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*Drugs, Alcohol & Crime – What’s the Link?  
“Safe Cities” series continues on Rogers TV*

Waterloo Region – As part of a ten-part television series on issues related to crime, victimization and fear of crime, the Waterloo Region Crime Prevention Council presents the second installment of “Safe Cities” this **Wednesday, October 28 at 9:00pm** on Rogers TV, Cable 20, as part of the channel’s prime time program, *Talk Local*, with host Mike Farwell.

This week “Safe Cities” will investigate issues of **drugs, alcohol and crime**. Topics for discussion will include addictions and associated impacts, as well as the relationship between addiction and crime, a look at the issues in Waterloo Region and what is being done to address the issues. Guests will include **Michael Parkinson**, Crime Prevention Council; **Inspector Steve Beckett**, Waterloo Region Police Service; **Susan Collison**, Grand River Hospital Withdrawal Management Services; and **Andre Rajna**, Assistant Crown Attorney, Province of Ontario.

**About “Safe Cities”**

“Safe Cities” features local crime prevention topics and best practices, provides a panel discussion with local experts and offers an opportunity for viewers to call in with questions or comments. Each topic of discussion will also showcase local organizations or programs that are key contributors to making Waterloo Region a safe community. Upcoming episodes will explore the following topics:

- Crimes Against Children (Nov. 25)
- Women and Crime (Dec. 23)
- Seniors and Crime (Jan 27)
- Youth and Crime (Feb. 24)
- Neighbourhoods and Fear of Crime (Mar. 31)
- Behind Bars: Inside Prison (Apr. 28)
- Beyond Bars: Approaches and Alternatives (May 26)
- So What – Now What? Wrap up (June 30)

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### **About Talk Local**

Talk Local on Rogers TV, Cable 20 offers frank talk about today's regional issues. Every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday night at 9:00 p.m., join host Mike Farwell as he tackles the tough, local issues of the day with a roundtable forum of local politicians, business leaders, activists and concerned citizens. Viewers weigh in with their opinions and questions by phone, email, or the Talk Local web poll.

### **About the Waterloo Region Crime Prevention Council**

The Waterloo Region Crime Prevention Council works collaboratively to reduce and prevent crime, victimization and fear of crime. It is an advisory committee to the Region of Waterloo and consists of 39 members representing the community-at-large, social services, education, health, planning, justice, police, and community agencies among others.

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