

Smart Update (Consent Agenda) October 16, 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.** Whenever possible, Consent Agenda items will fall under the directions of the current strategic plan.

A. Collaborative Leadership

1. **Neighbourhood Engagement** – Work with a Kitchener neighbourhood continues with an evaluator hired to assess the impact of two Youth Navigators collaboratively hired to improved community health and safety. An evaluation stakeholder group has been formed to work on linking the evaluation to sustainability goals.
2. The City of Montreal at its regular meeting in October approved the **National Municipal Network project**. The delays in the approval and other administrative aspects have led to some substantive changes in the project roll-out including the move from hiring an employee for the network to a request for proposals to consultants. Some of the changes have not been welcomed by network members but the process was too far along to consider a switch to another municipality as the administrative lead. A face to face meeting is scheduled for the first week in December. Other participants in the meeting include: FCM, Statistics Canada, NCPD as the funder, students from the university of Carlton working on a communication plan for the network, and John Calhoun from the California city network. WRCPC continues to support and consult with municipalities across the country more recently the cities of Brantford and Halifax.
3. Demands on staff time for participation in community efforts that support crime prevention through social development and social justice based approaches continue to grow. Since the last consent agenda these included: participation on an MSW panel for a class on policy development, input into the mental health strategy led by Lutherwood, participation in the development of a CJI project seeking to divert youth from coming in conflict with the law, supporting a funding proposal with the Immigration Partnership Council for the

development of a welcome portal, a request to sit on an Advisory Council for Syrian refugee settlement efforts and more. While many of these afford WRCPC, a unique opportunity for engagement in the community the volume of requests is challenging. An examination of strategic engagement of the sector roundtable members might be indicated in this context.

B. Education and Learning

1. The public education event with Howard Sapers on September 10th at KPL was well attended and continues to receive positive feedback in the community.
2. **9th Annual Say Hi Day** took place in schools across the region on Thursday, September 24, 2015. Good media coverage from Rogers Daytime, 107.5 DAVE FM, 570 News and the Kitchener Citizen. This year's winners of the Connected School Award and \$500 each are St. Anne CES, Cambridge and Grandview Public School, New Hamburg.
3. **Breaking the Silence on Hidden Violence** – report is available online.
http://preventingcrime.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/2015-BreakingTheSilence_web.pdf
The report is going to Community Services Committee on November 17 with a presentation.
4. Check out our new website: www.preventingcrime.ca
5. Staff provided a webinar for the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health related to preventing and reducing opioid overdose fatalities. The webinar had more than 300 registrants.
6. The Enforcement and Justice Committee of the Waterloo Region Integrated Drugs Strategy (WRIDS) provided a forum with guests from Seattle to present on LEAD- Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion. More than 100 registrants learned how Seattle was able to collaboratively reduce recidivism by 60% amongst people who have committed lower level drug and prostitution offenses.
7. The WRIDS has updated the WRCPC's 'Clear Out Your Medicine Cabinet' campaign with a refreshed poster and website at www.overdoseprevention.ca
8. The '[Prescription For Life](#)' report released by the Municipal Drug Strategy Coordinators Network of Ontario continues to receive a warm welcome with endorsements from the Association of Public Health Agencies of Ontario, the Toronto Board of Health and others.
9. The **History of Crime Prevention Project** was completed just in time for the open house on September 18. Special thanks to Sara Wicks for going the extra mile in

making this project possible. Sara completed a summer student employment contract with the WRCPC. Reviewing the history of the governor's house has highlighted how frequently it is hard to see progress unless we look back in time.

10. **Mark your calendars NOW** for the next Friends of Crime Prevention event –November 13 where we will tackle the challenging topic of sexual abuse against children and what in the community has been done to prevent it. This Friends event will take place during the regular meeting time of the WRCPC.
11. The **Justice Dinner with the** theme of “back to the future” is just a few days away. We hope that all members of WRCPC are able to attend and celebrate twenty years of crime prevention through social and community development here in Waterloo Region on **Thursday, October 22, 2015 at 5:30pm at the Crown Plaza in downtown Kitchener!**

C. Research & Inquiry

1. WRCPC will be monitoring perceptions of safety for the Central Transit Corridor (CTC) monitoring report that is anticipated to be published regularly starting fall of this year.
2. The work of AGORE and VPC committees continue through the staff transitions.

D. In the News

1. [Daytime](#) - Justice Dinner (Rogers Waterloo Region, Monday, October 5, 2015)
2. DAVE-FM – Say Hi Day (107.5 DAVE-FM, Thursday, Sept. 24, 2015)
3. [570 News](#) – Say Hi Day (570 News, Thursday, Sept. 24, 2015)
4. Daytime – Say Hi Day (Rogers Waterloo Region, Wed. Sept. 23, 2015)
5. TV Ontario: The Agenda- Opioid Crisis in Ontario (Sept. 23, 2015)
5min. Summary: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tG3CtGii9co>
45 min Full Episode: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dZITgtERBoQ>
6. [WRCPC holding open house at new office Friday](#) (570 News, Sept 18, 2015)
7. [Crime Prevention Council moves to historic Queen Street home](#) (The Record, Sept. 17, 2015)
8. Centre for Addiction and Mental Health webinar: [Opioid Use in Ontario](#) (Sept. 17, 2015)
9. [\\$21M Waterloo County courthouse transformation in Kitchener complete](#) (The Record, Sept 16, 2015)
10. [Prison watchdog is worried about inmates](#) (The Record, Friday, September 11, 2015)
11. [How police track drug trends in Waterloo Region](#) (CBC KW, Sept 11, 2015)
12. [New support group to help those grieving after losing a loved one to drugs or alcohol](#) (The Record, Friday, August 28, 2015)
13. [Opioid death crisis masked in Hamilton](#) (Hamilton Spectator, Thursday, August 13, 2015)
14. [Ontario networks push for broader access to opioid antidote](#) (Hamilton Spectator, June 10, 2015)

15. [Public School Board joins group supporting gay and lesbian students](#) (The Record, June 5, 2015)
16. [Female sex trade workers feel unsafe, fear being attacked](#) (The Record, June 4, 2015)

E. Additional Information from the WRCPC Office.

1. Update your contact info for the Waterloo Region Crime Prevention Council:

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Tel: 519-575-4400 Ext 3474
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2. The **move to the Governor's House** was a success. Over 100 people attended our Open House on Sept. 18. Postcard notifications of our new address and contact info have been mailed out and postcards are available to distribute. Special thanks to our Regional colleagues in IT and Facilities management for working with us on a rather tight timeline.

F. Community Partner Information

1. [Province Developing a New Strategy for a Safer Ontario - Ontario to Modernize the Delivery of Community Safety](#)
2. MSCU Centre for Peace Advancement, [Exploring Resilience through the artwork of Shannon Moroney, Monday, September 28, 2015](#)
3. Canada's Premier Bullying Prevention Conference, Cohosted with the Centre for School Mental Health, Western University, PREVNet's 8th Annual Conference will take place at the Westin Prince Hotel in Toronto on November 13, 2015, [Promoting Mental Health and Preventing Bullying: Tools that Work](#)
4. [Women Abuse Awareness Event – November 30, 2015](#)

Respectfully submitted,
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