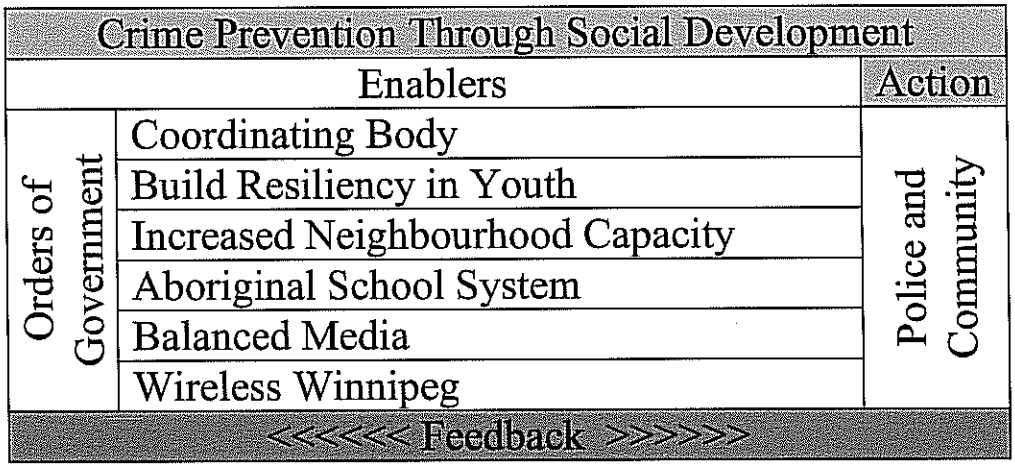
Meetings attended by the Executive Director WPAB

Search Conference, Crime Prevention through Social Development
Part 4 of this search process was conducted on May 26th at Thunderbird House. Board members Larry Gregan and Sel Burrows also attended. The various working groups reported on their deliberations, resulting in a crime prevention model which I have interpreted below:



Role of Orders of Government:

- Three levels of government need to be involved in macro approaches to poverty, addiction, mental health and affordable housing
- Government can provide/reallocate the necessary funding and assist in developing new social infrastructure, or improving access to existing infrastructure
- Investing in NGO leadership capacity in neighbourhoods and communities.

Coordinating Body:

- Inclusive, engage citizens in crime prevention through social development.
- Promote best practices, efficient use of resources and a holistic response to crime prevention.
- Not a decision making or directing body.

Increased Neighbourhood Capacity…by 2014

- Resources are targeted for high risk neighbourhoods for families to have local places where they know they belong and can participate in quality programs and supports including early childhood development
- Culturally safe, family nurturing, healthy housing

Resiliency in Youth… by 2014

- Build community capacity to develop resiliency in youth, children and families by focusing on recreation and school attendance

Aboriginal School System... by 2014

- Winnipeg will have a culturally vibrant education system, including a publicly funded Aboriginal School Division

Balanced Media... by 2014

- Winnipeg and its communities will have promoted and achieved a balanced media that recognizes its role in crime prevention.

Wireless Winnipeg... by 2014

- Winnipeg and its communities provide greater opportunities for individual development, economic advancement and social inclusion through access to connectivity and computers to all citizens.

Police and Community... by 2014

- The community and the Winnipeg Police Service work closely together in neighbourhoods using a preventive approach resulting in reduced crime and disorder with the goal of achieving equality of safety throughout the city.
- This requires the identification of neighbourhood assets, development of local leadership, targeting high-needs communities, integrating existing programs with new, and continuity of relationships between police and the community.
- Equality of safety throughout the City of Winnipeg is the goal
- All of the other initiatives outlined will support the front line efforts of the police and community.

There is a strong focus on local leadership, families and youth. There seemed to be a consensus that the initiative should not be overly structured or linear, allowing those things which can proceed more quickly to develop at their own pace. Current service providers need to be challenged if they are not providing what citizens need, and work with residents. Success of this initiative hinges on creating momentum for crime prevention through social development across all sectors, but particularly having buy-in, initiative and ownership at the neighbourhood level.

A final report on the Search Conference is forthcoming.

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"Webinar" on Securities Fraud

- Dianne Urquhart, Financial Consultant, and Gary Logan, Detective Sgt. (ret.) Toronto Police Services Fraud Squad
- Securities Fraud has averaged $20 billion dollar issue annually over 10 years in Canada (Nortel, Crocus, Hollinger, …
- RCMP have almost exclusive jurisdiction – Integrated Market Enforcement Team (IMET)
- Securities regulators and associations are part of IMET. RCMP can't do investigations without consulting the industry participants. Few successful prosecutions
- Complainants can be passed from one body to another depending on how their complaint is perceived – i.e. criminal, regulatory, civil
- Long process with limited accountability as local police are not involved
- Pension plans at risk

Suggested Solution

- Creation of Securities Investigation Unit which would be the intake point for all security complaints, costing $4 million annually
- Complaints would be directed to the appropriate police service or regulator for investigation
- Fraud units would be redeveloped in Municipal and Provincial policing, providing better accountability to the public
- Reallocation of some IMET funding ($40 million budget) and possibly some funding from other agencies which traditionally lapses, could be pursued to cost share local investigator positions on municipal and provincial police services.

Police Board Involvement

- Lobbyists want police boards to provide their support for a Federal/Provincial meeting of justice ministers on security fraud.

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