

WRCPC Minutes

April 8, 2016

Waterloo Region Museum

10 Huron Road, Kitchener, ON

Present: Andrew Jackson, Barry Cull, Bill Wilson, Doug Thiel, Felix Munger, Chris Cowie, Cathy Harrington, Courtney Didier, Denise Squire, Don Roth, Derek Haime, Douglas Bartholomew-Saunders, Helen Jowett, Irene O'Toole, Jennifer Mains, Joe-Ann McComb, John Shewchuk, Kathy Payette, Liz Vitek, Mark Pancer, Mark Poland, Marla Pender, Michael Beazely, Sharon Ward-Zeller, Shayne Turner, Tom Galloway, Sharlene Sedgwick-Walsh

Regrets: Alison Scott, Angela Vanderheyden, Bryan Larkin, Carolyn Albrecht, Jane Mitchell, Pari Karem, Peter Ringrose, Peter Rubenschuh, Trisha Robinson

Staff: Christiane Sadeler, Juanita Metzger, Mary Anna Allen, Tracy Jasmins

1. Welcome and introductions:

The WRCPC members and guests were welcomed and introductions were made.

Juanita Metzger will be on a pre-paid leave from April 26th, 2016 until October 2016. Chris Cowie thanked Juanita for all her work on the Friends initiative and wished her well during her time away.

2. Approval of Agenda:

The Nominating Committee Report was moved to the end of the agenda.

**Moved by Sharon Ward-Zeller as amended and seconded by Denise Squire.
Carried**

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

4. Approval of Minutes of March 11, 2016:

Moved by Denise and seconded by Joe-Ann McComb. Carried

4.1 Other Business: None

5. Approval of Smart Update (consent agenda):

Moved by Courtney Didier and seconded by Sharon Ward-Zeller. Carried

6. Justice Dinner 2016:

The Justice Dinner “Reflections on Mental Health and Justice” will be held on Thursday, May 26, 2016 at Bingemans from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The keynote speakers are Dr. Lori Triano- Antidormi, Dr. John Heintzman, and the Honourable Justice Gary Hearn.

The WRCPC partnered with its’ mental health partners to present the evening: Canadian Mental Health Association, the Kitchener/Waterloo and Waterloo Wellington Human Services Justice Coordinating Committee, the Waterloo Regional Homes for Mental Health and Lutherwood.

Some sponsored tickets will be available for individuals that are consumers of mental health services and may not otherwise have the opportunity to attend.

The Justice Dinner flyer and online link will be sent out electronically to the WRCPC to distribute to their networks.

Tickets can be purchased through <https://38thannualjusticedinner.eventbrite.ca> or through the WRCPC office at mallen@regionofwaterloo.ca or 519-575-4400 ext. 3474.

7. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) recommendations working group - Terms of Reference:

Derek Haime, on behalf of the TRC Recommendations working group, brought forward its Terms of Reference for approval by the WRCPC.

The Council had a discussion about the format of the Terms of Reference and how it could be more accessible and comfortable for those within the indigenous community. Several considerations were provided.

The WRCPC uses Terms of Reference to ensure that committees/working groups adhere to its policies. Council is open to considering alternative formats as applicable. The working group will seek new ways to work collaboratively with the First Nations community that is respectful to the spirit of the work that they are doing and their experiences.

The working group was commended for moving forward with the TRC recommendations.

The Council recommended approving the TRC working group's Terms of Reference in principle so that the working group can move forward with its work and to take back some of the considerations that were offered by the WRCPC to the working group for further discussion.

John Shewchuk moved to approve the Terms of Reference in principle, seconded by Barry Cull. Carried.

8. Evidence Based Research Study (See PPT attached):

Mark Pancer, on behalf of the AGORE Committee, shared an example of knowledge exchange and evidence-based research, **One Summer Plus program** for youth at risk from grades 8 to 12.

AGORE is committed to being more proactive in terms of bringing information from recent literature and research to the WRCPC for information and discussion. In addition, the Smart on Crime Plan 2015-2018 focuses on the use of research evidence to inform development of new programs, policies and on youth & neighbourhoods.

Mark asked the WRCPC to consider the following questions:

- Should this kind of information be used in decision-making? In what way?
- How can we make information such as this available to a wider audience?
- How can we facilitate the use of this kind of evidence in policy & program decision-making?
- What role can/should the CPC play in this process?

The WRCPC discussed ways in which to:

- advocate for resource allocation (local municipalities, provincial, federal government, Minister of Youth and to prospective employers)
- to build awareness about knowledge exchange and research evidence so that similar programs like **One Summer Plus** are available to communities

Suggestions included:

The WRCPC should continue to advocate for resources dealing with root causes through social development.

The challenge is engaging the Province and/or the Federal government who maintain responsibility for program policy regarding employment, to leverage more resources where they are needed. There are many programs for youth that are not preventative in nature but few that are for sustained prevention.

The **One Summer Plus** program example ties in with Council's commitment to youth and engaging the rural community. There may be some opportunities to connect with foundations to possibly leverage resources that can support backbone organizations in the community.

Many in the community are already doing this type of work but there is a need for the research and evaluation that tracks the outcomes.

Continue to bring this type of information forward to the local MPs and MPPs when Council meets with them during their regularly scheduled meeting times.

Council should share this information with the local Chamber of Commerce(s). Employers provide tangible incentives because of the skills gap. The WRCPC has made a commitment to economic development in its Strategic Plan.

The WRCPC needs to make a decision on how and where in the structure of the WRCPC this might move forward. AGORE is looking for ways to tell the story of a local neighbourhood that has focused on youth. This could be done through the Knowledge Exchange Coordinator.

9. Calls for Service to WRPS:

Christiane Sadeler shared the themes that were generated from the focus group discussion at the March 11, 2016 meeting about the Calls for Service to WRPS. Please see attachment.

Deputy Chief Kevin Thaler is following up with Chief Bryan Larkin regarding next steps. A group of WRCPC members and friends volunteered to review the data generated with a view to actions but these cannot be taken without WRPS' strong engagement.

10. Members/Sector Leaders Corner:

When we re-designed our website in 2015, a protected page was created for "Members Only" that is accessible only to WRCPC members using a set password. The page can be found at <http://preventingcrime.ca/our-story/council/> and then click on the "member login" box to access. Staff will email the password out to council members.

Starting in May, the monthly WRCPC meeting packages will be posted here for members to download rather than by email with large attachments. Instead WRCPC members will be sent a link to the page, where they will then login to access.

Staff are in the process of building additional content on the page to include our governance, and a generic PPT presentation for WRCPC members to take to their sector round tables.

Please contact Tracy Jasmins at tjasmins@regionofwaterloo.ca if you would like to see specific Council information in this Member Only section of the website.

If you have not already done so, please forward your photo [to Tracy](#) for the [Council page](#) on the website.

11. Reflections on Consultation with the Honourable Minister of Community Safety & Correctional Services Mr. Yasir Naqvi:

The WRCPC reflected on the consultation with Mr. Naqvi, the Honourable Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, hosted by MPP Kathryn McGarry on April 7, 2016 at Cambridge City Hall.

The WRCPC members shared that the meeting with the Minister was very positive and that the Minister was very open to listening to the WRCPC and the community feedback and concerns regarding the changes to the Police Services Act.

In this context members of WRCPC identified as an issue that the Community Wellness Plan is not on the radar of the municipalities. Shayne offered to inquire within the municipal sector to see if there is anything on the municipal screen about changes to the municipal act.

There have been discussions about the Community Wellness Plan through the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association. The Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Community Safety & Correctional Services is meeting with the Urban Commissioners in June to talk about Safer Ontario. The Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) which includes 600 municipalities has also advocated for the plan to be broader than the police services act because the overall sense is that if there is no responsibility for community and social services messages to be included and these could get lost.

The ongoing question is whether the Community Safety and Well-being Plans should be part of either the Police Services Act or the Municipal Act or both. Placing the lead with one alone places more stress on already strained resources. It should be legislation that supports each other.

It was acknowledged that the Premier of Ontario, Kathleen Wynne, has asked for inter-ministerial collaboration. The WRCPC has long advocated for an inter-ministerial secretariat for crime prevention modeled on local councils.

A good example of a successful social change through legislation is the replacement of the Young Offenders Act by the Youth Criminal Justice Act to put a focus on prevention and decrease youth incarceration.

The WRCPC thanks MPP Kathryn McGarry for hosting this very important event with Minister Naqvi and the resulting conversations.

12. WRCPC June Council Meeting and Annual Retreat

The Social Planning Council's Poverty Symposium falls on the same day of the WRCPC Council meeting, June 10, 2016 and many organizations around the table may be affected by this conflict.

Facilitating Committee is recommending that the Council move its June 10, 2016 WRCPC meeting to the third Friday of the month – **Friday, June 17, 2016.**

This was approved by consensus.

13. Nominating Committee Report: In camera:

Chris Cowie asked for a motion to move that Council go in camera for the purpose receiving the Nominating Committee Report.

**Moved by Courtney Didier and seconded by Douglas Bartholomew-Saunders.
Carried at 11:20 a.m.**

Chris Cowie asked for a motion to move that Council come out of camera.

**Moved by Courtney Didier and seconded by Douglas Bartholomew- Saunders.
Carried at 11:29 a.m.**

14. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was moved by Chris Cowie. Carried at 11:30 a.m.