

**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:**

1. Email from **Janice Ouellette, Facilitator of Volunteer Resources & Community Engagement (City of Kitchener):**

“Dear Christiane and the Waterloo Region Crime Prevention Council,

On behalf of the **Festival of Neighbourhoods** Organizing Committee, I would like to express our sincere thanks for your support and sponsorship of the festival and finale!! We had a great day and Shelley Adams did a lovely job at presenting the award on behalf of the Waterloo Region Crime Prevention Council.

There were 48 different neighbourhood groups at the finale of the 76 registered groups. Overall over 12,500 people across the city participated in neighbourhood activities throughout the Festival season.

The winner of the Safer Neighbourhood Award was the Stanley Park Community Association who held an event in which certain activities were focused on bringing awareness about safety issues and safety tips to their community members. The award winners also spoke about the value of making connections with neighbours and how they feel they are always working at increasing safety and reducing crime by engaging neighbours and getting people out to get to know one another.

All in all, a great day and we thank you for your support in making it happen!”

2. Letter from **MP Steven Woodworth** asking how to assist CPC in its application to Health Canada for the substance use prevention grant.
3. Letter from **David Dirks, Director of Income Maintenance, Social Services** informing the CPC about the approved copy of Employment and Income Support’s Revised 2009 Addendum to the 2008-2009 Ontario Works Service Plan. A copy of this document is available through the CPC office.
4. A request from **Brian Page and Lisa Armstrong (City of Kitchener)** for financial assistance to attend the National Institute of Crime Prevention conference, as keynote speakers (letter attached).

**2 Staff and Committee Reports:**

- 2.1 Facilitating Committee:

The **Facilitating Committee** at its regular meeting discussed as agreed by CPC the potential for the **Alumni** in furthering the strategic directions of Council. Irene, as current Alumni Chair, attended the meeting and will bring this information back to that group for their consideration. Additional points of discussion were focused on the **Roots of Youth Violence Report**, as well as a brief update of the **Street Gang Prevention Project** and various administrative items.

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

## 2.2 Communications & Marketing and Community Relations Committee:

**John Shewchuk** presented CPC's Update to Regional Council on Wed. Nov. 4. Special thanks to **Wayne Morris, Christine Bird, and Irene O'Toole** for attending the presentation.

*Also Special thanks to:*

**Shelley Adams** for representing CPC at the Festival of Neighbourhoods event in Kitchener on Oct. 25 to present the "Safer Neighbourhood" award.

**Christine Bird, Jane Mitchell, Wayne Morris, Irwin Peters, Laurie Strome,** Conestoga College students, John Howard Society volunteers and CPC Staff who participated in the Oktoberfest Thanksgiving Day Parade on Oct. 12. We had nearly 40 walkers this year!

**Irene O'Toole** presented to a group of students at St. Louis Adult Learning Centre as part of Say Hi Day.

Monday, October 19, 2009 was **SAY HI DAY** at schools across Waterloo Region. Congratulations to **Christ the King** (Cambridge) and **Elizabeth Ziegler PS** (Waterloo) the two schools awarded the Connected School Awards. The awards will be presented at existing school assemblies on Fri. Nov. 25.

CPC had a request from Hunting Hills High School in Red Deer, Alberta to host a Say Hi Day. They ordered Say Hi buttons and downloaded activities from sayhi.ca. Here is a note from the school Leadership Advisor:

The campaign was fantastic! As our goal was to connect the students/staff in the community of our school, we felt it was exceptionally successful. The best part is that students still have the buttons on their backpacks/purses/coats/lockers etc. - an indication of meeting our goals! Thanks again for your support with this - it was truly a great way to start off the year!

Be sure to sign up for our e-newsletter at [www.PreventingCrime.ca](http://www.PreventingCrime.ca). This newsletter will keep you connected to CPC news, events, reports and other community events. If your organizations would like to promote an event through our e-newsletter please forward information to [jtracy@region.waterloo.on.ca](mailto:jtracy@region.waterloo.on.ca)

The new website for In The Mind's Eye is now live: [www.inthemindseye.ca](http://www.inthemindseye.ca)

"Safe Cities" continues with our next installment on Wed. Nov. 25 with a focus on children. Panel will include **Peter Ringrose, Christine Bird and John Shewchuk**. Be sure to tune

in. Missed a show? Past shows are available in our resource library if you missed an episode.

Media support and coverage has been provided over the past month to promote In the Minds Eye, our Community Consultation, and Say Hi Day.

Five of twelve **RAP Sheets** (Research & Planning) have been written by our research team and are currently in the design process. We will release these in the coming months.

Our **Look Deeper** campaign has been used as a resource for an article in "Ethos" a journal produced by Social Education Victoria (SEV) - a professional association established for teachers who are interested in Social Education using integrated approaches to course content, based out of Australia.

The **Community Relations Committee** meets again on Nov. 19.

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

### 2.3 Substance use and addictions:

**In The Mind's Eye 2009** began with presentations to approximately 600 area students and the public by ITME favourite Rick Osbourne in both large and small groups. ITME continues through November.

The **Integrated Drugs Strategy Task Force** continues to meet and plan. A submission to the WWLHIN for support is being considered.

Several systems groups have emerged recently and Michael will represent CPC on these mapping and planning exercises.

There were several media interviews throughout November on related issues.

Lindsay has been coordinating the **Cross-Canada Drug Strategy** newsletter, assisting with the Drugs Strategy Task Force, ITME, overdose planning and more.

(Michael Parkinson, Staff)

### 2.4 Violence Prevention:

The **VPP Implementation Committee** has approved the report **Fear of Crime: Perceptions in Waterloo Region**. The committee has also made four recommendations that they will be asking Crime Prevention Council to approve at the next meeting:

1. Local government, Business Improvement Associations, community agencies and Waterloo Regional Police increase their focus on a multi-sector approach to address the unique needs of the local communities in Waterloo Region to reduce fear of crime.
2. Waterloo Region Crime Prevention Council, Waterloo Regional Police, Business Improvement Associations and area municipalities employ strategies to address fear of crime that are based on evidence and are tailored to the needs of the local communities.

3. Waterloo Region Crime Prevention Council, Waterloo Regional Police, Business Improvement Associations and community agencies work to ensure that perceptions of crime reflect the reality of crime.
4. Waterloo Region Crime Prevention Council and Waterloo Regional Police collaborate on future surveys to continue to measure fear of crime in Waterloo Region.

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

## 2.5 Research and Evaluation:

Progress is being made on the **asset inventory and gap analysis for services for victims and perpetrators of interpersonal violence**. Three interviews (2 perpetrators and 1 victim) have been completed as well as 17 service provider surveys. Survey invites were sent to Executive Directors/Senior Managers of service agencies in the Waterloo Region. If your agency has not received a survey, please contact Anthony Piscitelli ([panthony@region.waterloo.on.ca](mailto:panthony@region.waterloo.on.ca)). Also, if your agency would like to post a recruitment posters in your building please contact Anthony. We are awaiting approval to interview perpetrators of interpersonal violence in provincial and federal correctional institutes.

\$4500 has been awarded from **CSC for the Mental Health Forum** to be held on February 11, 2010. Final details are still being worked out between CMHA Grand River Branch, Conestoga College, Grand Valley Institution for Women, CPC and the Centre for Community-Based Research. Stayed tuned for further details!

CPC had a booth at the **Shoulder to Shoulder: Working Together for Students with Mental Health Challenges** interactive session. The focus of the booth was the "Look Deeper" campaign. CPC received very positive responses from teachers around Waterloo Region.

CPC had a representative at the **Law and Disorder: Creating Momentum for Change** provincial conference. Many interesting and informative topics were covered and the conference provided an excellent networking opportunity.

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

## 2.6 Consultation with the Community, 2009:

### **Community Consultation** updates

Much support has been received from staff and Council with regards to the **focus groups** for the community consultation. Twelve focus groups have successfully been booked, with six already complete and interest coming in from those who have yet to book a focus group. Feedback has been fruitful thus far. Thanks to Council's interest in diversifying the groups that are reached face-to-face.

**Survey responses** are still low (126 completed) but an ad is being placed in the paper to increase momentum for the final stretch of the consultation and as CPC recommended cards will be printed to alert members of the community to this opportunity for input. Hard copies of the survey are being distributed to **MPs, MPPs, Regional Council, area municipal councils and businesses next week.**

**Agencies** have been contacted with invites to the **online dialogue**. Those who cannot participate in the online community will receive the survey. After a staff team strategy session it was decided to host this **forum in out in early 2010** when we can provide a first glance at the community feedback themes received. Please stay tuned for further instructions.

**If you have not yet booked a focus group**, please contact Mary Anna who will coordinate with Andrea in this effort.

(Andrea McArthur, Consultant for CPC community consultation)

## 2.7 Street Gang Prevention Project:

There will be a **community launch** event on **Thursday, November 26 from 4:00-6:00pm** at the Kitchener Public Library (Main Branch). This event is an opportunity to learn more about the Street Gang Prevention Project. The special guest of the evening will be **Breaking the Cycle** - a gang exiting program from Toronto. Part of the program allow youth to become ambassadors and make presentations to high schools and community organizations. We hope to see you there!

**A PDF invite** will be sent by early next week and we look to everyone's support in distributing this material.

The **Street Gang Project Advisory Committee** continues to meet. One **staff** has been hired by Lutherwood and others will be ready to start working on the community treatment team as per schedule on January 01, 2010. The positions of programme manager, planner and administrative support which will be housed with the CPC will be advertised shortly and copies will be sent to all members of Council.

The committee visited a **youth gang exit strategy** in Hamilton funded by **Service Canada** and brought back valuable information and connections.

The project in this start-up phase is labour intensive but we are in a good place to stay with the **timelines** agreed upon by **NCPC**. Thanks to all the **project partners** for helping out often at short notice and beyond initial expectations.

(Christiane Sadeler, staff)

## 2.8 Roots of Youth Violence

Connections with **Dr. Alvin Curling** regarding this initiative continue. **A report** in the development of which CPC staff participated and that was produced by **IPC Ottawa** has been released and is available. The **directions** from CPC with regards to a **resolution and outreach to provincial associations** are under way. Thanks to all who provided addresses and connections to **provincial associations!** Please keep them coming.

(Christiane Sadeler for John Shewchuk, Chair)

## 2.9 CPC office updates

**Juanita Metzger** has joined the team and will attend her first CPC meeting. Students **Lindsay Klassen (MSW), Ben Brock (Bluevale Collegiate) and Lisa Armstrong (MA**

**Community Psychology**) provide a critical and valuable resource to the busy office environment. They can all be reached via regional email addresses or by contacting Mary Anna.

**Jessica Hutchison** is currently working on a temporary FT assignment to ensure that the street gang prevention work can keep its momentum.

In terms of **space**, the office has reached its maximum capacity and for the street gang prevention project outside space will need to be secured.

(Christiane Sadeler, Staff)

### **3 Other additional information:**

3.1 **Teens Resisting Urban Trans/Homophobia** is hosting a photography exhibit. The project worked with LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer) youth, taking pictures of their experiences in the KW region. The event is on Monday, November 9th, from 5-7.30pm at the Button Factory, 25 Regina St. South.

3.2 Playing **politics with our prisons**:

<http://www.thestar.com/opinion/editorials/article/714602--playing-politics-with-our-prisons>

3.3 On behalf of the FCM Christiane presented to the **National Provincial and Territorial Working Group of CPC**. The presentation was very well received and additionally provided an opportunity for networking with NCPC staff and committee volunteers.

3.4 Christiane will be presenting twice at the **ICPC 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** conference in Montreal in the second week of December. Once on a panel about community developments and its application in crime prevention and once together with Patrice Allard co-chair of the National Municipal Network.

3.5 The proposal for the **National Municipal Network** has been submitted. NCPC staff review has led to some changes in budget and work plan. The hope is to have a decision by the end of this year such that the network momentum can be sustained. Network members share the responsibility of hosting conference calls and more lately this included a conference call with municipalities that have a gang prevention programme in place.

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

**No information for sharing has been requested. Please make use of this space on the consent agenda until the website membership lounge has been established.**

### **5 Attachments:**

1. CPC October 9, 2009 Minutes
2. CPC Member Bio Form
3. National Institute of Crime Prevention Conference

Respectfully submitted  
Christiane Sadeler, Executive Director, WRCP  
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