

May 28, 2019

Community Safety and Crime Prevention (CSCP) Advisory Committee

Delegation Submission to:

Community and Protective Services Committee, City of London

Thank you to the Community and Protective Services Committee for granting the delegation request from the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee.

The members around the CSCP table whether voting or non-voting, members-at-large or representative members are passionate about and committed to the mandate and responsibilities outlined in our Terms of Reference. We are proud of the work we have done.

Our Chair, Laila Norman, and various other CSCP Committee members provided me with a *short list* of some of the actions and initiatives that originated with CSCP, were initiated by CSCP and passed to other agencies to deliver, or were promoted, recommended, and supported by CSCP. The list is far from complete and is included in my written submission. There are 31 items on the list.

How were we able to accomplish these items? Because of the current composition of members on the committee.

2019 Community Safety Week took place from May 5th to 11th. We had 27 Community Partner Organizations contribute to the week and 59

individuals from these organizations showcasing, sharing, and promoting safety information, resources, and services available within the City of London. No other advisory committee does this type of work. And I think we did the City proud. (The list is included in my written submission.)

How were we able to bring together that many people and organizations? Because of the current composition of members on the committee.

It is my understanding you have been provided with the CSCP Terms of Reference. I am here today, on behalf of the committee, to request that you do NOT change the composition of the members, as per our Terms of Reference, for the next two years.

We have a position within the educational community (which really includes everyone) that: Fairness is not sameness. Treating everyone the same way will not help them – it is not equity – and it will not help you.

Our committee is somewhat unique. We have a collaborative mix of members-at-large and representative voting members – and non-voting members. Everyone is an equal at the table. There are no personal or group agendas. We, each, and all, share concerns, trends, and issues we are seeing and dealing with, are worried about. Then, as a group we discuss what to do next – whether it be to ask for more information

and/or then discuss a potential solution or next step for recommendation to Council. Our members-at-large contribute with their concerns and the representative members discuss how we can help – and our members-at-large give the “representative” members invaluable feedback on issues they raise as a concern. It is a wonderful balance and it has worked very well.

Demographically, we collectively encompass EVERY demographic within the City of London. If the City moves to members-at-large “only” you will be moving to narrower not broader community representation. It will be gone. You will be losing the school boards, the parent groups, the youth, the seniors, the health & safety groups, the resource groups. You will be losing all the partners around the table.

Last fall, before the new Council was elected, and well before this change in committee composition was proposed, we began our own review of our Terms of Reference. We recognized we needed more direct and inclusive representation from the demographics we encompass. We wanted to add: addiction services, LEDC, EMS, Multi-cultural, Newcomer, and Indigenous members.

It is most unfortunate that the format for Committee Agendas and Minutes changed a few years ago. They no longer capture the direction, discussions or decisions made. They only report the motions/specific recommendations to Council. So our City Council and the public have

no meaningful information on what issues we have discussed, why, or what resulted. In short, our new Council has no meaningful information on what we do or have done.

A recent example of this is the Active and Safe Routes to School Program. Not only have we been promoting the program, we have been discussing how we can engage seniors in the community to facilitate walking school busses, where any liabilities would lie, the involvement of Student Transportation Services, safety audits around schools to ensure safe travel ways, maintenance of the travel ways, local public input on safe travel plans, engaging parents to encourage walking, wheeling, and biking to schools, and to reduce traffic in school zones. We ran the Active and Safe Routes to School Contest in the elementary schools in both boards which resulted in 28 very happy young winners. The video and poster submissions will be used to raise awareness and further promote healthy active travel in London.

I must ask: What do you want from the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee? What is in the best interests of the Community and the City?

Please read our mandate and responsibilities. They cannot be met or accomplished by members-at-large ONLY.

Short List of CSCP Contributions:

CSCP Chair, Laila Norman, and various other Committee members provided a short list of some of the actions and initiatives that originated with CSCP, were initiated by CSCP and passed to other agencies to deliver, or were promoted, recommended, and supported by CSCP – this list is far from complete:

1. The Children's Safety Village – which provides students from Thames Valley District School Board and London District Catholic School Board with valuable safety lessons they carry with them life-long.
2. Buckle-Up-Baby – ensuring that car seats were properly installed.
3. Walking School Bus
4. Active and Safe Routes to School
5. Youth Justice Program
6. Mandatory Bicycle Helmets for youth under 18
7. Sidewalk permission for youth under 12 for bike riding
8. Swimming pool fence requirement by-law
9. Fencing around holding ponds
10. Walkway lighting
11. Safety Audits
12. Extending crossing time at cross walks and intersections to accommodate seniors and people with physical disabilities
13. Identification/mapping of high hazard and injury area for cyclists with LHSC
14. Identification of high accident intersections
15. Pedestrian cross-overs
16. Recommended lower speed zones in and around schools since the 1990's
17. Enforcement of the car seat and bumper seat legal requirements, and vehicle capacity to meet the legal requirements
18. Western University and Fanshawe College student safety
19. Engaged the youth/student voice: Matthew Wilson, Matthew Reid, Julian Paparella
20. Promotion of Community Drug and Alcohol Strategy to Council
21. Support for maintaining and continuing community police programs/services/positions annually
22. Assisted Neighbourhood Watch in the establishment of the Elizabeth Street location
23. Assisted in avoiding the dissolution of Neighbourhood Watch London

24. Organized Community Safety Weeks 2005, 2006, 2007
25. Organized Community Safety Week 2017
26. Organized Community Safety Week 2019 – in tandem with and supporting Emergency Safety Week and Education Week. Added Newcomers' Safety event, which was hugely successful.
27. Ontario Healthy Schools Coalition National Conference 2014 promotion
28. Student Safety Patrollers
29. Parkwood Hospital Treatment Centre – mental health care
30. Alternative bus stops in downtown core
31. Safe injection sites.

2019 Community Safety and Crime Prevention Week – Partners and Contributors:

TOTAL COMMUNITY PARTNERS: 27

TOTAL COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTORS: 59

1. Thames Valley District School Board:

Laura Elliot – Director of Education

Jason Rake – Poster (week-long)

Shaun Tucker – ASRTS Contest for elementary students

Riley Culhane – Associate Director – TVDSB representative for ASRTS Awards night

Kelly Appleby – Mental Health Lead – Co-facilitator “Building Resiliency in Children and Youth” (parent session)

Sheena Davis and Robin Harvey – Thames Valley Home and School Association – Registration for Parent/Student Event – social media and promotion

2. London District Catholic School Board: 5200 Wellington Road South, London, ON N6E 3X8

Linda Staudt – Director of Education

Mark Adkinson – Manager of Communications – social media and promotion

Sara Warner – ASTRS Contest Poster design and contest contact

Sandra Savage – Mental Health Lead – Co-facilitator “Building Resiliency in Children and Youth” (parent session)

Dan Howard – Principal, St Thomas Aquinas – Family Event – Host and site preparation

Shannon Seidel – LDCSB District Council and Parent Involvement Committee – social media and promotion

3. London Police Services:

John Pare – Chief – Presenter ASRTS Awards

Kathy Fountain – Presenter/Displayer – Seniors’ Safety Lunch

Carl Noel – Displayer – Seniors’ Safety Lunch – And Presenter/Displayer Newcomers’ Event

4. London Fire Department:

Al Hunt – Deputy Chief – Presenter ASRTS Awards

Julianne Weaver – Presenter/Displayer – Newcomers’ Event

Jason Poole – Presenter/Displayer – Seniors’ Safety Lunch

Tracey MacLeish – Displayer – Parent/Student Event

5. Middlesex-London Paramedic Services:

Neal Roberts – Chief – Presenter ASRTS Awards

Miranda Bothwell – Presenter/Displayer – Family Event * ALSO DONATED PRIZES

Jenn McKinley – Presenter/Displayer – Newcomers’ Event

6. YMCA:

Mike Ennis – Senior Vice-President – donated 334 free YMCA passes – Presenter ASRTS Awards

Rebecca d’Souza – Presenter/Facilitator – Youth Gambling Awareness Program – Student Event

7. City of London:

Ed Holder – Mayor – Opening Remarks – ASRTS Awards

Paul Van Meerbergen – Ward 10 Councillor – Donation of City of London “swag” for 20 ASRTS Contest Winners prize bags

Glynis Tucker – Corporate Communications – website, messaging, social media, and promotion

8. Emergency Preparedness:

Dave O’Brien – Presenter/Displayer – Seniors’ Safety Lunch – Displayer – Parent/Student Event

Dan Hill – Displayer – Seniors’ Safety Lunch

Henry Klausnitzer – Presenter/Displayer – Parent/Student Event

9. MLHU:

Linda Stobo – Displayer – Parent/Student Event

Brandon Tingley – Displayer – Parent/Student Event

Tanya Verhaeghe – Displayer – Parent/Student

Shaya Dhinsa – Displayer – Parent Student

10. Cross Cultural Learner’s Centre:

Kattie Forbes – Facilitator, communications, promotion, registration – Newcomers’ Event

Ban Abood – Community Connections – Newcomers’ Event

Mahin Ghasemiyani – Contact person - Newcomers’ Event

11. Active and Safe Routes to School:

Dr. Andrew Clark, PhD, MA, BA (Hons) Project Coordinator &, Research Associate Human Environments Analysis Laboratory, Co-Chair, ELMO Active & Safe Routes to School Steering Committee, Department of Geography, The University of Western Ontario - Speaker – ASRTS Awards

Tara MacDaniel – Co-Chair Active and Safe Routes to School Steering Committee, MLHU

12. HIV/Aids Connection:

Bruce Rankin, Director – Displayer – Safe Syringe Removal – Parent Event, Family Event, Public Input Session

13. Libro Credit Union:

Meredith Bouckley and Marie Bakker – Presenters/Displayers Seniors’ Safety Lunch

Laura Husser – contact and facilitator

14. Poster VOLUNTEER:

Jennifer Rozman – 5 Event specific posters

15. Upper Thames Conservation Authority:

Karlee Flear – Family Event – Flood risk puzzle

16. CAN-bike:

Diane Szoller – Family Event - Bike Rodeo

17. Adventure Smart/London Search & Rescue:

Laurie Crouchman – Family Event – Hug-a-Tree Program

18. Yotuni:

Amanda Kennedy – Family Event – Indigenous Dance and Games

19. Health Canada:

Kimberly Liska – Family Event - Displayer

20. Southwest Health Line:

Norah Cuzzocrea – Displayer – Seniors’ Safety Lunch

21. Age Friendly London:

Michelle Delorama – Displayer – Seniors’ Safety Lunch

22. Middlesex-London Fall Prevention (MLHU):

Amy Mak – Displayer – Seniors’ Safety Lunch

23. VON:

Shawn Master – Displayer – Seniors’ Safety Lunch

24. Canadian Hearing Society:

Julia Hudson – Displayer – Seniors’ Safety Lunch

25. Vision Loss Rehabilitation Ontario (CNIB):

Sheila Dinnin – Displayer – Seniors’ Safety Lunch

26. London Car Seat Safety

Catherine Ramey

27. Faculty of Education, Western University, Child and Youth Development Clinic:

Dr. Colin King, Director – Keynote Speaker – Parent Event

Prizes for Student Awards Night Donated by:

London Fire: Dianne Lebold

London Police: Chris Carne

Paramedics: Miranda Bothwell

ASRTS: Tara MacDaniel

MLHU: Rhonda Britton

London HIV/Aids: Bruce Rankin

CSCP: Betty Spearman and Joyce Bennett (personal donations)

LDCSB: Linda Staudt & Linda Steel

City: Paul Van Meerbergen

YMCA: Mike Ennis

Presented by,

Linda Steel

Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee

Voting Member – Representing Children’s Safety Village Board of Directors

ENCLOSERS: CSCP Agenda May 23, 2019, CSCP Terms of Reference, 2019 CSCP Week
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