

## Smart Update (Consent Agenda) February 20, 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 discussion of 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](http://www.preventingcrime.ca) along with minutes after approval. **Consent agendas are selective not comprehensive.** Consent agenda items whenever possible will fall under the directions of the current strategic plan.

### A. Collaborative Leadership

- 1. Engaging Marginalized Youth** –The next meeting of an emerging and energized steering group is expected to occur in late March. The group plans to develop a region-wide (marginalized) youth engagement strategy.
- 2. Neighbourhood Engagement** – Community Engagement Staff are still involved in assessing & supporting the significant challenges experienced by a Kitchener neighbourhood. Together, with two partners, we expect to secure enough funds to hire two Youth Outreach Workers for one year as a pilot project. Immediate priorities in the next month are to distribute the job postings, hire excellent candidates, develop an evaluation framework, and begin looking for additional funding to support the initiative beyond one year. In parallel, the City of Kitchener is beginning a comprehensive neighbourhood planning initiative that will address issues on a broader neighbourhood-wide scope. WRCPC staff expect to be involved in this also.
- 3. The Community Engagement League** (the newest ‘committee’ of WRCPC) began its work in December 2014. The CEL is tasked with a two-year commitment and its primary work activities are to 1) develop and boost a strategy for the Friends of Crime Prevention network, and, 2) develop and



implement a process for defining and deeply understanding the “prevention” value of WRPCPC with respect to crime prevention through social development and community engagement. We are just getting started, but this is a cracker-jack group of seasoned community engagers so you can expect exciting things from this group!

4. The **National Municipal Network** for Crime Prevention has finally negotiated the contribution agreement challenges based on the need for tri-partie agreements when municipalities in Quebec receive federal funding. The official launch date has been set for April 01, 2015. Meanwhile a consultant has been engaged to update the city profiles and also draft a report for municipalities to remind their respective Councils of the commitments they made years ago to being part of the network. While the funding will significantly boost the efforts of the network, it will also demand specific in-kind contributions from all municipalities. A face-to-face meeting is expected for June 2015 in Montreal and regional mentoring and training opportunities will follow in short order. Waterloo Region is expected to host one face-to-face meeting in 2016 because of its longstanding leadership on the network.
5. Members of the **Waterloo Region Integrated Drugs Strategy** Steering Committee have completed interviews for a part time coordinator over to be administratively hosted by the Kitchener Downtown Community Health Centre. The Ontario Trillium Foundation has provided funding for 3 years. Two new working groups from the Harm Reduction pillar have been formed and are to meet March 2 to begin implementation of recommendations 39 and 45.
6. **CPC Position on Bill C-36 (Prostitution Law Reform):** CPC staff presented Council’s position statement to the Sex Worker Action Network (SWAN) in KW and in Guelph. The resolution adopted by Council received positive reviews from both SWANS and has encouraged them to consider developing position statements for their organizations. In December, we sent our position statement to the Ontario Attorney General, following Premier Wynne’s expression of concern about the impacts of Bill C-36 on the safety of sex workers and her request to the Attorney General to review Bill C-36. The position and backgrounder were also shared with local MPP’s during meetings with Council members in December. The statement and backgrounder to the statement can be found on our website at [http://www.preventingcrime.net/?ww\\_pageid=1BCDF499-0FEC-D362-0316198A7AB7DB5D](http://www.preventingcrime.net/?ww_pageid=1BCDF499-0FEC-D362-0316198A7AB7DB5D)
7. The **Smart on Crime Plan Evaluation** findings were presented by Rishia Burke and Richard Lau to Regional Council on February 11, 2015. Thanks to CPC members and Friends of Crime Prevention that joined us in Council Chambers for the presentation. A [Summary of the Evaluation Report](#) is available online, as is the [Full Evaluation Report](#).
8. **WRPCPC 2015 Sector Appointments** approved by Regional Council at the regular meeting on February 11, 2015. Please see attached

## B. Education and Learning

- The **30 Days of THINK contest** concluded November 30. All individual prizes have been administered. There are still a few class/school presentations as part of the prizing to be delivered in the coming months.
- The **Social Media Committee** met on January 21. Upon review of the work completed to date and the success of the committee, members agreed to continue to meet for one more year and look at options for sustaining momentum of THINK; keeping up with requests and reaching new audiences. A report updating Regional Council on the THINK campaign and the work of the Social Media Committee to date will go forward on March 24.
- The **Justice Dinner Committee** met on December 15, 2014 and on January 26, 2015. The Committee discussed the dinner theme and format. After reviewing and discussing the evaluation from last year's Justice Dinner, it was decided to use the 6 x 8 Smart Talks format again this year. The Back to the Future theme will focus on a leadership thread. Along with WRPS Chief Bryan Larkin and retired Chief of Police Larry Gravill, four other speakers have been invited to speak and the committee members are in the process of confirming them. The committee is recommending an increase in the ticket price from \$50 to \$60 to break even. We will begin to promote the Justice Dinner in late February and ticket sales will begin at that time. **Mark your calendars for Thursday, April 23, 2015** at Bingemans.
- On February 12, 2015, staff of the WRCPC supported DART's delivery of training for nursing, social services, police and justice students at Conestoga College. This training is a continuation of The Missing Pieces report recommendation to provide training to health care professionals on screening for intimate partner violence. Training is also scheduled for February 27, 2015 for dentists and dental hygienists.
- **Breaking the Silence on Hidden Violence** – True to our commitment to attendees of the initial event on November 14, 2014, we hosted a follow up event on Friday, February 6 at the Family Centre. Seventeen people attended with many more sending regrets. The goals of the day were to:
  - Reflect upon and prioritize identified recommendations
  - Discuss the connections between various participants interest and/or organizational mandates
  - Explore means to tackle priority recommendations
  - Articulate what will be required to support collaborative action
  - Affirm commitments to leadership



- Identify required 'next steps'

Some very concrete actions were just beginning to emerge by the end of the session. We will meet again soon to keep this work moving forward. Thanks to Judith Lodi, Bill Walters & Asnake Meshesha for the efforts in planning and designing a healthy community process that keeps us & the community equally engaged with a commitment to collaborative leadership.

## C. Research & Inquiry

1. Police recently released data on calls for service in 2011, 2012 and 2013. Crime Prevention Council staff are analyzing this data along with socio-economic data to produce a report on the spatial distribution of the root causes of crime in Waterloo Region.
2. Data collection for the first phase of the WRCPC Strategic Plan has been completed. Twenty-four consultations were held with local organizations, over 750 phone survey responses were solicited and our online survey received over 200 responses. The data is being analyzed by staff and will be presented as part of the Friends of Crime Prevention meeting in March.
3. WRCPC staff continue to work on a Circles of Support Program proposal for men in half way houses. Community Justice Initiatives has agreed to take the lead on a July Trillium application. Partnerships are currently being developed with a number of local agencies to facilitate the grant application and, if funding is successful, to aid in program delivery.

## D. In the News

**War on Drugs whack-a-mole, with no solution in sight** – Michael Parkinson (National Post Editorial, January 30, 2015)

**Public health officials consider province-wide overdose prevention program** – Michael Parkinson (Calgary Herald, Reid Southwick, January 29, 2015)

**Give addicts access to antidote, crime prevention official urges in wake of rising deaths** – Michael Parkinson (Calgary Herald, Reid Southwick, January 28, 2015)

**Graffiti on new Weber St. Overpass** – Christiane Sadeler (CTV Kitchener, Tyler Calver, Jan 9, 2015)

**Project Pinecreek drug bust** – Michael Parkinson (CTV Kitchener, Nicole Lampa, Dec. 19, 2015)

**Mother and son teamed up to sell drug linked to OD deaths** – Michael Parkinson (Waterloo Region Record, Brian Caldwell, December 18, 2014)

**Teaching kids to THINK before using social media** (Kitchener Citizen East, Dec. 4, 2014)

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**Homicide Stats** – Chris Sadeler (570 News Midday Show w/Eric Drozd, Dec. 3, 2014)

**THINK campaign encourages kids to use social media the right way** (Waterloo Chronicle, Dec. 3, 2014)

**THINK Campaign** – John Shewchuk (570 News Midday Show w/Eric Drozd, Dec 2, 2014)

**Interview** w/ Helen Kennedy, EGALE (570 News @ Noon, Hayley Zimak, Nov. 13, 2014)

## **E. Community Partners Corner/ Additional Information of Interest:**

1. The Region of Waterloo and Area Municipalities are looking for members of the community interested in applying for a position on the inaugural Board of Directors of the [Waterloo Region Economic Development Corporation \(WREDC\)](#).
2. Invitation from the Social Innovation Research Group (SIRG), Lyle S. Hallman Faculty of Social Work: **Everyday: Freedom from Gendered Violence Symposium**.  
**Dates: Wednesday**, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 4:00p.m.-9:00p.m.and  
**Thursday**, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 9:00a.m.-3:30p.m.  
The deadline for Registration: March 1, 2015 @ 11:59 p.m.  
To register contact Lauren Burrows at [lburrows@wlu.ca](mailto:lburrows@wlu.ca)

## **F. Attachments and Links:**

1. [Poverty Indicators in Waterloo Region: Status Report 2014](#)
2. The **Physical Punishment Update** #15 is available on the Joint Statement page of the CHEO website: ([www.cheo.on.ca/en/physicalpunishment](http://www.cheo.on.ca/en/physicalpunishment)). These periodic Updates summarize Canadian and international developments and research regarding physical punishment of children.
3. WRPCPC 2015 Appointments approved by Regional Council. PDF

For more information on any of the above, please connect with a member of the WRCPC staff team.

Respectfully submitted  
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