitchener launched its second Who-are-you-Kitchener?

5. Attachments:

1. Letter from the Honourable Premier of Ontario, Dalton McGuinty
2. February 12, 2010 Minutes

6. Information to be handed out at the meeting:

1. Living Rock Spring 2010 Conference
www.livingrock.ca/programs/gps/gpsflyerboth.pdf
2. Who Are You Kitchener (2)? Press release: <http://www.kitchener.ca/news/Media.asp>
3. K-W Community Foundation Press release:
www.kwcf.ca/whatsnew/mediareleases/newsreleasewilmershieldsrich2010pdf
4. Fusion Youth Activity and Technology Centre – Tour reflections

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the CPC Chair and Staff

Christiane Sadeler, Executive Director, WRCPC
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