

COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC PLAN 2019-2023: RECOMMENDATIONS FROM LONDON ABUSED WOMEN'S CENTRE

Strategic Area of Focus: Creating a Safe London for Women and Girls

Outcome: London has enhanced the potential for women and girls to live safe lives	
Expected Result	Strategy
Decrease male violence against women and girls who are subjected to abuse and torture in their intimate relationships; sex trafficking, prostitution and sexual exploitation; sexual assault; and workplace harassment.	Apply a three pillared framework (legislation, public awareness, and funded services) in policy and by-law development.
	Ensure women and girls with lived experience are included in the development of policies, by-laws, and programs that affect them.
	Develop policies, by-laws, and programs that make the safety of women and girls a priority, including policies and procedures that ensure workplace harassment is addressed appropriately with sanctions against harassers and supports for victims.
	Implement mandatory comprehensive training on male violence against women and girls in their intimate relationships; Canada's prostitution legislation (the Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act); sex trafficking, prostitution and sexual exploitation; workplace and sexual harassment; non-state torture; and sexual violence for all City employees and encourage all London's agencies, boards and commissions to also implement the training.
	Increase the number of women in senior management positions and other positions of power.
	Work with the London Transit Committee to enhance the safety of women and girls on public transit, for example longer hours of bus service and free service to low-income women.
	Maintain or increase the number of shelter beds available to abused women and their children, and to homeless women and girls. Full implementation of Housing First policy to be contingent on availability of immediate access to safe, affordable housing.
	Work with landlords and developers to end discrimination and bias against abused, sex trafficked or exploited women attempting to access affordable housing.
	Recognize London as a sex trafficking hub and take every possible measure to reduce sex trafficking including the enforcement of the Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act.
	Investigate signing the Global Every Woman Treaty and encourage AMO, FCM, other provincial associations, the governments of each province and the federal government to do the same.
	Include male violence against women and girls in discussions and decisions made at the Town and Gown Committee.
	Support community-based initiatives and organizations committed to ending male violence against women including but not limited to Anova (UN Safe Cities); the London Abused Women's Centre/Youth Opportunities Unlimited/Salvation Army Correctional and Justice Services (Phoenix and Choices programs – services for sexually exploited, prostituted and trafficked women/girls/youth); Atlohsa Family Healing Services; and London Police Services (DV Unit and HT Unit).