

Smart Update (Consent Agenda) For the Meeting of WRPCPC on October 14, 2016

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

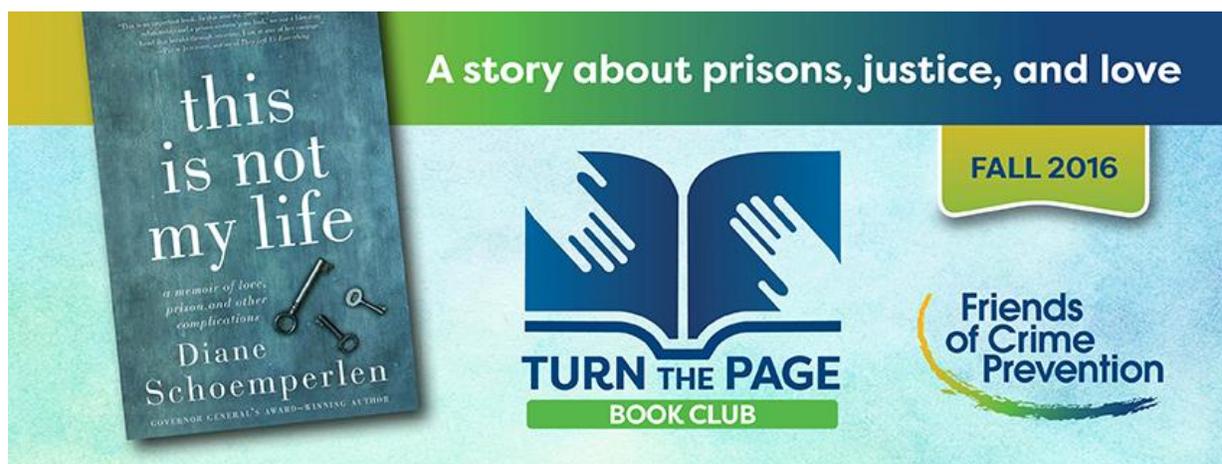
1. Expand Reach through Understanding and Engagement

- Read [Beyond the Porch](#) to learn more about many of the local resources & organizations discussed by participants during the Porch Chat Series hosted by Friends of Crime Prevention in June 2016.
- The Social Media Committee has wrapped after 4 years of dedication and commitment. Planned efforts have been transitioned off and the **THINK** campaign will remain active in our community. Committee members were presented with posters at an appreciation lunch as a thank you. The closure of this stream of work will allow for the Community Relations Committee to start up again and focus on some other areas of Council’s work. Many thanks to all members, past and present, who made the social media committee such a collaboration success story!
- While the social media committee comes to a close, the intent of THINK continues:
 - The City of Kitchener is including the THINK message in its **Little Black Book for Youth**, a resource directory for local youth – in the section of online safety tips for youth the THINK info has been added as a helpful guideline.
 - WRPCPC is supporting ‘**Families in a Digital World ~ a Digital Citizenship Summit**’ hosted by the WRDSB for families of children attending WRDSB schools 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 3 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. Information can be found at <http://dcsummit.weebly.com>

- WRPCPC staff has responded to **two neighbourhoods** in Waterloo and Kitchener that are experiencing a variety of challenges such as vehicle break-ins, vandalism, and conflicts between neighbours, including between youth and older residents. Our approach has been to listen, help build connections between neighbours, draw in community partners, and share information about reducing fear of crime and Crime Prevention through Environmental Design.
- Friends of Crime Prevention is hosting [Turn the Page Book Club](#), a community reading project to get people reading, thinking and talking about justice, stigma, and creating safe communities. First, read **This Is Not My Life** by award-winning writer Diane Schoemperlen. Then use the [Reading Guide](#) to discuss the book's themes with family, friends, or book group. [Register](#) with the book club to win prizes. Finally, [join us on November 3](#) for a panel discussion with the author. Thanks for the support from the Community Engagement League, Community Justice Initiatives, the Kitchener Public Library, Wild Writers Literary Festival, and WordsWorth Books.



- WRPCPC participated in the Sexual Assault Support Centre community event - **Take Back the Night** - with an information table hosted by staff and a Friend of Crime Prevention. It provided an opportunity to raise awareness of the role of the WRPCPC in promoting community safety and of the Friends of Crime Prevention network.
- WRPCPC is partnering with Conestoga College's Community Safety and Criminal Justice Degree Program to carry out a **historical analysis project**. The project serves to convey the story of crime prevention in Waterloo Region, in a way that is relevant and accessible to the community at large as well as to other communities and municipalities. A number of knowledge products (e.g. narrative essay/article, primer, infographics) are anticipated to come out of this project by the end of 2017. The project will help to inform the work of

collaborative initiatives such as WRCPC whether they are focused on crime prevention or other areas that need multi-sector attention.

- We participated in the **48th Annual Oktoberfest Thanksgiving Day Parade** on Monday, October 10 with our Say HI float, accompanied by several volunteer Say Hi walkers. Thanks to all our volunteers



2. Base Change in Good Evidence and Innovation

- **Staff is collaborating with the Health Engagement Task Force** sub-committee of the Domestic Assault Review Team to develop an information sheet about primary prevention of family violence to distribute at **DART** educational events. This will compliment the current work of the committee which is focused on increased screening and early intervention in health care and work place settings.
- A WRCPC working group was tasked with responding from a prevention perspective to the Ontario government's report and legislation concerning **sexual violence and harassment**. The group had two productive dialogues and Council can expect to see the response document in November.
- During the Council retreat we shared a chart that summarized the **evidence for shared risk and protective factors** for different forms of interpersonal violence that could support integrated prevention efforts. The first link below is to the research brief produced by the Prevention Institute and the Centres for Disease Control that is the source of this chart. The chart appears on pages 8 and 9. The Division for Disease Control and Prevention of the Violence Prevention of the Centres has made this a cornerstone of their 5 year vision for violence reduction and determined strategic directions based on the interconnections between different forms of violence (second link).

https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/connecting_the_dots-a.pdf

http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/strategic_vision.pdf

- WRCPC is grateful to Jennifer Olenewa, a Master's student in criminology, for working with the WRCPC on a directed studies course. Jennifer produced an excellent report and presentation to the **Advisory Group on Research and Evaluation (AGORE)** on knowledge exchange strategies for crime prevention through social development.
- WRCPC has provided input into the **Vital Signs** report - as a member of the expert panel-compiled by the Kitchener-Waterloo Community Foundation. The report serves as a snapshot of Waterloo Region in the following areas: community belonging, arts and

culture, life transitions as well as health and wellness. Input was provided regarding both the content and the process. The report is scheduled to be released on October 12.

- WRPCPC is taking part in the Measurement and Monitoring working group of the **Community Wellness** Initiative. The group is working on developing a (measurement and monitoring) system to reflect the state of community wellness in Waterloo Region. The timeline for this project is approximately one year i.e. until October 2017.
- Wilfrid Laurier University's Centre for Community Research, Learning and Action (CCRLA) has been selected to conduct the **evaluation of the WRPCPC's Smart on Crime 2015-2018** community plan. CCRLA will work in close association with WRPCPC to develop an evaluation framework by the end of this year and implement it over the next two years. The project will use a developmental evaluation approach so that learning, responsiveness and adjustments are integrated into the process.
- The first steps of the **Youth Engagement Strategy** for the Waterloo Region have been completed. WRPCPC hired two summer students, Brandon Hey and Joel Badali, to carry out formative work for the strategy. The students accomplished a great deal of work in a short period of time – a literature review, an environmental scan, interviews with service providers working with youth- among them. They produced a report outlining key elements that need to be considered in order to ensure the strategy is truly inclusive and effective. As well, a presentation on the findings was made to a number of service providers to help with the next steps of the strategy. Funding for one of the positions was provided by Service Canada.
- A grant application to the Ontario150 Fund was made to support the civic engagement of marginalized youth as an important first step to the creation of a regional **Youth Engagement Strategy**. The grant application came from a local collaborative and if successful, will be hosted by the Kinbridge Community Association.
- The neighbourhood-based **Youth Navigators** project continues to progress with positive results however, barring additional funding; the project will fold early in 2017.
- Michael provided evidence at [The House of Commons Standing Committee on Health](#) hearings on Bill C-224 (The Good Samaritan Overdose Act). Our research from 2012 (Between Life and Death: The Barriers to Calling 911 During an Overdose Emergency) underpins Bill C-224. In September, Bill C-224 was referred back to the House for 3rd reading.
- Michael attended a forum with the Honourable Jane Philpott and others in public health, medicine, and justice etc. to chart policy options for evidence-based Canadian drug policy.

3. Lead Side by Side: Leverage Dynamic Partnerships

- Friends of Crime Prevention participated in the **City of Kitchener's Neighbourhood Strategy** Consultation on August 9. Thanks to Friends Nahla, Morgan, Carolyn, and Nathan for sharing your ideas in the focus group.

- On August 10, WRCPC staff participated in **Reconciliation** Leading the Way, a canoe trip organized by local organizations including Healing of the Seven Generations, Anishnabeg Outreach, Kitchener-Waterloo Urban Native Wigwam Project, White Owl Native Ancestry, and Waterloo Regional Police Service



- WRCPC staff supported the [LGBTQ Research in Action: A Community Conversation](#) hosted by the Waterloo Region Rainbow Coalition on September 28, 2016
- All meetings with **MPs and MPPs** have now been completed and a report will be forthcoming about the topics of discussion and the outcomes from the meetings. Thank you to all members of Council who stepped up and supported these dialogues.
- WRCPC staff were asked to participate in a consultation with the Honourable Minister of Families, Children and Social Development Jean-Yves Duclos to provide input on the **New Urban Agenda** that will be brought forward in Quito by Habitat III of the UN in October 2016. The consultation by the Minister remains open and members of WRCPC are encouraged to provide [input](#)
- The model of the WRCPC featured in a staff presentation together with the Canadian Municipal Network on Crime Prevention at a **Federal Territorial Provincial (FTP) working group of Public Safety Canada** in Ottawa in October. From these and other presentations it is increasingly clear that the Waterloo Region municipal approach to crime prevention through social development is well advanced when compared to other municipalities, in part due to the early leadership from Regional Council and the Regional Chair and the then Chief of Police in partnership with many key decision makers in the community, going back to 1994. While this gives credit to this community the challenges of charting the next iteration is that there is little to lean on by way of Canadian experience. Participation in the Canadian Municipal Network for Crime Prevention remains critical both for showing leadership in these developments and for the benefit coming from it being a vibrant community of practice.
- The WRCPC issued a [Bootleg Fentanyl's Advisory](#) with the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police with endorsements from groups comprised of Medical Health Officers, public health officials, clinical and research-oriented physicians, municipal drug strategies and others. The WRCPC was the first organization in Canada to issue an Advisory on the bootleg fentanyl's in

[June 2013](#) with Peterborough Police Service. The issues identified in 2013 and in previous WRPC reports (e.g. health surveillance, expanded naloxone access and protocols etc.) remain issues in 2016. All indications point to the bootleg fentanyls driving up overdose deaths in 2016.

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

- On August 22nd the City of Waterloo Council endorsed the [Breaking the Silence](#) report. Thanks to the Breaking the Silence (BTS) Working Group of the Rainbow Community Council for continuing to advocate for the report's implementation. Friend D Morton and City of Waterloo's Pamela Albrecht spoke on behalf of the BTS Working Group at City Council. In endorsing the report, Councillor Jeff Henry spoke strongly about the need for city staff to consider the inclusion of LGBTQ people in all that the city does.
- The **10th Annual School Say HI Day** took place on September 22, 2016 in partnership with the WRDSB and WCDSB at schools across Waterloo Region. We had a team of ambassadors including local media, Regional Councillors, CPC members and staff that visited 20 schools and presented at 10 school assemblies to say hi and hand out stickers/buttons. This year Say Hi Day was also supported by :
 - WRPS with video message from Chief Bryan Larkin and School Resource Officer participation
 - Video messages from all five local MP's
 - Marwan Tabbara presented Say HI to the House of Commons.
 - As well local MPP Daiene Vernile shared the success of Say HI Day with Queen's Park.
 - The Kitchener Rangers supported the day with video greetings from players encouraging students to Say Hi
 - Student Transportation Services of Waterloo Region provided 500 bus drivers with Say HI buttons to wear on Say Hi Day
 - The Record's Newspapers in Education program ran a series of four half-page articles we wrote and produced with a focus on Say Hi Day. The articles were released in the days leading up to Say Hi Day. The topics included Why Say Hi, Diversity in Schools, and School-Based Activities that Promote Inclusion.



Our 2016 Connected School Award winners were **Sir Edgar Bauer** and **MacGregor Public School**. The award and \$500.00 cheque presentations will be made in the coming weeks.

- WRCPC staff and staff from the Immigration Partnership Council met with staff from the **Economic Development division** of the Region to begin a process of collaboration as per Smart on Crime plan. The emphasis of the dialogue was about the importance of developing economic process that goes beyond business development to the notion of “no-one being left behind”.
- The WRCPC continues to be a key drug-related resource to health units, police services, pharmacists, physicians, hospital EDs, coroners, municipalities, MPs and MPPs and others across the province. There is nowhere to refer requests to and we are unable to continue meeting the demand, declining most of the inquiries for assistance that land before us. Requests to provincial-level authorities for assistance to support this work have not produced any results.

5. Sector Leadership:

Upon request, the Region of Waterloo **Public Health** provided the Crime Prevention Council with an update on overdose-related harm reduction initiatives. **Please see PDF attached.**

6. In the News

[10th Annual Say Hi Day celebrated at local schools](#), October 2016, Kitchener Citizen

[Waterloo Region celebrates Say Hi Day](#), September 28, 2016, Ayr News

[It's Say Hi Day in our local schools](#), September 22, 2016, 570 News

Say Hi Day interview (10 minutes) w/ Tracy Jasmins, September 22, 2016, Jennifer Campbell Show on 570 News and rebroadcast on Rogers Television

[City of Waterloo endorses Breaking the Silence](#), August 22, 2016, CTV News

WRCPC plus drug-related media summary

[There's no good antidote for super heroin laced with elephant tranquilizer](#) (VICE Canada, October 3, 2016)

[Powerful W-18 drug showing up more frequently on Canada's streets](#) (Toronto Star, October 3, 2016)

[Bad medicine: The fentanyl epidemic](#) (The Spectator, October 1, 2016)

Editorial: [Kids are going to die from fentanyl abuse too](#) (The Spectator, October 1, 2016)

[We Still Have No Idea How Many People in Canada Have Died of Fentanyl Overdoses](#) (VICE Canada, September 27, 2016)

[Surdoses mortelles de fentanyl en Ontario : les intervenants réclament plus d'information de la province](#) (ICI Radio Canada, September 26, 2016)

[Focus Ontario](#) (Global News Network, September 24, 2016)

[Opioid overdose 'crisis' in Ontario, yet critics say there's no real time tracking of data](#) (Global News, September 23, 2016 (5:30/6/11))

[Ontario 'slow to respond' to growing opioid overdose crisis: experts](#) (Global News, September 23, 2016)

Twelve: CBC Radio interviews: Metro Morning/ Sudbury/ Kitchener Waterloo/ Kamloops/ Whitehorse/ Ottawa/ Cape Breton/ Gander/ Yellowknife/ Saskatoon/ Victoria

[Radio Canada International](#) (September 22, 2016)

[Fentanyl and heroin usage a result of drug monitoring, says outreach worker](#) (CBC Nova Scotia, September 19, 2016)

Five: CBC Radio interviews: P.E.I./ Moncton/ St. John/ Sydney/ Nova Scotia

[Nova Scotia may start reporting on drug overdose deaths](#) (CBC Nova Scotia, September 15, 2016)

[The Case for a National Drug Overdose Database](#) (CBC Information Morning, September 15, 2016)

[Shocking photos of Ohio overdose victims problematic, say addiction experts](#) (Global News, September 10, 2016)

[The dangers of fentanyl](#) (CBC Ontario Today, September 6, 2016)

Editorial: [Queen's Park must tackle fentanyl crisis](#) (Orillia Today, September 1, 2016)

Editorial: [Early warning about looming fentanyl crisis is the right move](#) (The Record, September 2, 2016)

[Health Canada cracking down on chemicals used to make fentanyl](#) (CBC B.C., August 31, 2016)

['We're sitting on a ticking time bomb'; Police warn fentanyl crisis coming to Ontario](#) (Woodstock Sentinel, August 31, 2016)

[We will never arrest our way out of drug addiction](#) (The Record, August 31, 2016)

[Police and community groups sound alarm about fentanyl crisis in Ontario](#) (CFRA 580 Ottawa, August 29, 2016: No link to interview audio)

Bootleg Fentanyls are here and now (1130 Newstalk Ottawa, August 30, 2016: No link to interview audio)

Opioids, Addiction and Death (Michigan Public Radio, August 30, 2016)

[Synthetic fentanyl a growing concern for Ontario police, community groups](#) (CTV National, August 30, 2016)

[Année record de surdoses et de saisies de fentanyl en Ontario](#) (Radio Canada International, August 29, 2016)

[Dire Fentanyl Warning for Ontario](#) (CBC National, August 29, 2016)

[Province-Wide Warning About Bootleg Fentanyl in Recreational Drugs Issued in Ontario](#) (VICE Canada, August 29, 2016)

[An unprepared Ontario faces imminent fentanyl crisis, groups warn](#) (Globe and Mail, August 29, 2016)

[Fentanyl crisis coming to Ontario, police and community groups warn](#) (CBC, August 29, 2016)

[Ontario could be next in bootleg fentanyl crisis](#) (The Record, August 29, 2016)

Plus approximately 71 other media outlets in September

- [Everything We Know About Counterfeit Fentanyl Pills, Which May Have Killed Prince](#) (VICE Canada, August 22, 2016)
- [Does 19-year-old's overdose death make case for 'Good Samaritan' law?](#) (Hamilton Spectator, August 6, 2016)
- [How Ontario's Opioid Overdose Strategy Is Failing Drug Users](#) (VICE Canada, July 29, 2016)
- [Ontario delists high dose opioids](#) (CTV Kitchener, July 26, 2016)

- [Canada's biggest province won't pay for the most potent opioid prescriptions anymore](#) (VICE Canada, July 25, 2016)
- [Opioid antidote now free at Ontario pharmacies](#) (Hamilton Spectator, July 11, 2016)
- [Opioid Overdose Antidote Will Now Be Given to Ontario Inmates Released from Prison](#) (VICE Canada, July 5, 2016)
- [Naloxone to be immediately distributed to released inmates in Ontario](#) (Globe and Mail, July 4, 2016)
- [Nobody knows just how bad the fentanyl crisis is right now in Canada's biggest province](#) (VICE Canada, June 23, 2016)

7. Community Corner:

- The [Charter for Inclusive Communities](#) successfully launched across Canada on July 5, 2016.
- [Integrating Knowledges: Truth & Reconciliation Summit](#) will be hosted on October 14-16, by the Faculty of Arts and Waterloo Aboriginal Education Centre. [Register](#) for this free summit including keynote speaker Cindy Blackstock on October 14.
- The Anti-Racism Directorate comes to Waterloo Region on October 24, 2016, hosted by Minister Responsible for Anti-Racism, Michael Coteau. Share your ideas about addressing systemic racism in Waterloo Region. Location & timing details to be posted on the [Anti-Racism Directorate site](#).
- Save the Date! November 23rd, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. A Spotlight on Innovation in Restorative Justice. In Celebration of Restorative Justice Week at Conrad Grebel University College. More details to follow.
- The WRIDS has hired a new coordinator to facilitate the implementation of the Waterloo Region Integrated Drugs Strategy. Lindsay Sprague replaces Paul Gregory in this Trillium-funded position administratively hosted by the Kitchener Downtown Community Health Centre.

8. Additional Information

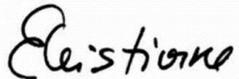
- A new study calculates the **costs of criminal offending**. The comprehensive cost estimates (including victim, criminal justice and corrections costs) for a fifteen year period calculated from a sample of Ontario youth offenders (age 12 – 26) are:
 - high-rate offenders cost between \$12 and \$17 million each
 - medium-rate individuals cost approximately \$8 million each
 - and low-rate offenders cost about \$3.5 million each

They conclude that the best way to reduce the costs of crime is “through strategic prevention and early intervention programming” and that “tremendous costs savings can be gained if effective developmental crime prevention programs successfully target high-risk children and youth.” Full report at:

<https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/rsracs/pblctns/mntry-cst-crmnl-trjctrs/report-en.pdf>

- The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics released “**Youth court statistics in Canada, 2014/2015**”. The good news is that almost all types of completed youth court cases decreased in 2014/2015 in most provinces and Ontario had 23% fewer completed youth cases. Read more at: <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/85-002-x/2016001/article/14656-eng.htm>
- The **review of the governance policy** changes has been deferred to December 2016 at which time staff should have the new root causes foundational statement ready for WRCPD approval. If you have not had a chance to review the policy document please do so over the next couple of months in anticipation of that meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



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October 11, 2016