01-2a COLLABORATE TO MAKE SAFE COMMUNITIES

Public safety is everyone's concern. Institutions, organizations, community groups, the police service and citizens all make vital contributions to the development of a safe and cohesive city. We can create a culture of safety by working together as a community. This requires a police service that is progressive, serves the community and provides support by listening to the community's concerns. It should also provide public safety education, build capacity for new safety initiatives, involve citizens in civic planning and decisions about safety, and provide a police presence that is effective and focused. A culture of safety also demands an approach that balances crime prevention and suppression, that strives to address the root causes of crime in our city and puts an emphasis on urban design that contributes to neighbourhood safety.

Safe communities provide a better quality of life, enhanced opportunities for economic development, investment, tourism and increased civic vitality. Social sustainability requires safety and security.

DIRECTION 1: PROVIDE A VISIBLE AND EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY POLICE PRESENCE.

ENABLING STRATEGIES:

- Implement strategies to expand the City's policing capacity.
- Investigate and apply strategies to streamline and improve law enforcement administrative processes to enable police officers to spend more time in the community.
- Introduce specialized tools to provide criminal deterrence, enhance proactive policing capabilities and mitigate the liabilities associated with high-risk situations.

DIRECTION 2: TAKE LEADERSHIP IN ADDRESSING GANG VIOLENCE.

ENABLING STRATEGIES:

- Develop a multi-agency strategy to intervene with youth who are at risk of gang recruitment.
- Aggressively target gang-related crime through the support of criminal intelligence information, crime analysis and a multi-agency strategy.
- Utilize high visibility law enforcement methods, such as proactive policing in identified hot spots and engaging the media with interesting information and news worthy initiatives.
- Support police officers working with the community and targeted schools to contribute to an overall feeling of community safety and well-being.
- Connect with community leaders and organizations to address gang issues at the earliest possible stage.

DIRECTION 3: PROMOTE SAFETY IN BUILDINGS.

ENABLING STRATEGIES:

Ensure that construction projects meet the intent of standards set in national and local building codes, while recognizing advances in construction and development-related technologies.

Ensure that all buildings are in compliance with adopted fire and health by-laws.

DIRECTION 4: PROMOTE SAFETY ON STREETS AND SIDEWALKS.

ENABLING STRATEGIES:

Implement traffic engineering strategies to maximize traffic safety.

Facilitate safety and accessibility on streets and sidewalks.

Enable provision of a street and lane lighting system to promote safe vehicle operation and pedestrian safety.

Incorporate safety measures into transit operations, such as allowing riders to exit between stops after dark.

Create pedestrian-oriented streetscapes downtown and on neighbourhood corridors and centres and those streets where a high level of transit service operates.

(See: Complete Communities, 03-1, 03-2, 04-2, Sustainable Transportation)

DIRECTION 5: PLAN FOR CRIME PREVENTION IN THE BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENTS.

ENABLING STRATEGIES:

Encourage the application of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) tools and policies as part of design and approval processes.

Incorporate CPTED in the design of City-owned facilities, structures and developments.

DIRECTION 6: TAKE A BROAD-SCALED, COMPLETE AND COLLABORATIVE APPROACH TO CRIME PREVENTION.

ENABLING STRATEGIES:

Develop and effectively apply planning, education and awareness tools that use the principles of sustainable and social development.

Provide safety training to residents and relevant City of Winnipeg staff.

Work collaboratively to develop an inclusive built environment that fosters social cohesion.

Work as a partner to address the needs of people at risk of victimization or of criminal activity.

DIRECTION 7: IMPLEMENT AN APPROACH TO SAFETY AND SECURITY THAT IS COLLABORATIVE AND INVOLVES THE COMMUNITY.

ENABLING STRATEGIES:

Continue to foster the creation of strong ties between the City's police service and the community.

Continue to build key partnerships with community leaders and community organizations aimed at providing effective and complete services in jointly-identified priority areas, such as support for children and youth at risk of victimization and other vulnerable populations.

Investigate and apply strategies to streamline and improve law enforcement administrative processes to enable police officers to spend more time in the community.

Link persons with ongoing public safety issues to appropriate long-term support.

Continue supporting and fostering relationships with-and between-community organizations, service providers, institutions, community leaders and other service organizations to develop public safety strategies.

Explore opportunities for integrated, multi-agency and community based safety services, such as a centre for child abuse victims.

Continue to enhance access to safety and law enforcement services through technology, streamlined processes, partnerships and other methods as appropriate.

Focus on relationship building with students.

LIVESAFE

'LiveSAFE in Winnipeg'- an Interconnected Crime Prevention Strategy is a Council approved policy that aims to address the root causes of crime, through integrated and strategic actions aimed at promoting the wellbeing of the community through social, economic, health, educational and recreational measures- and with a particular emphasis on vulnerable children and youth.

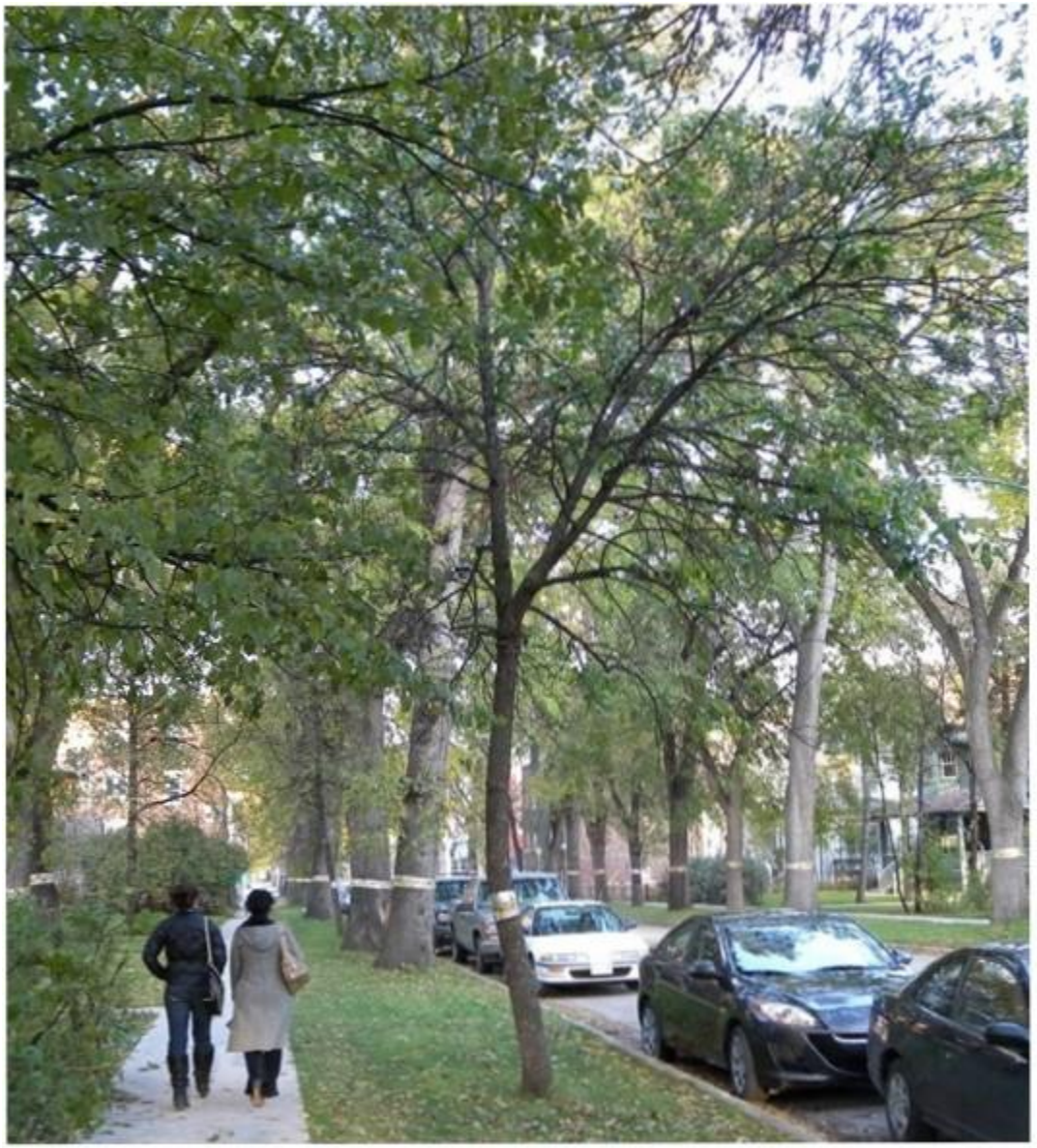
The goal of the LiveSAFE in Winnipeg policy is to provide a clear and inclusive vision for an integrated crime prevention strategy for Winnipeg that is focused on collective action. A strategic action framework is included, which is premised upon interconnected and cross-sectoral partnerships with citizens, neighbourhoods, community organizations, business and other levels of government.

DIRECTION 8: HELP PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES MAKE SAFE PLACES IN SAFE NEIGHBOURHOODS.

ENABLINGS

Use tools such as Safety Audit Kits, Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design training, Community Audits and oommunity safety plans to educate the general public, home owners, businesses, developers and designers and to make them aware of personal safety and security issues.

Help maintain a oommunity sense of well-being and safety by responding to community requests for neighbourhood maintenance and services, such as garbage pickups and general cleanliness in streets and laneway.;, demolition of derelict buildings and sanding at intersections in a cooperative and timely way.



01-2b EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE AND RECOVERY

Emergency preparedness, response and recovery are important components of a broad strategy for the community's public safety. The confidence needed to build prosperous and sustainable communities begins with a sense of safety and security.

DIRECTION 1: PROVIDE EMERGENCY FIRE/RESCUE AND PRE-HOSPITAL PARAMEDICAL RESPONSE.

ENABLING STRATEGIES:

Support and maintain the coordinated core response services of Fire/Rescue, Hazardous Materials, Surface Water and Ice Rescue, Technical, Confined Space and Collapse Rescue, Communications Centre Dispatch and Heavy Fleet maintenance.

Ensure an active and visible presence in the community supporting and promoting safe neighbourhoods through reducing the setting of incendiary fires.

Collaborate and communicate with other governments and agencies on education and awareness programs, investigation, logistical support and joint preparedness.

Provide pre-hospital emergency medical services, including maintaining an extensive network of partnerships with health service providers and community organizations. Additionally, provide inter-facility transfer services and client care for vulnerable persons.

Provide a robust governance framework for emergency response.

Improve community safety through risk reduction strategies, including building plan examination, inspections and enforcement of Workplace Health and Safety legislation, provision of accident and injury prevention initiatives, community partnerships related to safety awareness and collaboration with media to provide instant messaging and public awareness.

DIRECTION 2: PREPARE FOR DISASTERS AND EMERGENCIES.

ENABLING STRATEGIES:

Maintain an Emergency Preparedness Program and Emergency Control Committee.

Research and prepare plans and procedures for emergency response.

Maintain the City's capacity to respond to disasters and community crises.

Provide basic emergency management training to all City departments and stakeholders.

Broaden emergency training to encompass new trends in response and recovery.

Continue to collaborate with partners and the community to build emergency preparedness capacity and to develop coordinated disaster response plans.

Enable the citizens of Winnipeg individually and as a community to prepare for, respond to and recover from a major disaster by providing effective emergency preparedness planning, disaster management and education services.

DIRECTION 3: MAINTAIN EMERGENCY PLANNING EFFORTS TO PREVENTHAZARDS FROM DEVELOPING INTO DISASTERS AND TO REDUCE THE EFFECTS OF NATURAL HAZARDS INCLUDING EXTREME WEATHER.

ENABLING

Provide support and emergency planning advioe togroups planning special evenIS.

Provide risk hazard anal)'Ss infonnation to decision makers.

Research and assess City-owned facilities, programs and services for the short and long term risks of disastrous events.

Continue to conduct dynamic and imaginative disaster exercises to ensure our emergency preparedness resources are properly equipped to prewnt and handle future hazards and disasters.

Collaborate on strategies to minimize thespread of disease, including those borne byanimals or insects.

