Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – April 8, 2009

REPORTS

Minute No. 228 Winnipeg Committee for Safety - 2008 Annual Report
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EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DECISION:

The Executive Policy Committee received as information the 2008 Annual Report of the Winnipeg Committee for Safety.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Wyatt,

That the 2008 Annual Report of the Winnipeg Committee for Safety be received as information.

Carried

WINNIPEG COMMITTEE FOR SAFETY RECOMMENDATION:

On March 20, 2009, the Winnipeg Committee for Safety forwarded to the Executive Policy Committee its 2008 Annual Report for information.



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Winnipeg Committee for Safety

2008 Report to the Community

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A Sightline on Safety

When City Council decided 10 years ago the people of Winnipeg deserved a committee dedicated to addressing city-wide safety concerns, no one involved imagined the progress we could make in a decade.

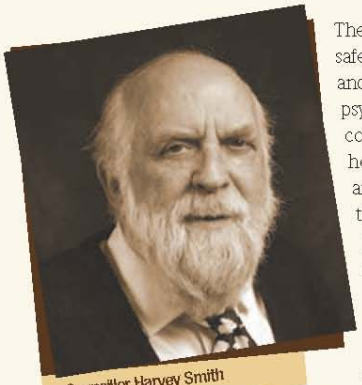
But progress, as a matter of fact, now seems to be an understatement.

Since 1999, the Winnipeg Committee for Safety (WCFS) has involved and engaged community members, businesses and representatives from many prominent groups including Winnipeg Police Service, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority and Safe Communities Canada on our quest towards making the city a safer place to live. We set and realized many goals; most notably a 2008 Safe Communities designation that we feel marks ultimate success – national recognition that Winnipeg has its sights set on safety for all.

Together, our committee and Winnipeg as a community have worked hard and accomplished results. Together, we are becoming a safer city.



Message from the Chairperson



Councillor Harvey Smith

The World Health Organization defines safety as a state in which hazards and conditions leading to physical, psychological or material harm are controlled in order to preserve the health and well-being of individuals and the community. This is the state the Winnipeg Committee for Safety (WCFS) has strived for since its 1999 inception.

Acting on principles of evolution, growth and achievement, we made 2008 a banner year – a year in which we took leaps and bounds towards our ultimate goal of a safer city for all Winnipeggers and Safe Communities Canada designation.

Over the last 12 months, we worked harder than ever before, setting priorities and taking steps to ensure we achieved results. And though we cannot yet call Winnipeg a city entirely free of all hazards and hurt, we made significant progress and are proud to see our city becoming a less harmful place for all its citizens.

At the start of 2008, we once again made achieving Safe Community designation a priority, and finally realized our goal. Together, the committee and local leaders held the Safe Communities Canada national conference in November and welcomed representatives from every single designated Safe Community in Canada, as well as some from the United Sates and Australia – all of whom witnessed our commitment and dedication to making our city safer.

Perhaps most notably, members of the World Health Organization also took note of our determination and accomplishments and attended the conference as recognition for our efforts. While here, the WHO held a training session in conjunction with the Safe Communities activities, marking the first time such a seminar was held in North America – and also marking Winnipeg as a truly innovative city in the realm of safety.

We are a city which – to the best of our power – controls the hazards and conditions that lead to physical, psychological and material harm. We work together to preserve the health and well-being of our communities. We boost and rely upon community programming and outreach, and we do it together in the name of safety.

And that, truly, is something to celebrate.

Councillor Harvey Smith
Chair, Winnipeg Committee for Safety

"Destination, Designation:"
Safe Communities Canada takes notice

November 2008 was a momentous time for the Winnipeg Committee for Safety – we achieved the Safe Communities Canada designation.

In the months since we received our Safe Communities status, we have been forced to think about what the designation actually means to us. On the surface, it means we achieved the very thing we set out to accomplish – a city dedicated to making its people safer and healthier. Beneath the surface, it means so much more.

Designation as a Safe Community places Winnipeg among world leaders in safety promotion and aligns us with 53 other communities in Canada dedicated to reducing the rate of personal injuries and promoting a culture of safety from coast to coast.



Being recognized as a leader in safety promotion, education and outreach brings a certain level of responsibility and Winnipeg now has a reputation to uphold and embrace. As a city, we will continue to make our communities safer and more prosperous for all. We believe our stakeholders and partners will keep working together to impact the safety, health and well-being of our children, coworkers, friends and neighbours.

Safety, after all, is a cornerstone of what makes our city a home and we are taking strides to achieve it.

Leaders in your Community

These volunteers, public servants, community leaders and youth are the very people who will continue to make Winnipeg a safer place for all its citizens. This year's local and national winners received their honours on November 3, 2008:

- Safe Communities Canada Passport to Safety Leader for Tomorrow - Janie McNish
- Safe Communities Canada National Ambassador for Safety Business Partner Award - CANARM Ltd.
- Safe Communities Canada National Ambassador for Safety Community Service Award - Mermaid Youtheatre
- Safe Communities Canada National Ambassador Volunteer Award - Mark Whelpton
- Safe Communities Winnipeg Individual Award of Merit - Clive Wightman
- Safe Communities Canada Founders Award - Dr. Sande Harlos
- Safe Communities Winnipeg Organizational Award of Merit - Manitoba Public Insurance
- Safe Communities Winnipeg Key to Safety - Victoria Albert School

10 Steps to Designation

The following 10 steps formed the foundation of our successful bid to become Safe Community designated:

Step 1
Formed a Leadership Table

Step 2
Developed terms of reference for designation

Step 3
Appointed co-chairs (Dr. Sande Harlos & Rick Joyal)

Step 4
Set reducing violence & disorderly conduct, suicide, falls and motor vehicle injuries as top priorities for Safe Communities Winnipeg

Step 5
Members committed to addressing priorities and implementing change in the community

Step 6
Developed assessment process to ensure all activities are effective

Step 7
Set budget

Step 8
Appointed Brody Grusko as Coordinator, Safe Communities Winnipeg

Step 9
Gained support of media and increased public profile

Step 10
Formally submitted intent to become Safe Community

If you are interested in learning more about our community initiatives or want to become involved in Safe Winnipeg, visit our website at www.winnipegcommitteeforsafety.org.

2008 Committee Members



Front Row (L-R) Corinne Pierce, Jennifer Ridge, Bradley McKay
Second Row (L-R) Jacquie Habing, Zoran Vicovac
Third Row (L-R) Patrol Sergeant Peter Derksen, Winnipeg Police Service; Councillor Harvey Smith
Fourth Row (L-R) Rick Joyal, Brody Grusko, Angie Clark
Last Row (L-R) Eleanore McMahon, Richard Page

2008 Committee Members

- Councillor Harvey Smith, Chairperson
- His Worship Mayor Sam Katz, ex officio
- Rick Joyal
- Bradley McKay
- Richard Page
- Corinne Pierce
- Eleanore McMahon
- Zoran Vicovac
- Jacquie Habing
- Fiona Shiells
- Wendy Koening, Citizens for Crime Awareness (non-voting member)

City of Winnipeg Administration

- Krista Boryskavich, Mayor's Director of Policy and Agenda Management
- Danny Boyko, Constable, Winnipeg Police Service
- Michelle Wagner, Patrol Sergeant, Winnipeg Police Service
- Karen Beaudin, Community Resource Coordinator
- Jennifer Ridge, City Clerk's Department

Mayor Katz signing Safe Community designation documents. ▼

2008 Financial Report

Contract Fee
Includes fee for service for pp 1 2009 - Dec 21, 08 to Jan 3, 09
$41,538.15

Communication/Community Outreach (Includes Safe Communities Expenditures)
$19,919.44

Education and Training
$1,855.24

Meeting Costs
$953.83

Office Expenditures
$1,646.74

Total
$65,913.40

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