



**February 13, 2009 CS&CPC Minutes  
9:00am to 11:30am  
99 Regina Street, South  
Room #508**

**Present:**

Shelley Adams, Christine Bird, Brice Balmer, Steve Beckett, Sandy Bell, Tom Brenner, Kathleen Cleland Moyer on behalf of Mark Yantzi, Todd Cowan, Bill Davidson, Lesley DeYoung, Tom Galloway, Jeff Klinck, Kathryn McGarry, Jane Mitchell, Wayne Morris, Maureen Murphy, Irene O’Toole, Katherine Pigott, Angela Pye, Don Roth, Yvette Rybensky, Steve Sherrer, John Shewchuk, Gay Slinger, Laurie Strome, Brent Thomlison, Angela Vanderheyden, Reg Weber, and Bill Wilson.

**Regrets:**

Iman Arab, David Dick, Pat Gillies, Brenda Halloran, Peter Ringrose, Aubrey Walters, and Mary Zilney.

**Staff and Students:** Mary Anna Allen, Tracy Jasmins, Michael Parkinson, Anthony Piscitelli and Chris Sadeler.

**Guests:** Pat Green, (Healing 7 Generations), Candace Wormsbecker (Diggable Communities).

**Chair:** Brent Thomlison

**Recorder:** Mary Anna Allen

CS&CPC members, staff and guests were welcomed and introductions were made.

No	Item
<b>1.</b>	<p><b><u>Approval of Agenda:</u></b></p> <p>Move Diggable Communities presentation after after Council context and history.</p> <p>Moved by Tom Brenner and seconded by Wayne Morris. Carried</p>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b><u>Approval of Consent Agenda:</u></b></p> <p>The following items be pulled from the Consent Agenda for further discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Hearing Voices” event (Sandy Bell)</li> <li>• Health Canada Grant (John Shewchuk)</li> <li>• Meeting the Attorney General (John Shewchuk on behalf of Kathryn McGarry)</li> </ul>

	<p>Moved by Steve Beckett as amended and seconded by Sandy Bell. Carried.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p><b><u>Business arising from the Minutes:</u></b> None</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><b><u>Orientation and Related Discussion:</u></b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b><u>4.1. Council Context and history:</u></b></p> <p>Christiane presented the context and the history of the CS&amp;CPC to members and guests. The PPT presentation is available through the office.</p> <p>In 1993 the Horner Commission advised the government to give crime prevention, at all orders of government, a chance given the cost of maintaining law enforcement measures. Waterloo Regional Council passed a motion to establish a crime prevention council.</p> <p>In 1994 the National Crime Prevention Council was established.</p> <p>In December 2003 the CS&amp;CPC hosted, on behalf of the NCPC, a national event that brought together over 120 people (organizations, practitioners, and researchers). As a result, the “Agenda for a Safer Canada” was produced. The Agenda supports a federal action plan that recognizes the role municipalities play in crime prevention.</p> <p>Organizations and services understand the risks (economic, social, family conditions, lack of hope etc.) that lead to crime. Based on good research crime prevention is a shared responsibility of all orders of government. Resilient communities are a powerful antidote to crime.</p> <p>The Federation of Canadian Municipalities established a policy in 2006 that focused on implementing crime prevention approaches through intergovernmental and community based partnerships.</p> <p>The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police in 2007 supported sustainable crime prevention through social development (e.g. accessible social services).</p> <p>The CS&amp;CPC’s Vision and Mission is to “Mobilize the efforts of our community in preventing and reducing crime, victimization and fear of crime and fostering the well-being of everyone.”</p> <p>The CS&amp;CPC believes in stimulating change from within the existing services within the community.</p> <p>Currently, staff are involved in the following activities:</p> <p>Michael Parkison (Community Engagement Coordinator):</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrated Drug Strategy</li> </ul> <p>Anthony Piscitelli (Violence Prevention Project Coordinator):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List of best &amp; promising practices in violence prevention</li> <li>• Centre for Innovation in Violence Prevention</li> <li>• Research &amp; Evaluation Advisory Group</li> </ul> <p>Tracy Jasmins (Communications and Marketing Coordinator)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Website</li> <li>• Speaker’s Bureau</li> <li>• Public awareness</li> <li>• Media Relations</li> </ul> <p>Mary Anna Allen (Programme Assistant):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Justice Dinner 2009</li> </ul> <p>Christiane encouraged CS&amp;CPC members to contact staff or Chairs of committees if they have any questions about policies, procedures or as to how they can become more involved at the committee level.</p> <p>CS&amp;CPC members can support the Council through supporting the mandate of the Council (Connect, Advise Educate, Facilitate, Mobilize and Support). Some current examples of this would be when the CS&amp;CPC provided letters of support for funding to the organizations around the table for projects that support the mandate of Council e.g. the Conestoga College’s initiative of creating an educational curriculum encompassing crime prevention and their desire to partner in creating a “Centre for Responsibility” for Violence Prevention.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><b><u>Diggable Communities</u></b> – Candace Wormsbecker</p> <p>Candace Wormsbecker, a community garden capacity worker, presented the Diggable Communities Collaborative. (Please see ‘Community Gardens’ link on website: <a href="http://www.preventingcrime.net/library">www.preventingcrime.net/library</a> under ‘Additional Resources’).</p> <p>The Diggable Communities Collaborative is made up of Public Health, Opportunities Waterloo Region and the Community Garden Council of Waterloo Region.</p> <p>The funder is the Ontario Trillium Foundation.</p> <p>The goal of the Collaborative is to help develop the tools needed to sustain and grow community gardens.</p> <p>The Community Garden Council of Waterloo Region is an umbrella organization supporting over 40 gardens in the Waterloo Region.</p>

	<p>The Council represents the broader garden network (seniors, children, students, new immigrants, cancer patients, low-income families, middle class Canadians, and mental health patients).</p> <p>The Community Gardens build community, increase access to healthy low-cost food, provide recreation opportunities, increase near-by property values and reduce crime.</p> <p>Community gardens address several characteristics and every level of causes of crime as examined in the Violence Prevention Prospectus Plan: societal, municipal/regional, neighbourhood, and family and individual.</p> <p>Candace encouraged Council members to help promote community gardens. For questions please contact Candace at 519-883-2353 ext. 5984.</p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Election of the Chair, Vice Chair and Facilitating Committee:</u></b></p> <p>Irene O’Toole thanked Brent Thomlison for his leadership as Chair of the CS&amp;CPC for 2008.</p> <p><b>6.1. <u>Election of the Chair:</u></b></p> <p>Irene O’Toole asked for nominations from the floor. There were none.</p> <p>John Shewchuk was acclaimed Chair of the CS&amp;CPC.</p> <p>John proceeded over the rest of the meeting.</p> <p><b>6.2. <u>Election of the Vice Chair:</u></b></p> <p>John Shewchuk asked for nominations from the floor. There were none.</p> <p>Thomas Brenner was acclaimed Vice-Chair of the CS&amp;CPC.</p> <p><b>6.3. <u>Election of the Facilitating Committee:</u></b></p> <p>John Shewchuk asked for further nominations from the floor. There were none.</p> <p>Shelley Adams, Sandy Bell, Kathryn McGarry and Wayne Morris were acclaimed.</p>
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Governance Orientation:</u></b> John Shewchuk</p> <p>John Shewchuk provided an orientation of the CS&amp;CPC Governance. The PPT presentation is available through the office.</p> <p>John encouraged Council members to become more involved through committee work, active participation at meetings and regular attendance for the entire meeting.</p>

	<p>It was recommended that if a Council member was unable to stay for the entire meeting to let the Chair of Council know before the meeting so that the Chair can review the agenda and make adjustments accordingly if required e.g. to ensure there is quorum during decision making.</p>
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b><u>CS&amp;CPC March Retreat 2009:</u></b></p> <p>The CS&amp;CPC March Retreat will be held on Friday March 13, 2009.</p> <p>Irvin Waller, author of “Less Law More Order.” will present for approximately one hour followed by a question and answer period and further discussion.</p> <p>It was suggested that Council members bring a guest that may benefit from the presentation.</p> <p>A media release will go out to announce the event and a confirmed agenda will be sent out to CS&amp;CPC members along with the Consent Agenda.</p>
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Agenda Items pulled from the Consent Agenda:</u></b></p> <p><b>9.1. <u>“Hearing Voices” event:</u></b></p> <p>Sandy Bell thanked Wayne Morris for making it possible for the CS&amp;CPC members to participate in the “Hearing Voices” event that was hosted by Conestoga College.</p> <p>The event was organized to help build awareness about what it is like to live with schizophrenia.</p> <p>Participants wore headphones and listened to recordings (voices) similar to what an individual with schizophrenia may experience.</p> <p>Sandy encouraged members of Council that were unable to attend the session to participate in the experience if the opportunity arises again.</p> <p><b>9.2. <u>Attorney General:</u></b></p> <p>Kathryn McGarry had the opportunity to meet with the Attorney General and reopen discussions about the cost savings of crime prevention and the benefits of a cross ministerial strategy for crime prevention and the need to support communities in their efforts.</p> <p>Christiane suggested that the provincial government be made aware of that the CS&amp;CPC is doing the some of the provincial work by supporting other area municipalities.</p>

	<p><b>9.3. <u>Health Canada Grant:</u></b></p> <p>The grant proposal for the Health Canada Drug Strategy Community Initiatives Fund that was submitted in February 2008 by the Community Safety &amp; Crime Prevention Council, Reaching Our Outdoor Friends (ROOF) and the Christopher Champlain Community Centre was not successful.</p> <p>The grant request, aimed at preventing illicit drug use amongst youth, was for \$650,000 over a three year period.</p> <p>The primary goal of the grant was to provide support in area high schools and community centres as well as a part time position to develop the prevention component of the Integrated Drugs Strategy.</p> <p>26 letters of support were received, including both school boards, Waterloo Region Police Service, Waterloo Region Public Health, area hospital and health providers, Crown and Defense attorneys, Region of Waterloo Housing, Region of Waterloo Social Services, the Regional Chair, two area municipalities, and numerous agencies.</p> <p>The Facilitating Committee discussed following up with 3 strategic actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow up with the Ministry of Health</li> <li>• Meet with the MP's</li> <li>• Strategically prepare for alternative funding</li> </ul> <p>It was also suggested that when Council is considering future funding applications to arrange for a site visit and invite MP's before hand to educate and build relationships.</p>
<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Other Business:</u></b></p> <p>John Shewchuk and Tracy Jasmins will be sharing with Regional Council the new CPC logo and tagline at the regularly scheduled Regional Council meeting on February 25, 2009 at 7:00pm.</p> <p>Following that meeting the CS&amp;CPC shall be referred to as the Waterloo Region Crime Prevention Council (WRCPC).</p>
<p><b>11.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Adjournment: 11:30am.</u></b></p> <p>Moved by Sandy Bell and seconded by Wayne Morris. Carried.</p>