

WRCPC Minutes

October 16, 2015

WCSWR – Anselma House

700 Heritage Drive, Kitchener, ON

Community Room

9:00a.m. to 11:30a.m. (8:30a.m. networking)

Present: Alison Scott, Bill Davidson, Bill Wilson, Chris Cowie, Courtney Didier, Don Roth, Felix Munger, Helen Jowett, Irene O’Toole, Jane Mitchell, Joe-Ann McComb, Laurie Strome, Liz Vitek, Mark Pancer, Marla Pender, Mary Zilney, Sharon Ward-Zeller, Shayne Turner, Tom Galloway, Pari Karim, Peter Ringrose, Mark Poland

Regrets: Andrew Jackson, Angela Vanderheyden, Barry Cull, Christine Bird, Denise Squire, Derek Haime, Douglas Bartholomew-Saunders, Doug Thiel, Frank Johnson, Jennifer Mains, John Shewchuk, Michael Beazely, Mike Haffner, Pari Karem, Peter Rubenschuh, Sharlene Sedgwick-Walsh

Staff: Chris Sadeler, Mary Anna Allen, Michael Parkinson (to 9:25am), Tracy Jasmins

Chair: Chris Cowie

Recorder: M. Allen

No.	Item
1.	<p>Welcome and Brief Introductions:</p> <p>Chris Cowie welcomed guests and WRCPC and introductions were made.</p>
2.	<p>Approval of Agenda:</p> <p>Addition: Ontario Municipal Leader Action Plan for circulation, discussion and endorsement.</p> <p>Addition: An article about lapsed funding at the National Crime Prevention Centre. This information will be shared as part of item number 11. Federal Election and Crime Prevention.</p> <p>Moved by Alison Scott as amended and seconded by Mary Zilney. Carried.</p>
3.	<p>Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None</p>
4.	<p>Approval of the Minutes September 11, 2015</p> <p>4.1 Business Arising</p> <p>Moved by Bill Davidson and seconded by Sharon Ward-Zeller. Carried.</p>

Breaking the Silence On Hidden Violence:

Christiane reminded the WRCPC that Bill Walters will be presenting the Breaking the Silence On Hidden Violence report, on behalf of the WRCPC, to the Regional Council Community Services Committee on November 17th, 2015. The Committee meeting starts at 9:00a.m.

Municipal Drug Strategy Coordinators Network of Ontario:

A written request from the Drug Strategy Coordinators Network of Ontario is going forward to the Ontario government asking the government to consider issues pertaining to a lack of Ontario overdose coordination as well as an overdose action plan. **The Network is asking the WRCPC for endorsement of this request to the Province to take on a leadership role by establishing a single point of entry into the system to facilitate and coordinate the various partners that have a stake in overdose prevention.** The Network is hoping to present to both the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Health on October 29th, 2015 with a request for a coordinator position and an overdose action plan. Locally, we have begun some efforts to develop an overdose response plan from an emergency response perspective but we are not guided by an Ontario approach or template.

Moved by Don Roth and seconded by Shayne Turner. Carried

The direction from the Network is to take the letter back to Municipal Drug Strategy Coordinators Network of Ontario and then to the WRIDS steering group next Wednesday and to the local partners. It was suggested to include physician signatures endorsing the letter. WRCPC members are also encouraged to share the letter. Bill Davidson offered to send the letter to all of Community Health Centres in his area.

Tom Galloway shared that Michael Parkinson, staff with the WRCPC, did a great job on the TVO program: **The Agenda - Opioid Crisis in Ontario** (Sept. 23, 2015) which can be viewed here: [5min. Summary](#) and the [45 min Full Episode](#).

[‘Clear Out Your Medicine Cabinet’](#) campaign posters are available for distribution. This campaign was initiated by the WRCPC and taken on by the Waterloo Region Integrated Drugs Strategy (WRIDS).

National Municipal Network (NMN):

Christiane shared that she is hoping to step back from her role as Chair of the National Municipal Network after well over 6 years. She will assist the NMN in recruiting a new Chair and stay on the steering committee. She will also assist with the hiring of the Coordinator for the National Municipal Network. Interviews will be held in early November and the network is scheduled for its first face-to-face federally funded meeting in the first week of December 2015 in Montreal.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda – Smart Updates

Moved by Alison Scott and seconded by Mary Zilney. Carried.

<p>6.</p>	<p>Human Animal Vulnerability Coalition Presentation - Mary Zilney and Alison Scott - for information and discussion. Please see PPT attached.</p> <p>Mary Zilney and Alison Scott presented the work of the Human Animal Vulnerability Coalition (HAV) . Alison Scott is the Co-Chair for the group. Mary is Chair of Education and Research Committee. Mary was instrumental in starting this initiative.</p> <p>It is important that pets are cared for when organizations are dealing with vulnerable populations in challenging housing situations because it can affect the decision making of persons in need of support. Pets are not allowed into shelters because it is a potential liability issue. Additionally, it would not be feasible because of the costs associated with sheltering a pet.</p> <p>The primary purpose of the HAV Coalition is to facilitate and advocate coordinated, seamless and effective services for issues related to human and animal vulnerability and/or violence within the community of Waterloo Region.</p> <p>The Coalition also wants to create awareness of the link between violence towards people and animals. When there is violence towards animals, it can be an indicator of violence in other relationships.</p> <p>A one-day training session for the community was held in September. Training was also delivered to local agencies in the first year of the Coalition. There is an opportunity for bringing together lead partners locally and providing training for service providers.</p> <p>The Coalition is looking for volunteers for its sub-committee and coordinating committee. If interested please contact Mary Zilney and/or Alison Scott directly.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Nominating Committee - Shayne Turner - for information and consultation</p> <p>Motion to go into closed session moved by Irene O’Toole and seconded by Felix Munger. Carried.</p> <p>Motion to come out of closed session moved by Jane Mitchell and Alison Scott.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Sector Leadership Approach - Shayne Turner and Chris Cowie - for collaboration and discussion</p> <p>A brief history of the development of the Sector Roundtable Approach was provided.</p> <p>As part of an organizational redesign, the WRCPC adopted the “sector leadership” approach to broaden engagement in the community and bring together a greater number of sectors, organizations, and priority populations that are already engaged in crime prevention activities. The purpose was to engage more people while reducing the size of the Council table. The Friends of Crime Prevention was also developed at the same time to assist in this effort.</p>

A sector roundtable approach means that Council members represent a sector rather than their own organizations. Each sector represents a collective voice from that area of expertise and involvement. There was a need to broaden the engagement of the sector tables and find a way to bring information to Council and back to the sector tables without the burden of sector representatives creating another table.

The challenge for the **Sector Roundtables** is the practical operational implementation. There is a need to build in some flexibility to recognize all sectors are differently organized. Many of the sector representatives on Council sit on overlapping tables, committees and coalitions. The Council was asked for recommendations to make this **Sector Roundtable Approach** manageable.

Council members shared some of their challenges and successful approaches:

- Capacity network mapping
- Sector subgroup taking on one of the activities and get on to the agenda of existing groups
- Strategically choose one key message each year that Council would like to promote. This can be applied at any table where Council members sit or through electronic communication.
- Utilize the **Friends of Crime Prevention** for people to participate.
- Develop a part-time position to coordinate the Sector Round Table approach.

There was a suggestion to bring in Dr. Pitman to do a capacity network mapping exercise to identify gaps and efficiencies.

Staff can develop some tools to help sector representatives take the joint message of crime prevention through community and social development to existing tables. With our new website, resources and presentations can be made available for the WRCP Members to use/download via the Members' section.

This feedback will go back to Facilitating Committee for further discussion.

Council members could also use a Google dashboard that integrates all your LinkedIn contacts and creates a network map. Helen Jowett will forward further information to WRCP staff.

9. **Strategic Plan – for approval**

WRCP reviewed the Strategic Plan 2015-2018. The report will **not** be ready for the Justice Dinner on October 22, 2015. Christiane will mention the Strategic Plan at the Justice Dinner during her opening comments. Staff wanted to provide more time for the Council to review the plan and provide a more formal approval than was previously possible. There are two areas the WRCP staff have brought for Regional Council to include in their Strategic Plan: 1) Engaging disengaged youth and 2) Decreasing risks and vulnerabilities as they relate to exclusion and stigma. If approved this would comprise WRCP's commitment to the Regional Strategic Plan under the strategic objective: Enhance Community Safety and Crime

Prevention.

The strategic plan Smart on Crime 2015-2018 was approved unanimously.

10. Community Safety and Well-Being Plan:

A second meeting was held about the local Community Safety and Well-Being Plan in September 2015. Meeting participants included: Ken Seiling, Regional Chair; Douglas Bartholomew-Saunders, Commissioner of Community Services; Chris Cowie, Chair of WRPCPC; Bruce Lackner, CEO of WWLHIN; Jan Varner, CEO of United Way KW; Rosemary Smith, CEO of KW Community Foundation; Mike Murray, CAO, Region of Waterloo; Bryan Larkin, Chief of Police; Tom Galloway, Chair of Police Services board; Christiane Sadeler, Executive Director of WRPCPC. It was determined at the meeting to further explore the development of a high-level plan focused on community wellness general. The leadership for facilitating the process would come through Mike Murray, CAO and Douglas Bartholomew-Saunders, Commissioner of Community Services as proposed by those present at the meeting.

The development of Community Safety and Well-Being Plans in Ontario will be legislated as part of the Ontario Police Services Act. Chief of Police Bryan Larkin has committed to working with the community on the broader efforts of a community wellness plan while meeting this anticipated new legal mandate.

The WRPCPC has written a letter to the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, Yasir Naqvi seeking further information and clarification. To date there has been no response. The Facilitating Committee recommended not writing a follow up letter at this time. There was a suggestion to bring forward to the Regional CAO the possibility of bringing in Dr. Karin Pitman to facilitate a capacity network mapping. Tom Galloway offered to forward that information on to the CAO.

Christiane announced the Ontario Symposium of Change: Community Safety and Well-Being event on October 28, 2015. The invitation was part of the Council package. Christiane is planning to attend.

11. Federal Election and Crime Prevention - Chris Cowie - for collaboration

The MPs in the past year expressed that they enjoyed the individual meetings with WRPCPC members rather than attending a full WRPCPC meeting. The conversation is more open and candid and it was felt that the WRPCPC should continue with this meeting format. The WRPCPC agreed to resume this discussion after the elections.

Feedback:

- WRPCPC has always sent out letters of congratulations to newly elected officials and should again do so.
- Make use of lobby days provincially and federally

- The National Municipal Network may be able to have its own lobby day in conjunction with FCM
- Invite MPs to a Friend session and maybe have them play a role in the meeting

Staff will send the article about lapsed funding at NCPC (that also affected the inREACH project at the time) after the meeting to members of WRCPC. The article states that the current federal government lapsed significant dollars over time: Funding for crime prevention through social development consistently lapsed 30% of the total funding available. NCPC was at first the National Crime Prevention Council and then changed to the National Crime Prevention Centre and then it became essentially a granting body coupled with knowledge mobilization. The NCPC is part of the Ministry of Public Safety and more recently divided the research and policy stream from the funding stream. The full impact on the organization structure is somewhat unclear at this time.

Staff did not create a separate set of questions for those running in the federal election but did contribute to several questions developed by local and national organizations. Staff also developed a two-page crime prevention overview for inclusion in the federal briefing notes from the Regional Chair. A copy is attached.

Staff will share the policy tracker that has been created by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities that will allow anyone to search the platforms of those running for office.

12.	Other Business: None
13.	Adjournment: Moved by Irene. Carried at 11:25a.m.