

Smart Update (Consent Agenda) For the Meeting of WRPCPC on November 18, 2016

Please note that any member has the right to “pull” an item from the Consent Agenda and add it to the regular agenda for discussion, comment or clarification. Consent agendas are published on the Council’s website www.preventingcrime.ca along with approved minutes. Consent Agendas are selective, not comprehensive. Whenever possible, Consent Agenda items will fall under the directions of the current strategic plan. The template reflects Smart on Crime 2015-2018 plan’s key approaches to accomplish three overarching Council directions:

- Youth: Unleashing the Potential of ALL Youth
- Neighbourhoods: Building Local Capacity for Change
- Smart on Crime: Advancing the Momentum

Expand Reach through Understanding and Engagement

- The Connected School Award was presented to Sir Edgar Bauer School (K-8) on October 31 and MacGregor Public School (7-8) on Nov. 17
- WRPCPC was invited to be part of a “Tug of Help” demonstration at a Bullying Prevention Assembly at Elizabeth Ziegler P.S. in Kitchener on Nov. 10 to kick off their [WITS LEAD program](#)
- WRPCPC was consulted regarding the initial draft of the City of Kitchener neighbourhood strategy recommendations. WRPCPC provided feedback based on a review of safety audits and neighbourhood-based crime prevention literature. In their current form, the recommendations address crime prevention and safety through fostering of social connectedness, belonging and place-making. While a recommendation relating to safety audits or similar undertakings is not included in the first draft, City of Kitchener is interested in discussing the idea further and potentially including it in the next draft.



Base Change in Good Evidence and Innovation

- Formative work is underway for both the **Historical Analysis of WRPCPC** project being done by Conestoga College and the **Smart on Crime Evaluation** being done by Laurier's Centre for Community Research, Learning and Action. WRPCPC staff have provided project teams with reference documents/resources as well as input into planning. First set of deliverables is scheduled for mid-December.
- WRPCPC staff participated in the first **Community Wellness Initiative (CWI)** Forum. The event was attended by representatives from organizations (both government and non-government) across the region and it served to raise awareness of CWI and related concepts (i.e. social determinants of health/wellbeing, collective impact), gauge interest in CWI, as well as start the conversation about working together with a common focus. In addition, WRPCPC has been involved in a discussion among various community stakeholders about the possibility of implementing a coordinated citizen survey for Waterloo region and has continued to be involved in CWI's measurement and monitoring work group, which is tasked with developing a framework and related indicators for measuring community wellness in Waterloo Region.
- The Violence Prevention Committee (VPC) has developed a framework and strategy for collecting information from a variety of community organizations on service volumes related to interpersonal violence in Waterloo Region and expects to report to Council on findings in early 2017. Staff has also been meeting with organizations such as the Domestic Assault Review Team to discuss the VPC mandate of increasing engagement in the prevention of interpersonal violence through the monitoring and reporting on interpersonal violence in Waterloo Region.

Lead Side by Side: Leverage Dynamic Partnerships

- WRPCPC staff attended a federal budget consultation hosted by Bryan May, MP Cambridge and contributed a written submission.
- All meetings with **MPs and MPPs** have now been completed and a summary overview is attached.

Advocate for Equity and Belonging. Reduce Marginalization and Discrimination

Sector Leadership

In the News

[Waterloo Region crime prevention council sharing its insights with Winnipeg](#) (The Record, November 15, 2016)

WRCPC drug-related media

[Hamilton an opioid 'hot spot'](#) (The Spectator, November 11, 2016)

[Waterloo Region had almost 24,000 opioid users in 2015, report finds](#) (The Record, November 11, 2016)

[Ontario man charged with importing 'bootleg' fentanyl into Canada from China](#) (Global News, November 8, 2016)

[Police knew in summer about liquid fentanyl in Hamilton](#) (Hamilton Spectator, November 3, 2016)

[We Asked Experts How to Solve Canada's Opioid Crisis](#) (VICE Canada, November 1, 2016)

3-part series [Bootleg Fentanyls: Dangerous For First Responders Too](#) (CTV, October 26, 2016)

[Fentanyl showing up in more than 40% of illicit drugs](#) (Global National News, October 21, 2016)

[A Sharp Rise of Fentanyl Found in Other Drugs Has Experts Alarmed](#) (VICE Canada, October 20, 2016)

[Experts sound alarm after 40% increase of fentanyl-laced street drugs tested in Canada](#) (Global National News, October 20, 2016)

[4 overdoses reported in 2-hour span; Fentanyl suspected](#) (CTV News, October 20, 2016)

[Ontario's new opioid strategy criticized for fentanyl omissions](#) (The Record, October 14, 2016)

[New provincial opioid strategy 'a start,' but not enough](#) (Newstalk 610 CKTB, October 14, 2016)

[New provincial opioid strategy 'a start,' but not enough, drug strategy specialist says](#) (CBC, October 13, 2016)

[Ontario expands use of Suboxone to battle growing opioid crisis](#) (Global News, October 12, 2016)

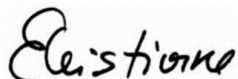
Community Corner:

- [Community Justice Initiatives-Spotlight](#) on Innovation in Restorative Justice event **Nov. 23**. More information go to
- [‘Families in a Digital World ~ a Digital Citizenship Summit’](#) on **Saturday, November 26th** from 8:30am to 2:00pm at Bluevale Collegiate. The day includes a keynote address by **Jennifer Moss** of Plasticity Labs and sessions with a variety of presenters offering topics of interest to families related to Digital Learning, Citizenship and Social Media use among children, youth and young adults.
- **A recruitment poster for participants in a local study on victimization** is included in the consent agenda materials along with an information letter. Jenniffer Olenewa, a WLU graduate student in criminology, is conducting a study to explore the needs and priorities of individuals who have been victims of multiple crimes. Organizations may wish to consider sharing or posting this to assist in recruiting participants. Jennifer recently prepared a review of knowledge exchange strategies for the WRCPC Advisory Group on Research and Evaluation as part of her studies.

Additional Information

- The nominating committee process has started. Thank you to Kelly Anthony, Denise Squire, Courtney Didier and John Shewchuk for working with Shayne Turner, Chair of Nominating. If you have any questions recommendations or comments regarding your own role please connect with Shayne no later than end of November 2016.
- Sarah Anderson has completed her 6 months contract with the WRCPC and has recently started in a new role with the city of Kitchener. During her short stay with the Council Sarah helped to advance the Friends of Crime Prevention program and quick became a valued member of the team. We wish Sarah all the very best in her future and hope that we will continue to have opportunities to collaborate.

Respectfully Submitted,



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November 15, 2016