Issue: Crime Prevention Through Social Development

Event: Community Search Conference on *"Crime Prevention Through Social Development",* January 15-17, 2009. In addition to the Executive Director, Board members Larry Gregan and Sel Burrows were also in attendance, each in their own community capacity.

This is the second part of a process undertaken by the City of Winnipeg, previously reported at the Board meeting of December 16, 2008. At Part 1 of the Search Conference Process 70 community leaders were asked to identify 30-40 individual to attend the main workshop portion of the process.

A professional facilitator led the group through a process which included an environmental scan, historical events, and an examination of the desired and achievable future for crime prevention through social development in Winnipeg.

The group identified and developed five themes:

A - Development of a coordinating "Hub" for coordinating sectors
B – Achieving a culturally vibrant education system, including a separate Aboriginal school system
C – Creating resilience and capacity in the community, with a focus on children, youth and families
D - Police and Community working together. Community leading with police support to achieve equality of safety city-wide.
E - Improved communication and technology use, including balanced media coverage, and low/no cost internet access

An internal report is under construction which will capture the discussions at the conference. In the next stage of the process the workshop participants will report back to the larger group on their findings and an action plan will be developed. The action plan will include a public statement.

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