

Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2010
KW Counselling
480 Charles Street East
9:00a.m. – 11:30a.m.

Present: Shelley Adams, Brice Balmer (arrived 10:00 am), Steve Beckett, Christine Bird (left at 11:00 am), Tom Brenner, Todd Cowan, Bill Davidson, Niki Smith on behalf of David Dick, James Howe, Jeff Klinck (left at 11:15 am), Kathryn McGarry, Jane Mitchell, Wayne Morris, Joan Nandlal on behalf of Maureen Murphy, Don Roth (left at 9:30 am), Yvette Rybensky, Marie Morrison on behalf of Mike Schuster, John Shewchuk, Laurie Strome, Reg Weber, Barry Zehr, and Mary Zilney.

Regrets: Sandy Dietrich-Bell, Iman Arab, Tom Galloway, Pat Gillies, Brenda Halloran, Irene O'Toole, Katherine Pigott, Alison Scott, Steve Sherrer, Gay Slinger, Julie Thompson, Aubrey Walters, Angela Vanderheyden, Bill Wilson.

Staff: Mary Anna Allen, Juanita Metzger, Tracy Jasmins, Anthony Piscitelli, and Christiane Sadeler.

Students: Lisa Armstrong

Guests: David Drew (MP Harold Albrecht's Office), Kristin Smith (MP Peter Braid's Office), Lee Fitzpatrick (WRPS) Constable Nathan Loucks and Nadine Cybulski (WRPS), Leslie Tinning (Stewart Avenue Public School), Sarah Thompson (Regional Junior WAYVE Coordinator), Students (Stewart Avenue Public School), Peter Ringrose, Andrew Telegdi, Jim Olender (Township of Wellesley), Jane Breithaupt, and Miranda Clark (University of Waterloo).

Chair: John Shewchuk

Recorder: Mary Anna Allen

1. Approval of Agenda:

Moved by Steve Beckett and seconded by Laurie Strome. Carried.

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

3. Welcome: John Shewchuk welcomed members and guests. Introductions were made.

4. Presentations:

4.1. WRPS Crime Prevention/ Community Contest (Lee Fitzpatrick):

In September 2009, Community Safety and Correctional Services invited all police services across Ontario to participate in Crime Prevention Week in November. In preparation, WRPS planned a community safety contest for students from WRDSB and WCDSB elementary schools (kindergarten to grade 8). The WRPS received 93 applications and 152 students participated in different categories.

A presentation showcasing the contest winners was shown to the CPC.

Comments were provided by the Principal and students from Stewart Avenue Public School in Cambridge, the recipients of the grand prize. Some of the students that were part of the winning submission are also members of the pilot project Working Against Youth Violence Everywhere (WAYVE) Junior Program.

An update of the pilot project (WAYVE) junior program to date was presented. The goal for the WAYVE junior group is to reach 1,500 students before the end of the school year through presentations to peers about youth violence.

CPC members were encouraged to share some ideas with the WAYVE organizers on how to rally support.

4.2. Conestoga College First Generation College Students (Wayne Morris)

Conestoga College has created a video called “The Navigators: 1st Generation College Students.” The video demonstrates the success of college students that for a variety of reasons might not have gone on to complete a post secondary education.

The video is available to the CPC members by contacting Wayne Morris at Conestoga College at wmorris@conestogac.on.ca

4.3. Long-Gun Registry (Andrew Telegdi)

The Gun Control Coalition was formed 21 years ago as a result of a shooting at L’Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal on December 6, 1989. It is the only national non-profit organization working to reduce gun injury, death, and crime in Canada.

The long gun registry is endorsed by over 300 crime and injury prevention, policing, health, child safety, victims rights, grass roots and community organizations including the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP), Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA), Canadian Federation University of Women (CFUW), CBA, Dawson College Gun Control Commission, YWCA of Canada, Church Council of Justice and Corrections, and Canadian Jewish Congress.

Andrew Telegdi shared the Joint Statement on Firearms from the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP), Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB), and Canadian Police Association (CPA). Please see following link:

http://www.cacp.ca/media/committees/efiles/1/562/CAPB_CPA_CACP_joint_statement_on_firearms_final.pdf?PHPSESSID=84739488948971bc7b55b47f3b545ef1

Mary Zilney (Women's Crisis Services of Waterloo Region), added that the Domestic Assault Review Team (DART) has drafted and disseminated a letter to other key stakeholders supporting the continuation of the Long-Gun Registry.

Mary Zilney will forward a copy of the support letter to Christiane with a list of organizations that are in support of the continuation of the Long-Gun Registry.

Members of CPC raised some additional issues for the upcoming annual dialogue with MP's.

Christiane asked that some CPC members meet with staff in preparation for the CPC meeting July 2010. Shelley Adams, Christine Bird, and James Howe volunteered.

Steve Beckett shared, for the purpose of the minutes, that the CACP, OACP, and WRPS support the long-gun registry. It is a valuable tool for the police in identifying weapons and helps them to deal with issues of violence and crime in the community.

Motion THAT WRCPC support the position of the key stakeholder organizations with respect to the Long-Gun Registry in Canada and that CPC support the continued existence of the Long-Gun Registry.

Moved by Wayne Morris and seconded by Tom Brenner. Carried.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda and Business Arising:

5.1. Langs Farm Village Association's donation towards the ITME Film and Forum.

In the Consent Agenda it is noted that Langs Farm Village Association made a contribution towards the ITME Film & Forum. Bill Davidson reminded his colleagues around the table about his challenge to them a few months ago to support ITME through some resources to help sustain the initiative.

5.2. Homelessness and Housing Umbrella Group Report Card Chart

Marie Morrison explained that the Chart referenced in the HHUG Report card provides a social and economic analysis of people with housing versus those without housing.

Moved by Kathryn McGarry and seconded by Mary Zilney. Carried.

6. Violence Prevention Plan Presentation: History, Recap and Next Steps (Barry Zehr)

An overview of the history of the VPP Implementation Committee was presented along with current actions and future vision. Please see PPT attached.

The Violence Prevention Plan Implementation Committee (VPPIC) was formed after the 40 year Violence Prevention Plan was developed and adopted.

The VPPIC developed a framework to identify 6 goals to prevent violence within Waterloo Region. The Committee focuses on 1 goal per year.

In 2009 the focus was ensuring that social support services for victims and offenders of interpersonal violence exist.

In 2010-2011 the focus will be on assistance during childhood (ages 6-12).

The Advisory Group on Research (AGORE) provides advice on research being conducted by any sub-committee of CPC, including the VPPIC. Anthony is the staff designate for both VPPIC and AGORE.

The VPPIC will be presenting to the Community Services Committee on June 8, 2010 at approximately 1:00pm. Council members are asked to attend that meeting in support.

7. Governance Ad Hoc Working Group (Peter Ringrose)

A brief update was given on the work of the Governance Ad Hoc Working Group.

The following are issues of the CPC Governance:

- The size of Council has become very large, making participation for members difficult.
- There is a perception that Council is the place to be in order to play a role in crime prevention. This presents pressure to make the Council larger.
- The role and expectation of Council members needs to be more clearly articulated.
- Attendance requirements for Council members need to be adhered to.

The work of the governance committee fits under the Business Plan's "Organizational Design" and "Strategic Leadership."

The long-term objective is to move from being a Council or Committee to being a social movement, and thus having many people engaged at different levels, with a central Council that reaches into the community without needing all involved to be at the table.

The Ad Hoc working group will have an interim report by June 2010 and a full report by September 2010.

The Facilitating Committee had a discussion about enforcing the attendance policy. If a member of CPC has missed 3 meetings or more governance guidelines demand that they do not expect to remain on CPC.

At its regular meeting on March 23, 2010 Facilitating Committee approved the following motion THAT:

Facilitating Committee communicate to the CPC on April 9, 2010 that we will enforce the policy on attendance (see 2.0 Conduct of Council Members and 2.3 Operating Procedures) that has been in place since the inception of the Council and that we will forthwith on the 3rd absence send a letter suggesting that “if more than 3 meetings are missed members review their capacity to commit to the CPC.”

It was suggested that the CPC take committee participation into consideration when looking at attendance.

8. Member Profile: Carried forward

9. Justice Dinner Feedback (Wayne Morris)

Wayne gave a brief update of the annual Justice Dinner and asked CPC members for feedback.

Council members provided positive feedback about the keynote speaker and the local youth entertainment.

There was substantial advanced media coverage promoting the Justice Dinner and this year’s theme, including in-depth interviews with John Calhoun, as outlined in the Consent Agenda. There was less coverage of the event itself , because the media had already provided advanced coverage.

It was suggested that the CPC place video clips of the keynote speakers from the Dinners on the website.

Wayne asked the Council members to suggest speakers for future dinners.

The Council members shared that they are content with the event structure as a dinner/gala.

10. Future Plan Development: (Kathryn McGarry)

Since the CPC Retreat in April, a working group has been meeting to discuss next steps of the Future Plan Development: Priority Directions, Rational and Goals 2010 – 2014 (please see hand out attached).

Kathryn presented a high level overview. A draft with annual milestones will be available at the June 2010 meeting and a finished Plan will be available at the July 2010 meeting for CPC approval.

Staff is writing the overall plan document and the CPC working group will be providing input and feedback.

The CPC will be able to use the theme “Smart on Crime” in all the strategic directions.

The future plan will be adjusted and changed as issues come up in the community. The overarching understanding is that the CPC is trying to effect long-term social change.

The Milestones are part of an ongoing “action list” that supports the priority direction of Council. It will come forward to the CPC as an annual report card.

Only some of the goals will be more formally evaluated and measured because resources for this are limited.

11. Provincial Violence Prevention Conference (Wayne Morris)

Wayne provided an update of a planned Violence Prevention Conference and asked CPC members for their input (please see handout attached).

The conference is tentatively set for June 7-9, 2011 at Conestoga College. The College has the capacity of hosting 250 people, and can provide residence for out of town delegates.

Areas of focus at this stage are:

- 1) Children, youth and schools;
- 2) Community Policing;
- 3) Law and Policy and
- 4) Restorative Justice.

Discussion:

There is another major conference in the community one month prior focused on universities and community partnerships.

The target audience should be beyond Waterloo Region.

It was suggested to bring the conference to the community, rather than vice versa.

Please continue to send suggestions to Anthony Piscitelli at apiscitelli@regionofwaterloo.ca

12. Feedback on Research Study: Reported Crime in the Local Media: (Tom Brenner & Miranda Clarke)

Tom Brenner explained that the study “Media Discourse Analysis” that covered areas Kitchener, Waterloo, and Cambridge was initiated as a result of a direction from Council. Electronic and printed media were studied for 2 months.

Miranda Clark, a graduate from the University of Waterloo, presented the Media Discourse Analysis study.

This first phase of the study is purely descriptive. Seed money was applied for to do a further study by looking at the kind of language that is used in the reporting of crime.

As more data comes forward the CPC might want to think about presenting the data to the Record’s editorial board.

13. Ontario Crime Prevention: (Chris Sadeler) Carried forward

14. Other Business:

Mary Anna asked the CPC to fill out the Conflict of Interest form and return them to her.

15. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn moved by Kathryn McGarry and seconded by Barry Zehr. Carried at 11:30am.