

WRCPC Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2015

City of Kitchener

200 King Street West

Conestoga Room

9:00a.m. to 11:30a.m. (8:30a.m. networking)

Present: Don Roth, Bill Wilson, Sharon Ward-Zeller, Sharlene Sedgwick-Walsh, Barry Cull, Denise Squire, Jane Mitchell, Shayne Turner, Peter Rubenschuh, John Shewchuk, Michael Beazely, Chris Cowie, Laurie Strome, Courtney Didier, Christine Bird, Pari Karem, Mary Zilney, Andrew Jackson, Derek Haime, Judith Lodi, Marla Pender, Irene O'Toole, Frank Johnson, Joe-Ann McComb, Mark Pancer, Elizabeth Vitek, Tom Galloway, Andre Rajna, Peter Ringrose, Bryan Larkin, Mike Haffner

Regrets: Douglas Bartholomew-Saunders, Bill Davidson, Helen Jowett, Doug Thiel, Jennifer Mains, Angela Vanderheyden, Alison Scott, Felix Munger

Staff and Students: Christiane Sadeler, Tracy Jasmins, Juanita Metzger, Dianne Heise, Anthony Piscitelli, Mary Anna Allen, Eleanor McGrath (student)

Chair: Chris Cowie

Recorder: M. Allen

1.	<p>Welcome and Introductions:</p> <p>Chris Cowie welcomed WRCPC members and guests and introductions were made.</p>
2.	<p>Approval of the Agenda:</p> <p>The July 2015 WRCPC meeting was added to the agenda.</p> <p>Moved by Sharon Ward-Zeller and seconded by Mary Zilney. Carried.</p>
3.	<p>Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None</p>
4.	<p>Approval of the Minutes April 10, 2015:</p> <p>Moved by Courtney Didier and seconded by Peter Rubenschuh. Carried.</p> <p>4.1 Business Arising:</p> <p>Sector Round Tables:</p> <p>At the Facilitating Committee meeting on May 25, 2015, the Committee will be discussing</p>

an action item about the sector table approach that was brought forward from the Council meeting on April 10, 2015.

The WRCPC staff are preparing packages for the Sector Round Table representatives to take to their tables. This information will be available exclusively to the sector representatives when the new WRCPC website is completed in the near future.

Regional Strategic Plan 2015-2018 Consultation:

Christiane conveyed to the WRCPC sincere thanks from the Regional CAO Mike Murray for the Council's participation in the Region of Waterloo Strategic Plan 2015-2018 consultation that was held at the WRCPC meeting on May 8, 2015.

Ambiguous Loss Update:

Christiane attended, on behalf of the WRCPC, the Ambiguous Loss meeting that was held on April 22, 2015 at CMHA. The WRCPC assisted with this issue through the office on an ad hoc basis. The direct service work is being planned and implementation efforts are underway. This should not require much further engagement from the WRCPC office but is a good example of how working with grass roots efforts can contribute to significant changes for a safer community. Many of these types of requests are unplanned and not anticipated.

Move to the Governor's House:

The ad hoc History Working Group will be meeting on May 13, 2015 to work on using the move to the Governor's House as an educational opportunity about watershed moments in Canadian Justice, local developments for crime prevention, as well as highlighting the broader impact of restorative justice on the community. A WRCPC open house is planned for September 18, 2015. A summer student will be hired through the Federal summer student grant program to support the work of the Working Group. There is still room to participate with this group if Council members are interested.

5. Approval of the Smart Update (consent agenda):

Moved by Tom Galloway and seconded by Michael Beazely. Carried.

6. Nominating Committee Nomination Recommendation to the Facilitating Committee:

On behalf of the Nominating Committee Shayne Turner (Vice Chair and Chair of Nominating) made a recommendation to the WRCPC to have Andrew Jackson join the Facilitating Committee to fill a current vacancy.

**Shayne Turner asked for other nominations from the floor.
There were no nominations from the floor.**

	<p>Tom Galloway moved to close the nominations from the floor. Seconded by Jane Mitchell. Carried.</p> <p>Shayne Turner moved that the WRCPC elect Andrew Jackson to the Facilitating Committee. Seconded by Mary Zilney. Carried.</p> <p>Congratulations Andrew!</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Waterloo Region Violence Prevention Plan: Overview of Accomplishments to Date and Next Steps Report:</p> <p>Christiane provided a copy of the Report: Waterloo Region Violence Prevention Plan: Overview of Accomplishments to Date and Next Steps. The Report went forward to the Community Services Committee of Regional Council at a regular meeting. Christiane added that she was interviewed by CBC radio the morning of Thursday, May 7, 2015 about the Report.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Community Engagement League:</p> <p>Background: Christiane provided some background as to the purpose for the development of the Community Engagement League.</p> <p>When the Safe and Sound project of the WRCPC ended in 2003, Council experienced the challenge and frustration communities face when a project ends and there are no supports in place to continue the work. This knowledge led to the development of the Integrated Model for Crime Prevention. Due to increased demands for the Council's involvement in the community, the WRCPC asked for additional funds from the Region to allow the WRCPC to have a more strategic and pro-active presence in the community. This funding led to the hiring of the two (initially part time) Community Engagement Coordinators.</p> <p>Since that time, the WRCPC has received many requests from the community, some of which are not strictly seen in line with the WRCPC mandate. The Community Engagement League was created to help clarify the Council's role in neighbourhood, community and system engagement.</p> <p>Barry Cull, co-chair of the league, provided an update about the work to date. As a committee of Council, the Community Engagement League developed a Terms of Reference that were approved by Council in September 2014. The Committee recruitment took place in September 2014 and the inaugural meeting was held in December 2014. The Committee members are Barry Cull, Bill Waters, Lisa Doran, Lisa Armstrong, Jeremy Steffler, Pari Karem and Jeanean Thomas and supported by staff members Juanita Metzger and Michael Parkinson.</p>

	<p>The two primary work activities of the Committee are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to develop and implement a process for defining a deep understanding of the prevention value of the Council with respect to crime prevention through social development and the community engagement process 2. to advance and to use the Friends of Crime Prevention initiative for prevention actions <p>To date the Committee has been primarily focused on the Friends of Crime Prevention initiative. The Committee discussions include exploring the definitions of community engagement and community development and identifying whether or not the definitions apply to the work of the Council.</p> <p>Some of the challenges that the Committee is struggling with in terms of community engagement are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does crime prevention mean in individual neighbourhoods and in the community? • What does community engagement mean to the WRCPC? • Is the Friends of Crime Prevention an initiative or is it more than that? • Does the WRCPC want to engage community in a much broader sense? • What is meant by growing the Friends program? • Who does the WRCPC want to engage and why? <p>The Committee has also been exploring social movements – what it means, how they start and what are the key factors involved in a creating a social movement.</p> <p>An issue that the Committee has addressed is inclusion. What does an inclusive community look like? What are communities in neighbourhoods seeing as crime prevention? What issues and what concerns demand our attention as a Council.</p> <p>The Committee has consulted with those with experience in working with community development and partnerships and expertise in engagement. Work is progressing well. Meanwhile actual engagement efforts have not ceased but are continuing.</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Mission, Vision, Value Statement for Approval:</p> <p>Peter Ringrose, on behalf of the ad hoc working group, presented the draft Mission Vision and Value Statement for approval. The WRCPC reviewed both versions of the Statement provided to them and approved the following statements separately:</p> <p>Vision Statement Version 2:</p> <p>A safe and promising future for all people in our community.</p>

Moved by Jane Mitchell and seconded by Pari Karem. Carried

Mission Statement Version 2:

We advance ideas and actions that alleviate root causes of crime and improve social well-being.

Moved by Jane Mitchell and seconded by Pari Karem. Carried

Values Statement (the same in both versions):



Collaboration

Commitment

Courage

Moved by Mary Zilney and seconded by Judith Lodi. Carried

Why Statement (the same in both versions):

We know that when the well-being of all people matters then social justice and positive change follow.

Moved by Christine Bird and seconded by Jane Mitchell. Carried

Mandate Version 2:

We engage and connect citizens, decision makers and service providers in order to reduce and prevent crime, victimization and fear of crime through:

- Promotion of partnerships
- Focused problem solving
- Support of grassroots initiatives
- Capacity building
- Information sharing

- Public education and awareness raising
- Evidence-based interventions
- Policy development
- Advising local government
- Advocating for change

Moved by Andre Rajna and seconded by Joe-Ann McComb. Carried. Approved with the agreement that there would be some minor revisions to the wording.

10. Strategic Plan 2015-2018:

In preparation for the WRCPC June Retreat, Anthony Piscitelli and Dianne Heise presented the results of the WRCPC Strategic Plan 2015-2019 community consultations from three surveys and the March 13th Friends meeting. Please see PPT attached. This information is background research in preparation of the June Retreat where the WRCPC will agree on the Council's direction for the next four years.

(Chief Bryan Larkin and Executive Officer Mike Haffner left the meeting at 10:45a.m.)

Staff will email out a more detailed report to the WRCPC for review before the annual retreat.

There was agreement that influencing public policy at the senior level is very dependent on public opinion and the WRCPC should not lose sight of that and continue to move the Smart on Crime agenda forward.

The Retreat will be held on Friday, June 12, 2015 at the Grand River Conservation Authority, 400 Clyde Road, Cambridge.

11. Community Safety and Well-being Plan:

A meeting about the Community Safety and Well-being Plan was held on May 4th, 2015 with Regional Chair Ken Seiling, Tom Galloway, Mike Murray, Douglas Bartholomew-Saunders, Rosemary Smith, Jane Varner, Dr. Liana Nolan, Chris Cowie, Christiane Sadeler and Chief Bryan Larkin. The Community Safety and Well-Being Plan in Waterloo Region is currently on hold. The organizations involved in the consultations will be receiving a report from the facilitator, Dr. Kathryn Hogarth about her findings. At the meeting it was agreed to hit the reset button and harness the opportunity contained in this provincial direction for the best of the community.

	<p>Comments:</p> <p>These consultation findings might help to guide the Council’s decisions on next steps and involvement. It was suggested that a formal request be made for this information.</p> <p>It is promising that the provincial government is giving this some priority. There is some concern as to how the legislation is going to be rolled out. It is more likely to be rolled out through the Police Services Act because it is considered too difficult to open up the Municipal Act.</p> <p>A review of the draft legislation would provide a real opportunity to shape this for the best of the local community. It was suggested that staff contact the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services and/or the Deputy Minister to see where the legislation is at.</p> <p>Thus far the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services in partnership with the OACP have developed two reports: The Ontario Framework for Crime Prevention and Community Safety and Well-being in Ontario – A Snapshot of Local Voices. A final report (third document) and legislation might be shared with the public at the same time. It was noted that the WRCPC is not featured in the Local Voices document in spite of many consultations with the Ministry and that the Council may not be present in the third document either. Reasons for this omission remain unknown.</p> <p>Shayne Turner offered to make some inquires to his legal department about the process for accessing draft legislation.</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p>Sector Round Table:</p> <p>Chris Cowie presented a film trailer to promote the new Restorative Justice film from Community Justice Initiatives called “The Elmira Story”. This story was the inspiration for the development of Community Justice Initiatives.</p> <p>The film will premiere locally during Restorative Justice Week in November 2015. Chris encouraged the Council to participate in some of the activities.</p> <p>The WRCPC is currently looking for ways for the sector representation to report to the Council about this kind of work. The WRCPC will have a deeper discussion about this at a later date and after some deliberations at the Facilitating Committee.</p>
<p>13.</p>	<p>Other Business:</p> <p>WRCPC July Meeting</p> <p>Chris Cowie recommended to the WRCPC to either cancel the July 2015 meeting or arrange for a less formal gathering. The July Council meeting in the past was a meeting where local MPs and MPPs were invited to meet with the Council. Last year the Council</p>

	members participated in individual meetings with the MPs and MPPs instead. The officials appreciated these individual meetings and expressed an interest in continuing with this format instead of reinstating the July meeting. July is also a difficult time to bring members together because it is in the middle of the summer holidays. Members agreed to leave the final decision about the July meeting with the chair and the Facilitating Committee.
14.	Adjournment: Moved by Courtney Didier. Carried at 11:36 a.m.