

Smart Update (Consent Agenda) For the Meeting of WRCPC on February 19, 2016

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

1. Expand Reach through Understanding and Engagement

1. **Smart on Crime 2015-2018** – was presented to Regional Council on **Wednesday, January 20, 2016**. Thanks to all who attended and to Chris Cowie and Shayne Turner for presenting.

Smart on Crime plan:

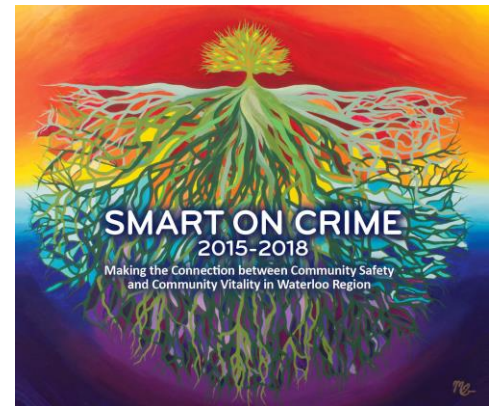
<http://preventingcrime.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/SMARTONCRIME-2015-2018.pdf>

Smart on Crime plan one-page summary:

http://preventingcrime.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/OnePager-SOCPlan2015_reader.pdf

Consultation Report:

The background document “[Root Causes of Crime in Waterloo Region Consultation Report](#)” summarizes the Strategic Planning consultation data.



The plan has been shared with local MPs, MPPs, Municipal Councils, community partners, Friends of Crime Prevention and via social media. A date has been scheduled to present to WRPS Board.

2. After 3 years of growing the Friends of Crime Prevention initiative, the Community Engagement League has developed a new framework to guide and focus our efforts to build a movement of community leaders supporting and making change for crime prevention through social development.

The Community Engagement League is asking all Friends to respond [to these 9 friendly questions](#). If you are a Friend of Crime Prevention, **please respond by February 18**.

The Community Engagement League will design the activities for 2016 based on the interests of our Friends.

- 3. HOLD THE DATE:** The **Justice Dinner** is scheduled for **Thursday, May 26, 2016** at Bingemans in Kitchener. The overarching message of “Everyone Matters” will explore issues related to mental health which was identified as a major concern in the CPC strategic plan consultation. One of our speakers will be **Lori Triano Antidormi**, who brings both a personal and professional perspective. Here is an interview with Lori about her experience: <http://www.ucobserver.org/interviews/2014/07/lori-triano-antidormi/>
- 4.** WRCPC was pleased to provide input at the **Ontario** and **Federal budget consultations** hosted by MPPs Kathryn McGarry and Daiene Vernile and MPs Brian May and Marwan Tabbarra respectively. Written submissions were also provided.

2. Base Change in Good Evidence and Innovation

- 1. Educational Events about Intimate Partner Violence (IPV):** WRCPC is a member of the Health Engagement Task Force (of the Domestic Assault Review Team, DART) which seeks to increase awareness of and screening for intimate partner violence. Over the past year we have partnered with the Human Resources Professionals Association (HRPA) and the Public Services Health and Safety Association to offer educational events to increase awareness of the impact of IPV in the workplace. A second event was held at Carizon on January 20th for an HRPA Peer Networking Group. Highly positive evaluations indicate an improved understanding of services available and the steps they can take to prevent and address IPV in the workplace. They have requested this training to become an annual event.

3. Lead Side by Side: Leverage Dynamic Partnerships

- 1. School Say Hi Day** – September 22, 2016 will be the **10th Annual Say Hi Day!** In celebration of this milestone, staff are working with Child & Youth Workers from elementary and secondary schools to brainstorm and plan some bigger than usual events for schools to take part in this year’s Say Hi Day.
- 2.** John Shewchuk presented a **2015 Connected School Award to St. Anne** in Cambridge to an excited audience of 400+ students.
- 3. THINK** – The Record invited WRCPC to submit an article for their Anti-Bullying Awareness feature for Newspapers in Schools program. Article ran Feb 9 (Local B4) and is attached.



4. The **Social Media Committee** is partnering with both school boards to present a one-day symposium for parents this spring. The committee is also considering a 4-part community speaker series in November to present issues related to digital citizenship and cyberbullying to support crime prevention week and bullying awareness week initiatives.
5. **Data Privacy Day** (Jan 28) – WRCPC co-presented this full-day staff event with Region of Waterloo Public Health and Corporate Information Management. A short presentation about the THINK campaign was also made and staff were encouraged to share within their workspace and in their role if relevant.
6. **The Overdose Monitoring, Alert and Response System (OMARS)** was formally launched by the WRIDS OMARS committee on February 9, 2016. Preceding the launch a surge in overdoses lead to an Overdose Alert being issued on January 27, 2016.
7. WRCPC members and staff continue to participate in meetings facilitated by the Region to assess the potential for creating a **Community Wellbeing Plan**. At the most recent meeting Dr. Kathy Hogarth presented results from her review of efforts in the past. Further decisions and actions are pending at this time.
8. The **National Municipal Network** inter-municipal exchanges have started and WRCPC will be meeting with visitors from Winnipeg in Waterloo Region on March 04, 2016. The momentum of the network actions has picked up significantly since we have been able to engage a consultant to support the coordination of the national project. In due course we will be looking for members of WRCPC to join the planning committee for the national symposium to be hosted in Waterloo Region in March 2017.

4. Advocate for Equity and Belonging. Reduce Marginalization and Discrimination

1. Community Engagement staff continue to support the **Breaking the Silence on Hidden Violence** working group (part of the [Rainbow Community Council](#)). This working group has prioritized “safe space” as the primary area where it wants to concentrate its efforts during 2016. In addition, the working group contributed specific questions for the first ever comprehensive needs assessment of the local LGBT community.

5. In the News

[What we know about W-18, a drug ‘100 times more powerful than fentanyl](#) (Andrew Russell, Global News, Feb. 3, 2016)

[Surge in overdoses prompt fears fentanyl use is rising in Ontario](#) (Karen Howlett, The Globe and Mail, Feb. 2, 2016)

[Police issue alert after six drug overdoses in four days, one fatal](#) (Cambridge Times, January 29, 2016)

[Bootleg fentanyl, heroin suspected in recent rash of overdoses](#) (Liz Monteiro, The Record, January 29, 2016)

[Authorities warn of bootleg Fentanyl after string of overdoses](#) (CTV, January 28, 2016)

['Ontario is not prepared': Surge in Fentanyl overdoses predicted](#) (CTV News, January 28, 2016)

[Breaking the Silence: Local working group raising awareness of hate crimes against LGBTQ community](#) (Melissa Murray, The Record, Kitchener Post & Waterloo Chronicle, Jan 13, 2016)

[Breaking the Silence aim for safe spaces for LGBTQ](#) (Erika Ymana, The Cord, Feb 3, 2016)

CBC inquiry re: Wait times for addictions treatment (CBC Radio, Jackie Sharkey, Jan 11, 2016)

[Make a Difference, Volunteer in Your Community](#) (Melissa Dunbar, Cambridge Times, Jan 6, 2016)

6. Attachments & Links:

1. Changing the Way We THINK (feature in the Record Anti-Bullying Initiative)- Feb 9, 2016
2. National Municipal Network Letter to Prime Minister Trudeau. PDF
3. Congratulatory Letter to WRCPC from Chief Bryan Larkin. PDF
4. Letter to the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness. PDF
5. Letter to Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance re: Ontario Budget submission. PDF
6. WRCPC 2016 Slate for Ratification and Letter to RC. PDF

7. Community Corner:

1. United Way Spirit Award, March 24 <http://www.uwaykw.org/event/community-spirit-awards-2/>
2. CMHAWWD Special Crisis Team and WRPS Partnership: [An Alternate Model of Mental Health Crisis Response.](#)
3. **Police, police services and community safety consultation** due April 8, 2016. Share your feedback, lived experiences and ideas to help develop a new, modern, community-based plan for policing in the province called the [Strategy for a Safer Ontario.](#)

Your feedback will be considered by the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services when it reports back on the consultations in spring 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christiane Sadeler,

Executive Director

Tuesday, February 16, 2016

Changing the way we THINK

PINK SHIRT DAY WATERLOO REGION

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

Over the last decade the ways in which we communicate with each other has changed significantly with the introduction of social media. Today, billions of people all over the planet interact using a variety of technologies. This has created a digital society that provides new opportunities for interaction for education, employment, entertainment, and social interaction.

Social networking has grown in popularity over the past ten years. Facebook allows us to get in touch with childhood friends, high school classmates and share our lives with family and friends. LinkedIn allows us to network with other business professionals. Twitter gives us instant access to celebrities while also making meaningful connections to those locally. Instagram allows us to connect through photos and comments. Pinterest connects people through shared interests and ideas.

Mobile phones, Internet access and social networking have opened many doors for people to stay connected to one another. However, in today's interconnected world, bullying poses a serious problem as children and youth are exposed to verbal and visual violence online.

In 2012, the Waterloo Region Crime Prevention Council identified the increased risk for inappropriate use of social media as an emerging issue in our community and beyond. With instant and broad access to people through social media other unfortunate trends begin to emerge. This includes:

Cyberbullying – deliberate, hostile, and aggressive behaviour communicated, sometimes anonymously, through social media and texting.

Cyberstalking – following or continually harassing someone online, typically after a person has been rejected or is simply obsessed with another person.

Sexting –texting sexually explicit nude digital images and messages (wanted and/or unwanted) to another person

Social media allows us to provide status updates, upload pictures and videos, share our exact location, anonymously comment on pictures and even 'rate' each other's physical attributes and character. People can hide behind their keystrokes not thinking of the consequences of their actions. In reality, a comment or photo can go viral within minutes, even seconds. What we post online stays online ... forever.

What is digital citizenship?

As parents we teach our children from a very young age to be respectful, kind and thoughtful. We now have a responsibility to teach our children to be good digital citizens while also modelling that same behaviour as adults.

As in any society, it is expected that digital citizens act in a certain way according to accepted norms, rules, and laws. **Digital citizenship is the norms of appropriate, responsible technology use.**

Everything we do and say online portrays an image of oneself – positive or negative. This is our online reputation; it's how people see us. What kind of reputation do we want to have? What image of ourselves are we trying to portray to the people around us?

Have the conversation with your child about their 'digital footprint'. Your child creates a digital footprint through their online actions, activities and conversations, including what they send or post about themselves or others. These are the digital tracks, or footprints, we leave behind. The photos we post, the comments we make, the things we 'Like' and share.

Teach your child to pause, reflect and THINK before they post - to ask if what they are about to post is:

- True?
- Helpful?
- Inspiring?
- Necessary?
- Kind?



The Waterloo Region Crime Prevention Council partnered with the Waterloo Region District School Board and the Waterloo Catholic District School Board to bring the THINK campaign to all schools in the region, with a special focus on students in grades 5 through 12, as a way to change attitudes and behaviour online.

The goal is to promote respectful and responsible digital citizenship through positive use of social media. The THINK campaign:

- Encourages students to respect themselves and respect others, by the choices they make in what they post to social media

- Promotes digital literacy in the classroom by engaging students in learning through educational apps and technology

- Provides teachers an opportunity to show students how to communicate with good purpose, both online and in person, and talk about expectations of good digital citizenship

- Gives students an environment in which to have a safe dialogue about how to treat others online and what to do if they or someone they know is being bullied

This regional THINK campaign has gone international since its launch in 2013 – to school boards in cities across Canada, the United States, United Kingdom and most recently Denmark.

To learn more, please visit www.preventingcrime.ca/think

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