

1ST REPORT OF THE
COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting held on January 26, 2017, commencing at 12:15 PM, in Committee Room #5, Second Floor, London City Hall.

PRESENT: L. Norman (Chair), I. Bielaska-Hornblower, B. Hall, M. Melling, M. Sherritt, B. Spearman and L. Steel and H. Lysynski (Secretary).

ABSENT: P. Arcese, J. Bennett, S. Davis, D. Judson and B. Rankin.

ALSO PRESENT: D. Lebold, D. MacRae, E. van Kesteren and J. Walter.

I. CALL TO ORDER

1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for the term Ending November 30, 2017

That it BE NOTED that the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee elected L. Norman and L. Steel as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, for the term ending November 30, 2017.

III. SCHEDULED ITEMS

3. Block Walk

That a Steering Committee BE ESTABLISHED to facilitate the re-establish the "Block Walk Program" that was part of the former London Block Parent Program;

it being noted that the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee received the attached presentation from G. McMahon, with respect to this matter.

4. Environmental Assessment at the Intersection of Western Road and Sarnia Road/Philip Aziz Avenue

That it BE NOTED that the delegation from D. MacRae, Division Manager, Transportation Planning and Design, with respect to the Environmental Assessment at the intersection of Western Road and Sarnia Road/Philip Aziz Avenue was postponed to the next Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee meeting.

IV. CONSENT ITEMS

5. 7th Report of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that consideration of the 7th Report of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee from its meeting held on November 24, 2016 was postponed to the next Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee meeting.

6. Municipal Council Resolution - Terms of Reference

That it BE NOTED that consideration of the Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on December 19, 2016, with respect to the Terms of Reference for the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee was postponed to the next Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee.

V. SUB-COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS

None.

VI. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

7. Community Safety Week

That it BE NOTED that consideration of Community Safety Week and the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee Safety Week 2017 Planning Committee meeting report was postponed to the next meeting of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee.

8. Fire Statistics

That it BE NOTED that consideration of the Fire Statistics was postponed to the next meeting of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee.

9. Neighbourhood Watch London Statistics

That it BE NOTED that consideration of the Neighbourhood Watch London Statistics was postponed until the next Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee meeting.

10. CSCP 2016 Work Plan

That it BE NOTED that consideration of the 2016 Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee Work Plan was postponed to the next meeting of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee.

11. Oakridge Acres Construction Project

That it BE NOTED that consideration of the Oakridge Acres construction project was postponed until the next meeting of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee meeting.

VII. DEFERRED MATTERS/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 PM.

NOTE: The Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee lost quorum and was unable to deal with a majority of the Agenda items.

NEXT MEETING DATE: February 22, 2017

Introduction

- 30 years experience in For Profit and Non Profit sectors including Law, Banking, Real Estate and was the Executive Director of London Block Parent Program 12 1/2 years
- Managing Consultant of Three Lions Consulting
- Life-long volunteer experiences
- Raised in a family of entrepreneurs
- Raised 3 gorgeous children, married 36 years, partnered in a successful business and just became grandparents
- Passions: My family especially my twin grand-babies, the Non-profit sector, the power of Collaboration and the potential of Social Enterprise, Curling , Golfing and Reading



History

- Program began in London in response to a rash of brutal crimes against children by the London Jewish Women's Community.
- The first Block Parent® Program began in London, Ontario in 1968. The Program rapidly expanded across Canada over the next five years. In 1983 a national committee was formed and the Block Parent® Program of Canada became incorporated in 1986.

It takes a Village



To raise a child

BPPCI Mission

- The Block Parent® Program of Canada Inc. (BPPCI) is a registered charity and Canada's largest volunteer-run child safety organization. Volunteers from coast to coast help to make communities safer for everyone.
- The distinctive red and white Block Parent® window sign in the window of a home, tells children, seniors and others that help is at hand if they are lost, frightened, or in distress.
- In addition to their safety network, Block Parents offer community education programs to increase the personal safety of children, teens and seniors.
- Working together with educators and police, Block Parents help make your community safer.

London Block Parent Program

- At its height approximately 7,000 Block Parent homes in London
- Every school had a Block Parent coordinator who performed update administration for school area Block Parents
- Core funded by the City of London Community Services Division
- Society changes, coordinator numbers drop, therefore paid resources required for administration of BP database.

What happened?

- Federal legislation and Freedom of Information Act, changes to police check policies and procedures
- Administration processes were amended, volunteer coordinators re-trained, BP office assumes additional responsibilities for schools with no coordinators or non performing coordinators.
- Governmental / Police budgets tight which affected community policing involvement resulting in cut backs of police liaison time.
- Privacy legislation affected administration of program drastically
- RCMP Risk Assessment BPPCI – low risk to BPPCI, medium to RCMP and Local/Provincial Police, recommendations made
- National implements new BP sign with additional security, and policies database completely updated in the process, numbers reduced once again
- London Police drop monitoring system for London's Block Parent Program
- Re-screening numbers drop significantly

What happened?

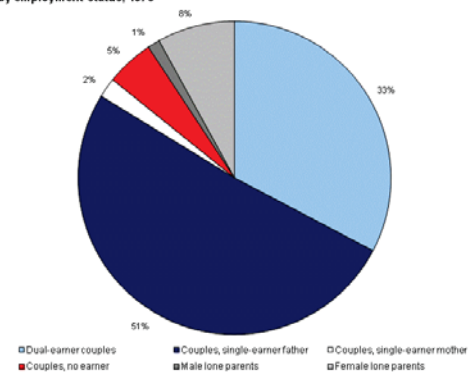
- Strategic Plan BPPCI
- Risk Assessment by London Police
- London Police pulled financial support for police checks
- Updated Strategic Plan created for London Block Parent Program
- Civic funding model changed, granting process changed with it
- City of London denies grant to London Block Parent Program
- London Block Parent Program folds December 2016

Societal Contributing Factors

- The last 30 years....
 - More dual working families
 - Economic stressors, more people with multiple jobs to make ends meet
 - Lifestyle changes, (I'm never home syndrome)
 - Parenting style changes (propeller parenting)
 - Kids are driven to school

1976

Chart f.1
Distribution of families with at least one child under 16, by employment status, 1976

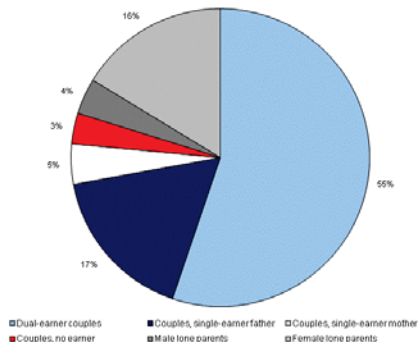


Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, 1976.

Ref: <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/75-006-x/2015001/article/14202-eng.htm>

2014

Chart 1.2
Distribution of families with at least one child under 16, by employment status, 2014



Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, 2014.

Ref: <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/75-006-x/2015001/article/14202-eng.htm>

Time to Re-evaluate

- Around 2005 - Strategic Plan changed to accommodate societal changes. Focused on diversifying funding sources, updating and delivering education programs, maintaining database of current Block Parents ensuring quality Block Parents, while quantity reduced and expand community partnerships
- 2010 – Clean Air Grant from LCF obtained and Pilot Block Walk Program began in collaboration with Active & Safe Routes to school and MLHU
- 2011 ASRTS Committee deliver School Travel Planning concept piloted with huge success, support for Block Walk Program solidifies

Time to Re-evaluate

- After police removed monitoring service large percentage of resources went to rescreening efforts
- Quickly evident that numbers would gradually reduce, but survey indicated that there were many Londoners who wanted to continue.
- Strategic Plan in 2012 was to gradually allow the window sign program to reduce by attrition and simultaneously build Block Walk Program in schools across London and to diversify funding sources at the same time



Walking STATS

Since 1985, the proportion of Canadian children regularly walking to school has fallen by 50% to just 1 in 3.

26% of children & 33% of youth in London are overweight or obese

Only 52% of children and 30% of youth are active enough for optimal growth and development



Vehicle Trips to School

DO THE MATH FOR LONDON
Elementary age only!



- Approx. 60,000 kids under 14 in London
- Estimated 24,000 families
- If 50% are driving their kids to school twice a day, assume 4km driven per day x 200 school days in a year = 800km per family x 24000 families

= 1,900,000 km's travelled per year

•EQUATES TO 617 Annual GHG Emission (t CO2e)

*(all figures are approximate)

The benefits of Active Transportation



Health & Wellness



Safety



Environment



Cost



Community cohesion



Why don't they Walk (or Roll) to School ?

The Barriers:

Life style?

Lack of Safety?

Inaccurate perceptions?

Attitudes towards active living?

Convenience?

Lack of knowledge?

Media Fear Factor?

What is School Travel Planning?

- <http://www.saferoutestoschool.ca/school-travel-planning-toolkit>
- A collaborative tool to assess barriers to walking to school.
- Uses assessment tools with the goal to identifying and creating an action plan to improve the walkability to school, to educate parents and children and encourage active transportation



This is where the Block Walk Program comes in

Not walking/cycling alone:

- "Family Survey results indicate that 40% of parents and caregivers who do not usually allow their children to commute to school actively would allow their child to walk to school if they did not walk alone; 33% said the same about letting their child to cycle to school. Clearly, initiatives that address the issue of walking/cycling alone – such as the Walking School Bus and Walking Buddies programs – have the potential for big impact on the number of students whose parents allow them to use active transportation. In fact, 22% of parents and caregivers who reported driving less in the FollowUp Family Survey identified Walking Buddies initiatives and Walk to School Days as a highly effective STP activities
- <http://www.saferoutestoschool.ca/sites/default/files/Action%20Plan%20Inspiration%20Guide%202016.pdf>

What's Needed ?

- A sustainable funding model, locally and nationally
- Block Walk Program in conjunction with School Travel Planning
- A top down restructuring
- A totally new governance model
- % funded, % social enterprise
- BPPCI to support from the top

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- A delivery method also without STP though encouraging the full programming benefits
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The Past is Done

- 2016 London Block Parent Program Collapses
- Sad but true



A Hopeful Future

- 2017 New London (& Region) Block Parent Program emerges.... But how?



- It starts with your support and help



Your mission:
Should you
accept it....



Work Plan

- Do a Community Call Out for help
- Strike a Steering Committee of London's community stakeholders and create new terms of reference
- Collaborate with Waterloo Region Block Parent and Community Safety Committee
- Entertain new funding streams via social enterprise, community funders, fee for service model, other

Work Plan

- Create a new Value Proposition and Mission
- Retain a potential Board of Directors and create new governance model
- Retain Old and Create New Community Partners
- Engage BPPCI in process for National support

CHANGE MAKERS NEEDED

Resources

- <http://www.freerangekids.com/>
- <http://www.blockparent.ca/index.html>
- <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/75-006-x/2015001/article/14202-eng.htm>
- <http://www.saferoutestoschool.ca/>
- <http://www.saferoutestoschool.ca/school-travel-planning-toolkit>
- <http://www.londonblockparent.ca> Already down



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