

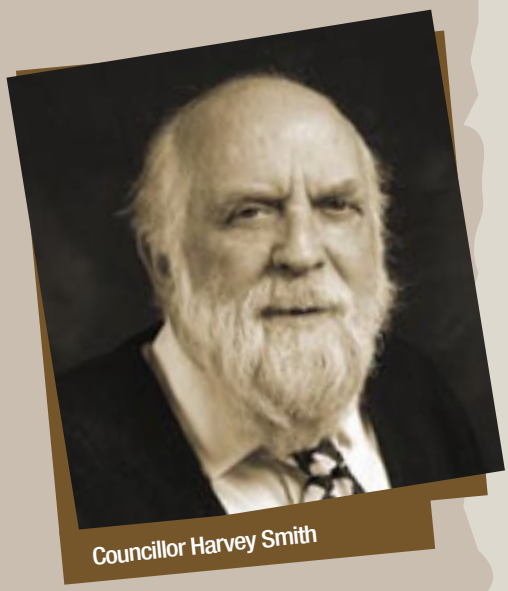
Winnipeg

Winnipeg Committee for Safety

2006 Report to the Community

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Councillor Harvey Smith

Message from the Chairperson

In 2005, I was appointed by City Council to chair the Winnipeg Committee for Safety – a Citizens' Committee that mobilizes Winnipeg neighbourhoods around safety concerns.

I am pleased to report that the Committee is democratic and accountable to Winnipeg's residents. Combining the expertise of our Committee members and representatives, City of Winnipeg resources and Winnipeg citizens, we work together as a team to build safe neighbourhoods in Winnipeg.

Safety is everyone's responsibility, and I am excited about us having a safe city designation. This new direction will mean that we will be reaching out to more community organizations and citizens than ever before. We need this combined effort to truly make Winnipeg a safe and great city to live in. Please join us in this endeavour!

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Working Toward a Safe Winnipeg

The **Winnipeg Committee for Safety (WCFS)** works with citizens, local organizations and governments to make Winnipeg a safe and healthy city. Over the past year, the Committee has brought people together from across the city to brainstorm ideas, share information, set priorities, build networks among residents and agencies and empower residents to take action in their own neighbourhoods. The primary goal of the WCFS is to support, assist, stimulate and mobilize the community on safety concerns. Since it was established by City Council in 1999, the Committee has offered safety resources and recognition that continue to make our community a great place to live!



Let's help make Winnipeg a safer place!

In 2006, WCFS began the action plan to pursue official designation for Winnipeg as a Safe Community from Safe Communities Canada and the World Health Organization Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion. A Safe Community is one in which people and organizations have come together to do two things: to reduce injury and to promote the safety and well-being of all its citizens. As well, Safe Communities in Canada share four attributes: Leadership, Priority Setting for Programs, Sustainability and Community Engagement.

These attributes have guided the actions for WCFS over the past year and will continue to guide us in 2007 as we establish a Safe Community Leadership Table and set formal safety priorities which reflect the model from Safe Communities Canada. If you are interested in learning more about our community safety initiatives or want to get involved to create a Safe Winnipeg, call us at 986-7924 or visit our website at **www.winnipegcommitteeforsafety.org**.

For more information about Safe Communities Canada, visit **www.safecommunities.ca.**

Community Youth Connections

Community Youth Connections is an easy-to-access, interactive website for Winnipeg teens. The site contains local information and resources about a range of topics including safety, bullying, employment, education, pregnancy, sexuality, health, addictions, relationships, crises, shelters, food banks, discrimination, entertainment, driving, transit and a bit of everything else. It provides youth with an anonymous way of seeking factual information about sensitive topics and of voicing concerns about personal or community issues. Explore the community at **www.communityyouthconnections.ca.**



Community Youth Connections website



Paul Kells, founder of Safe Communities

Towards a Safer Winnipeg!

Awards Luncheon and Forum

The Towards a Safer Winnipeg! Awards Luncheon and Forum was held on November 24, 2006, at the Fort Garry Hotel. The guest speakers—Dr. Sande Harlos, Medical Officer of Health, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority; Paul Kells, founder of Safe Communities in Toronto and Constable Dave Lyons, Crime Prevention, Winnipeg Police Service—outlined the immense value of working towards a safer community in Winnipeg.

Sixty-four individuals representing 42 organizations participated in the forum. The group unanimously agreed that there is a need for a coordinated approach to addressing safety issues in Winnipeg and the majority of participants were in favour of pursuing an official Safe Community designation. The group discussed benefits, challenges, stakeholders and next steps for the initiative; this feedback will guide the Winnipeg Committee for Safety as we work towards a safer Winnipeg.

Resources



Richard Page recommends the Safety Tool Box for all community groups.

WCFS's most popular resource is the Safety Tool Box, which provides information about safety audits, conflict resolution, crime prevention, community meetings and city contacts – all in one handy guide.

"The Safety Tool Box includes everything you need to consider when dealing with community safety," says Richard Page, a new WCFS member who used the toolkit while working with the Spence Neighbourhood Association. "I would recommend it to anyone involved in a community group in Winnipeg—especially those planning public events or forums on site."

WCFS also offers resources to help communities and individuals combat prejudice, youth crime and violence, homophobia, sexual exploitation, harassment and conflict. As well, our Tenant and Landlord Cooperation (TLC) guide provides good management practices for inner city buildings and identifies good places to rent.

For a copy of any WCFS resources, call 986-7924 or visit **www.winnipegcommitteeforsafety.org.**

2006 Safety Awards

Each year, a select group of Winnipeg citizens and organizations are recognized for their outstanding contributions to creating a culture of health and safety in our community. The recipients of the **2006 Safety Awards**, which were presented on November 24, 2006, at a reception held in the Mayor's Foyer of the Council Building, share this spirit and commitment to creating a Safe Winnipeg.

The following individuals and organizations were recognized: **Helen Adamski**, coordinator of the PASS Program in the Central Downtown Spence area, for outstanding contribution to a safer and healthier community; **Sheila Mikac**, a crossing guard and trainer at David Livingston School, for an outstanding contribution to a safer and healthier community; **Fort Garry Women's Resource Centre** for significant achievement in addressing community concerns by offering free self-defense classes for women; and **RAY (Resource Assistance for Youth)** for significant achievement in addressing community concerns for their many years of working with homeless youth in Winnipeg.

Congratulations and thank you to the award recipients for their contributions to the community!

2006 Committee Members

The Winnipeg Committee for Safety is composed of one member of City Council, eight members of the community and one representative of crime prevention from the Province of Manitoba.



Front row (L-R): Councillor Harvey Smith, Angie Clark, Jennifer Ridge; Middle row (L-R): Mike Waite, Jack Slessor; Back row: Patrol Sergeant Peter Derksen

- Councillor Harvey Smith, Chairperson
- His Worship Mayor Sam Katz, *ex officio*
- Carolyn Buffie
- Shawn Feely
- Patricia Holbrow
- Margot Lavoie
- Pauline Riley
- Greg Slobodeski
- Mike Waite
- Sharon Wiens
- Jack Slessor, Manitoba Justice

Committee Coordinator
Linda Williams

City of Winnipeg Administration
Angie Clark, Planning and Land Use Division
Patrol Sergeant Peter Derksen, Winnipeg Police Service
Patrol Sergeant Peter Pastoor, Winnipeg Police Service
Dan Prokopchuk, Community Resource Coordinator
Jennifer Ridge, City Clerk's Department

Organizational Representatives
Dina Juras, National Crime Prevention Centre
Riel Dion, Manitoba Public Insurance – Citizens on Patrol Program (COPP)
Shawna Neiser, Manitoba Public Insurance – Citizens on Patrol Program (COPP)

Upcoming Meetings

WCFS meetings are open to the public. Meetings are held monthly at 12 p.m. in the West Committee Room, 2nd Floor, Council Building, 510 Main Street. Please join us and show your support for a Safe Winnipeg!

June 15, 2007
July 13, 2007
September 21, 2007
October 19, 2007
November 16, 2007
December 14, 2007

2006 Financial Report

Revenues
Council Funding
$69,000.00

Expenditures
Contract Fee
$40,000.00

Communication/Community Outreach
$16,428.80

Education and Training
$4,450.51

Meeting Costs
$2,185.13

Office Expenditures
$4,416.40

Total $67,480.84

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