

Smart Update (Consent Agenda) For the meting of WRCPC on January 8, 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

 Smart on Crime 2015-2018 – Our strategic plan is now available for distribution. With a focus on three priority areas – youth, neighbourhoods and building the momentum for Smart on Crime – this plan outlines several actions for council over the next four years. Roll out to the community has begun and the plan is available online at <u>www.smartoncrime.ca</u>. CPC members are encouraged to share it with their sectors.



Shayne Turner, WRCPC Vice-chair, will present the plan to Regional Council on **Wednesday**, January 20 at 7:00 p.m.

in Regional Council Chambers, 150 Frederick Street. This was deferred from December 16. Everyone is invited to attend.

Full plan:

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

One page summary:

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

Consultation Report:

The background document "<u>Root Causes of Crime in Waterloo Region Consultation</u> <u>Report</u>" summarizes the Strategic Planning consultation data.

2. Base Change in Good Evidence and Innovation

Statistics Canada conducts the **General Social Survey on Victimization** every five years. This survey asks Canadians about experiences of victimization for eight offence types. The 2014 report was released in November 2015 and provides important information and insights such as the finding that "the rate of self-reported victimization decreases for all crimes except sexual assault."

Here is a highlights page <u>http://www.statcan.gc.ca/daily-quotidien/151123/dq151123a-eng.htm?cmp=mstatcan</u>

Here's the full report <u>http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/85-002-x/2015001/article/14241-eng.htm</u>

3. Lead Side by Side: Leverage Dynamic Partnerships

Data Privacy Day is January 28, 2016. The CPC has been invited by the Region's Public Health & Emergency Services to present at a staff information session about privacy and public safety, including our THINK campaign. The morning session will feature a webinar with the Information and Privacy Commissioner, among others. The afternoon will be more of a local focus with speakers and information sharing. To participate in the webinar you must register at: https://www.ipc.on.ca/english/Resources/Events/Events-Summary/?id=213

Overdose Monitoring, Alert and Response System (OMARS): At the request of the Waterloo Region Integrated Drugs Strategy (WRIDS), a committee was formed to develop a plan in anticipation of bootleg fentanyl arriving in Waterloo Region. WRCPC has considerable experience in this regard and an update will be provided at our January WRCPC meeting.

An initiative lead by CJI with multiple partners, including WRCPC and some members, that focuses on reducing youth involvement with adult criminal justice systems has been accepted for in-kind support of up to \$5,000 to assist the initiative and improve the collective impact.

Arts funding proposal to prevent sexual violence through art and social media work: WRCPC partnered with CAFKA (Contemporary Art Forum Kitchener and Area) to submit a proposal to prevent sexual violence through forum theatre and social media with a focus on younger generations. Several other organizations in the community have also applied for this funding. The hope is that the WRCPC and CAFKA proposal does not compete with the other proposals but rather complements them by focusing on a younger generation and by utilizing a previously evidence-based project about the capacity of forum theatre to generate peer messages that are well received and impact attitude and behaviour.

National Municipal Network: The work of the network has increased due to having some dedicated staff resources and an ambitious workplan. Most recently Nunavut crime prevention staff spent some time with the staff of the WRCPC partly in anticipation of joining the national network and also to form a partnership with WRCPC. Additionally the first exchange pilot is scheduled for March and will involve a visit to Winnipeg by WRCPC.

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

New re-integration program funded. Trillium has provided seed funding to CJI beginning in March 2016 for the development of a reintegration support program for men leaving custodial institutions, modelled after Community Justice Initiative's Stride Program. The recommendation for such a program arose from the Missing Pieces (2010) report of the WRCPC Violence Prevention Committee and staff helped to facilitate the collaboration of multiple agencies in the development of the proposal.

5. In the News

Dying behind bars: overdose deaths in Ontario jails (Molly Hayes and Nicole O'Reilly, Hamilton Spectator, December 12, 2015)

A Spectator investigation reveals that despite 18 inquests into inmate deaths in the past decade – and 102 recommendations – little has been done to protect vulnerable prisoners

Inside Ontario's Horrifying Opioid Overdose Epidemic (Jake Kivanc, Vice Magazine, December 9, 2015)

Respectfully Submitted,

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