

Smart Update (Consent Agenda) May 8, 2015

At meetings of most organizations, at least a few items come to the agenda that do not need any discussion or debate either because they are routine procedures, for information only or are believed to be unanimously supported. A consent agenda allows the organization to approve all these items together without discussion or individual motions.

Depending upon the organization, this can free up valuable time that can be devoted to more substantial discussions about undecided issues. Any member has the right to “pull” any item from the consent agenda and add it to the regular agenda for discussion or comment or clarification.

Consent agendas are published on the WRCPC website www.preventingcrime.ca along with minutes after approval. **Consent agendas are selective not comprehensive.** Consent agenda items whenever possible will fall under the directions of the current strategic plan.

A. Collaborative Leadership

- 1. Neighbourhood Engagement** – Community Engagement Staff are still involved in assessing & supporting the significant challenges experienced by a local neighbourhood. Together, with two partners, staff has secured enough funds to hire two Youth Navigators for one year as a pilot project, beginning May 4. A grant was submitted to support the evaluation component of the project and a decision is expected shortly. An RFP to hire an external evaluator will go out soon. Staff is playing a significant supporting role in this project, on behalf of the Region of Waterloo and of course the Crime Prevention Council.
- 2. WRIDS-** The Steering Committee considered a draft report of recommendations prepared by the Municipal Drug Strategy Coordinators Network of Ontario (MDSCNO) to improve prescription opioid safety via naloxone and was in general agreement with the document. If approved by the MDSCNO, a release date in late May is anticipated. The MDSCNO was established in part by the WRCPC in 2008 and now includes 23 drug strategy coordinators working in more than 155 municipalities across Ontario.
- 3. The National Municipal Network** launch originally anticipated for June has been delayed due to administrative issues at the City of Montreal, which is the host city. As co-chair, Christiane has spent many hours trying to find a way to dislodge the project from administrative challenges but of course, the capacity to do so is limited with another municipality being the host. Network members remain deeply committed to this project as a continuation of creating a national voice for crime prevention through municipal efforts.

B. Education and Learning

1. **Jane's Walk!** May 1-3 25 walks were guided across Cambridge, Kitchener and Waterloo. Free walking tours were led by citizens like you and WRPCPC's Jane Mitchell! More info can be found here:
Kitchener - <http://janeswalk.org/canada/kitchener/>
Waterloo - <http://janeswalk.org/canada/waterloo/>
Cambridge - <http://janeswalk.org/canada/cambridge/>
2. **Neighbour Day** – by invitation from the City of Kitchener, the WRPCPC will be sharing its Say Hi Campaign material (buttons, posters) as part of Neighbour Day, June 13 at community centres, golf courses, pools throughout Kitchener
3. The 9th Annual **School Say Hi Day** has been confirmed for **Thursday, Sept. 24, 2015**.
4. WRPCPC staff is pleased to again this year have been asked to present the crime prevention award to a student at the Justice Degree program of Conestoga College. Congratulations to Phillip Haines!

C. Research & Inquiry

1. A background document is being prepared for the June 12 WRPCPC retreat to provide information about the current projects of sub-committees of council and the strategic planning data. Collectively these data will assist Council to set strategic directions for 2015-2019.
2. Work on a report on the spatial distribution of crime in Waterloo Region continues. Please note that the work is not yet complete and though it uses some of the same data, as the Waterloo Region Record used in a recent series on crime the WRPCPC report is entirely distinct from these articles.

D. In the News

Violence Prevention Report (CBC KW w/Craig Norris - Christiane Sadeler, Thurs, May 7 @740 am)

[What would Jane Jacobs think of Downtown Kitchener](#) (The Record, May 4, 2015)

[Jane's Walk](#) event mention (The Record, May 1, 2015)

["Andrea's Five Fun things to do this weekend"](#) (cbc.ca, April 30, 2015)

[Councillors seek identities of Lakeshore Village groundbreakers](#) – Jane’s Walk (The Record, April 29, 2015)

Jane’s Walk (Rogers Talk Local, Juanita Metzger, April 28, 2015)

Jane’s Walk (CKWR 98.5, April 27-May 1, 2015) Interview Monday w/Juanita, plus featuring 3 walks Tuesday, Thursday, Friday @ 12:30pm with walk leaders

[Just say no to drugs is a bust](#) (Liz Monteiro, The Record, April 12, 2015).

[When trouble calls police records reveal waterloo region trouble spots](#) (Jeff Outhit, The Record, April 10, 2015)

E. Community Partners Corner/ Additional Information of Interest:

- 1. May 26, 2015:** [Immigrant & Refugee Housing Consultation Immigration Partnership](#)
- 2. June 10, 2015:** WAYVE Community Presentation. A team of local youth explore issues of toxic friendship, mental health, and stereotypes. The content is appropriate for youth and adults ages 12 and up. This free event will be held on Wednesday, June 10th 2015 from 6:00p.m. to 7:45p.m. Please register at [WAYVE](#)
- 3. June 11, 2015:** [SWAN’s Under the Red Umbrella: A Community Perspective](#)
- 4. June 13, 2015:** Invitation from the City of Kitchener for involvement with [Neighbours Day](#). Neighbours’ Day is a chance for community members to come together with their family and friends to enjoy some time together, celebrate their unique neighbourhoods and check out some of the city facilities, programs and services available to them and their neighbours. If interested please contact the Co-Chairs of the Neighbours’ Day committee, Sandy Hrubik (519-741-2200, ex. 5079) or Brenda van De Keere (519-741-2200. Ex. 5343), or you can reach them by email at neighboursday@kitchener.ca
- 5. July 8th and 9th 2015:** CJI [Developing a Restorative Justice Worldview Workshop](#)
- 6. July 20-31, 2015:** The Centre for Community Research Learning and Action (CCRLA) and the Laurier Institute for the Study of Public Opinion and Policy (LISPOP) announced the Laurier Summer Institute for Research Methods (LSIRM). LSIRM takes place July 20-31, 2015 and is designed to offer both introductory and advanced training in research methods for students, researchers, and professionals across Southwestern Ontario.

The 2-week summer session offers a broad range of one- to three-day courses in both qualitative and quantitative research methods. The focus of this institute is on applied methods and is geared towards getting individuals working on particular projects (e.g., focus groups, survey design). Workshops in quantitative methods range from the basic (e.g., SPSS Usage) to advanced (e.g., regression, structural equation modelling). Workshops in qualitative approaches are similarly diverse (e.g., text analysis, ethnography). For more information go to www.lsirm.ca

- 7. September 24, 2015:** The HAV (Human Animal Vulnerability) Coalition of Waterloo Region Conference. PDF attached.

Special thank you to **Asnake Meshesha** who completed his student placement with the Crime Prevention Council in April! As always, our placement students add phenomenal strengths to a very busy little office. We trust they will carry the message of crime prevention through social development into all their future endeavours.

Best wishes to **Maureen Murphy** from the John Howard Society of Waterloo Wellington in her recent retirement. Maureen was a member of WRCPC for many years and in her role in youth justice has been instrumental during the CPC's efforts during the change from the YOA to the YCJA. Maureen is expected to resurface in a friend meeting once she has had a chance to enjoy some well-deserved time off.

In addition, on the note of retirement if you have not had a chance to RSVP for **Bill Wilson's** party there is still time to do so. Luckily, the Crown's office loss is quickly turning into the CPC gain with Bill now showing up at even more meetings (when he is not biking or golfing)

F. Attachments:

Respectfully submitted,
06/05/2015

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