Agenda - Winnipeg Police Advisory Board - September 17, 2009

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Item No. 4 Meetings Attended by Executive Director
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The Executive Director of the Winnipeg Police Advisory Board is submitting for the information of the Board a review of meetings regarding crime prevention through social development.

Meetings Attended by the Executive Director, WPAB

Crime Prevention through Social Development

Background

- The Crime Prevention through Social Development project has been led by the Director of City's Community Services Department, Mr. Clive Whiteman. It has been previously reported that since late 2008 a series of meetings of community leaders and citizens from various sectors has identified priority themes for reducing crime through a social development approach.
- In the most recent meeting, August 28, 2009, the draft final report was reviewed by participants and a structure was identified to promote progress in each of the six priority themes:
    - Establish a community driven organization to engage citizens in crime prevention
    - Police and Community working in neighbourhoods to prevent crime
    - Develop local places and programs, including, early childhood development, which are accessible, culturally safe, family nurturing and support healthy housing
    - Promote a responsible and balanced media that recognizes its role in crime prevention. Additionally, improve opportunities for individuals through connectivity and access to computers for all citizens
    - Achieve a culturally vibrant education system, including a publicly funded Aboriginal School Division
    - Build community capacity to develop resiliency in youth, children and families by focusing on recreation and school attendance.

Current Status

- In the most recent meeting, August 28, 2009, the draft report was reviewed by participants and a community-based leadership structure identified to move forward in each of the six priority areas.
- The flexible structure is designed to facilitate information sharing, reduce redundancy, and allow each of the five other activities to advance independently.
- A final report, including the recommended structure, will be submitted by Mr. Whiteman to Council in the near future.

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