



July 10, 2009 Minutes
9:00am to 11:44am
Conestoga College, Kitchener, Ontario
Doon Campus- The Guild Room

Present: Iman Arab, Christine Bird, Steve Beckett, Tom Brenner, Lesley DeYoung, David Dick, Pat Gillies, Jeff Klinck, Kathryn McGarry, Jane Mitchell, Wayne Morris, John Bilton on behalf of Maureen Murphy, Katherine Pigott, Peter Ringrose, Don Roth, Yvette Rybensky, Ken Seiling, Kelly Buxton on behalf of Mike Schuster, Fraser Stewart, Lynn Macaulay on behalf of Gay Slinger, Laurie Strome, Brent Thomlison, Angela Vanderheyden, Reg Weber, and Mary Zilney.

Regrets: Shelley Adams, Brice Balmer, Sandy Bell, Bill Davidson, Todd Cowan, Tom Galloway, Brenda Halloran, Irene O’Toole, Steve Sherrer, John Shewchuk, Aubrey Walters, and Bill Wilson.

Staff and Students: Mary Anna Allen, Jessica Huchison, Tracy Jasmins, Andrea McArthur, Michael Parkinson, Anthony Piscitelli, Christiane Sadeler and Eliot Winkler.

Guests: Councillor Jim Olender (Township of Wellesley); Don Willis (Conestoga College); Gary Nyp (C.J.I.); Hermina Richter (C.J.I.); Robert Carley (Conestoga College); Connie Coggan (Office of MPP John Milloy); MPP John Milloy; MPP Leeanna Pendergast; MPP Gerry Martiniuk; MP Stephen Woodworth; MP Harold Albrecht; David Drew (office of MP Harold Albrecht) and Alison Yanke (office of MP Peter Braid).

Chair: Tom Brenner

Recorder: Mary Anna Allen

Tom Brenner welcomed guests and members:

No	Item
1.	<p><u>Approval of Agenda:</u></p> <p>Moved by Brent Thomlison and seconded by Mary Zilney. Carried.</p>
2.	<p><u>Approval of Consent Agenda and Business Arising:</u></p> <p>Presentation: Pat Thurley was referred to in the Minutes of June 12, 2009 as representing HHUG. Pat is not a member of the HHUG Committee and was not</p>

	<p>representing the Group. He does sit on one of the steering committees.</p> <p>Moved by Wayne Morris and seconded by Jane Mitchell. Carried.</p>
3.	<p><u>Welcome, introductions and greetings from Conestoga College:</u></p> <p>Andrea Beaudry, VP of Development and Alumni at Conestoga College, brought greetings on behalf John Tibbits, President of Conestoga College John Tibbits.</p> <p>Mr. Beaudry shared that crime prevention is important to the community and that it is part of Conestoga College’s mandate.</p>
4.	<p><u>Presentation:</u> The Conestoga College Crime Prevention Curriculum</p> <p>Wayne Morris presented Conestoga College’s newly approved degree program, Bachelor of Applied Human Services-Community and Criminal Justice, to the CPC and guests.</p> <p>The degree program was designed through consultations with CPC members, the Ministries and by Academics. The purpose of the program is to prepare students for progressive responsibility within many aspects of Criminal Justice, including Police, Community Corrections, Community Agencies and Youth Justice. The curriculum design has common fundamentals and employability skills for both police and community justice studies, the two areas of specialization. The program is strongly supported by the community and the province.</p> <p>Degrees in human services and criminal justice all have common elements and important features. The new degree program includes all the best elements and hones in on applied skills. It specializes in 3 cooperative placements.</p> <p>The program has elective courses, six domains of focus, and specific courses in qualitative and quantitative studies and communication.</p> <p>Wayne asked the CPC for assistance in suggesting organizations that may want to host a co-op student. The co-op placement is paid by the employer at employer’s rate. Students need to complete 2 of 3 co-op work terms. Each semester is 14 to 15 weeks duration and the first work term will begin in Spring 2011.</p> <p>Wayne provided CPC and guests with PPT presentation handouts and the Program matrix. For additional copies please contact Wayne Morris at wmorris@conestogac.on.ca</p>
5.	<p><u>Dialogue with the MPPs:</u> Leeanna Pendergast, John Milloy, Gerry Martiniuk</p> <p>In January 2009 MPPs John Milloy, Leeanna Pendergast and Elizabeth Witmer joined the CPC at its monthly meeting. At that time it was suggested that the CPC meet with</p>

the MPPs on a more regular basis to dialogue about one or two issues that concern the Council. It was agreed that the CPC would provide issues to the MPPs in advance of each meeting to give the MPPs and staff the opportunity to prepare for dialogue with the CPC.

Tom Brenner began the dialogue by congratulating MPP John Milloy on his recent appointment as the Honourable Minister of Research and Innovation.

Tom provided an overview of the presentation and defined “Municipal Crime Prevention” as the process of engaging services, organizations and citizens in social development efforts to reduce crime and victimization and fear of crime by changing economic, social and community conditions that are known to negatively impact safety and security.

Tom also spoke about the CPC mandate, membership, what communities need to succeed, and recent CPC actions including The “Roots of Youth Violence,” the “SCAN” Legislation, and the “Integrated Drugs Strategy.”

Michael provided a quick overview in his capacity as Chair of the Ontario Municipal Drug Strategy Coordinators Network, an initiative of CPC that lists 17 municipalities and counties as members. Michael provided a snapshot of CPC’s efforts to create an “Integrated Drugs Strategy” via the recently formed Task Force.

Michael Parkinson re-iterated the multi-sectoral and often complex financial, health and social burden that results from drug-related issues (including alcohol). There is a tremendous need for senior levels of government to make resources available to support critical community efforts and that this funding must extend beyond traditional criminal justice interventions to include initiatives based in health and social approaches.

Michael welcomed Minister Caplan’s attempt to create a provincial mental health and addictions plan where none currently exists, particularly with regard to improving inter-ministerial cooperation. Michael cautioned that, notwithstanding the importance of an improved mental health system, there is a sense in the local community – and in other parts of Ontario- that addictions is misunderstood and in danger of being relegated to the sidelines.

Brent Thomlison spoke about the provincial initiatives, the Ontario Poverty Reduction Strategy: "Breaking the Cycle" (Reducing the Income Gap), attention to Early Childhood: "Our Best Future" Report, Dr. Charles Pascal (Supporting Healthy Child Development) and Student Support Leadership Initiative – meet non-academic needs of children and youth (Enhancing Educational Attainment & Mental Health) and how the CPC can help to advance them.

Brent also presented issues of concern like the restorative justice initiative, Victim Offender Reconciliation Pilot Project (VORP), and establishing a provincial centre of

responsibility for crime prevention entity. The CPC had some early dialogue about this idea with Premier Dalton McGuinty. This idea is also supported by the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police and the Ontario Association of Police Services Board through resolutions.

Brent mentioned that support for these initiatives leads to furthering the cause of the provincial strategy and emphasised the provincial government could continue to use the CPC as a support.

In January 2009 the CPC met with Attorney General Chris Bentley and presented the “Violence Prevention Plan”, shared the violence index capacity, proposed a “Centre for Innovation in Violence Prevention” to be started in Waterloo region and provided a summary as requested by the AG. The CPC is eagerly awaiting a reply from the AG.

Dialogue:

Mr. Milloy shared that the Waterloo Region set the provincial standard in crime prevention by bringing together a variety of areas and breaking down the silos and barriers.

He added that he understands that the CPC is awaiting news about a specific provincial entity however this work is already being mirrored in Queens Park. An example of this is the “Poverty Reduction Strategy.” It is breaking down the barriers and building a strategy focused on individual wraparound services.

He added that Queens Park is interested in domestic violence and youth addictions programs.

He added that a new cabinet committee, that he is part of, has been formed specifically to evaluate the status of initiatives like the “Roots of Youth Violence” and “Poverty Reduction.” They will be looking at the implementation of these initiatives as they move forward.

The Provincial Government is also developing an “Affordable Housing Strategy.” It has recently announced that it will hold consultation sessions throughout Ontario to seek input from stakeholders:

The Ministry is holding a consultation session in Kitchener on Thursday, July 16, 2009.

The Ontario government has appointed Dr. Charles Pascal to recommend the best way to implement full-day learning for four and five-year-olds early childhood education opportunities.

The Ministry of Health and Long Term Care is developing a Mental Health and Addiction Strategy. Minister, David Caplan, is hosting a Mental Health and Addiction Summit in Toronto on July 13 and 14, 2009 (please see CPC July 10, 2009 Consent

Agenda under additional information).

Mr. Milloy reminded the CPC that the proposed SCAN legislation is a “Private Member’s Bill” and that he will continue to keep the CPC updated.

He continues to dialogue with C.J.I. in regards VORP and reminded the CPC that it was a pilot project.

Ms. Pendergast added that she was quite pleased when Bill 157 (Keep Our Kids Safe at School Act, 2009) was passed (it comes into effect on February 1, 2010) because of the work she was involved in while she was a member of the CPC.

Adults are now responsible to report back to the principal of the school if they are aware of an incident.

There are also clear guidelines for reporting sexual assault for schools and social agencies. The victim and the offender are both dealt with. For incidents against the LGBTQ community there are also guidelines for reporting.

Ms. Pendergast expressed support of the issues of concern by the CPC and added that the AG Chris Bentley has met with the Council and Conestoga College in regards to the Centre of Responsibility and would like to hear about the next steps in the Strategy.

Mr. Martiniuk is in favour of programs like VORP. Because of his previous work as a lawyer, he understands the challenges of finding a voice for the victim. He also explained that reconciliation of the victim with the offender (nonviolent and first time offenders) goes hand in hand and that the offender must understand the consequences to ensure they do not set out on to a long career path of crime.

Comments:

Wayne Morris explained that his understanding is the pilot project was a continuation of a program that has existed for many years and is very effective. VORP could be used as a model for different settings.

Fraser Stewart, the Executive Director of C.J.I., expressed gratitude to John Milloy’s office for their continued dialogue.

Christiane suggested that the CPC offer to monitor the impact over time.

Jane Mitchell inquired about Deb Matthew’s commitment for funding for the “Best Start” program. The current funding ends in the fall and Regional government needs to know if and when to expect funding to enable them to set their budget.

Mr. Milloy announced that Deb Matthews has committed an interim amount of 18 million dollars until the summer of 2010. This should relieve some of the immediate

burdens.

Wayne Morris asked how to get the joint submission of the “Centre of Innovation” back on the Attorney General’s agenda.

Ms. Pendergast recommended that the group itemize 2 or 3 issues that they can move forward on.

Anthony Piscitelli asked Leeanna if the committee could set up a meeting with the Attorney General to talk about next steps and the strategic direction.

Tom Brenner asked the MPPs how the Council can help them with crime prevention initiatives.

In addition to meeting with local MPPs on a regular basis there was discussion about providing venues for Council to meet with Ministers and or senior policy makers.

Action:

Ms. Pendergast will contact the Attorney General’s office to set up a meeting with Christiane and Anthony to discuss the next steps regarding the “Centre of Innovation.”

Ms. Leeanna Pendergast, Mr. John Milloy and Ms. Connie Coggan left the meeting at 10:30am.

6. Meetings with the MPs: Start time 10:40am

Guests: MP Stephen Woodworth, MP Harold Albrecht, David Drew (office of MP Harold Albrecht) and Alison Yanke (office of MP Peter Braid).

Andrea Beaudry, VP of Development and Alumni at Conestoga College, brought greetings on behalf John Tibbits, President of the Conestoga College.

In January 2009 the CPC met with some of the local MPPs at its monthly meeting. At that time it was suggested that the CPC meet with the MPPs on a more regular basis to dialogue about issues that concern the Council and about the government’s policy directions concerning crime prevention The CPC in turn decided that it would be beneficial to also meet with the MPs on a more regular basis.

Tom Brenner gave an overview of the presentation to the MPs beginning with the Waterloo Region Crime Prevention Council membership and mandate. He mentioned that the CPC is longest sustained Crime Prevention Council in Canada. He also shared the influences on national directions as follows: the Horner Commission 1993, the National Crime Prevention Council 1996, The Agenda for a Safer Canada 2003, Federation of Canadian Municipalities Policy 2006, and Canadian Association of

Chiefs of Police (CACP) 2007. Both the CACP and the Ontario Association of Chief's of Police (OACP) are highly supportive.

Brent Thomlison shared that out of these efforts the NCPC provided funding to the University of Ottawa to establish the Institute for the Prevention of Crime. IPC started two national committees: The National Working Group and the National Municipal Network. Waterloo Region Crime Prevention is represented on both. We were the only community practitioner represented on the National Working group. All other representatives are national policy organizations, including CACP, Canadian Council on Social Development (CCSD), Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) etc. We co-chair the national municipal network with Montreal. The CPC have had significant influence and impact on these national directions.

With the publication of Making Cities Safer: Canadian Strategies and Practices and a Resolution endorsed by Regional Council it is concluded that all orders of government have a stake in crime and crime prevention and need to work together to keep our communities safe.

The most recent and final publication of the National Municipal Network was in the spring of 2009. The document speaks to the issues that are most bothersome to municipalities (e.g. abuse of women and children, deteriorating downtowns etc). It also speaks to the solutions that have been shown in research and in practice across Canada to be most effective. Waterloo Region is featured as a model.

Brent shared the factors that place a community at risk. These include social, economic and family and that the CPC works through social development efforts based on research evidence.

What a community needs to succeed are resources that take a comprehensive approach and are geographical in context with the community.

The recent CPC applications for partnering with federal government are as follows:

1. Youth Gang Prevention Proposal-pending (May 2008)
2. Submission to YCJA Review (Summer 2008)
3. Substance Use Prevention Proposal (Fall 2008): funding declined, re-applying now
4. Proposal with Correctional Services Canada to host community forum on mental health and crime – pending (Fall 2009)
5. Review of Bills C-15, C-304 for impact on community

The future opportunities include:

1. Access Crime Prevention Council for feedback, research, assessment of policy impact on local community

2. Participate in 2009 community consultation to shape 2010-2014 Business Plan for Crime Prevention Council
3. Have regular dialogue about matters of public safety and security

Dialogue:

Mr. Woodworth thanked the CPC for the opportunity to dialogue. He provided some background about himself and shared that he has thought about the issues that concern Council over the years.

He asked that the CPC make him aware when there is an application going forward. He may be of some assistance. He wrote a letter of support for the CPC Youth Gang Proposal application to the Minister of Public Safety, the Honourable Peter Van Loan. He shared that he is aware of his limitations but is willing to support the CPC through similar processes.

Ms. Alison Yanke, assistant to MP Peter Braid, also asked that the CPC contact the Office of the MP to involve them and keep them updated.

Mr. Albrecht found the information presented helpful. He requested that the CPC keep him updated by providing his office with a one or two pager document summary of the work of Council.

Christiane gave a brief overview of the Youth Gang Proposal.

John Bilton shared that his experience with youth in the prison system is that incarceration often increases the likelihood of re-offending. He commented that it is important to support people early in childhood throughout their lifespan, and to recognize and support parents as positive resources. He is excited about the Youth Gang Proposal project.

Mr. Woodworth asked the CPC if he could inquire to the Minister about the timeline of the Youth Gang Proposal. The CPC agreed that this would be appropriate.

Michael Parkinson provided an overview of the rejected Health Canada Drug Strategies Initiative application submitted in 2008 with ROOF as lead and Christopher Champlain Community Centre and CPC as partners in preventing illicit drug use amongst youth.

MPs were aware of the proposal, and commented that it would helpful to be made aware of when CPC and members submit future funding proposals.

Mr. Woodworth offered to assist with the new application.

Tom Brenner asked the MPs if there was anything the CPC could do to assist them in their crime prevention initiatives.

It was mentioned that it would be beneficial if the Council could provide a brief overview of the current key projects to the MPs' office.

Action:

- **Provide Summary Briefs about the current key projects and applications of the CPC to the MPs' offices.**
- **Mr. Woodworth to inquire to the Minister about the timeline of the Youth Gang Proposal.**

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Adjournment:

Moved by Jane Mitchell and seconded by Christine Bird. Carried at 11:44am