Our Purpose

The Winnipeg Committee for Safety (WCFS) was created by Council in 1999 to support, assist, stimulate and mobilize the work of Winnipeg's neighbourhoods on safety concerns.

Approximately 20 people with an interest and/or experience, in crime prevention volunteer their time for monthly meetings, networking and other activities to encourage safety. Representatives from the Winnipeg Police Service, Community Services, Manitoba Justice, and the City Clerk's Department are also represented on the committee.

The WCFS has five working groups: Youth Committee, Downtown Winnipeg Committee for Safety, Safety Tool Box, Neighbourhood Forum Committee, and Conflict Resolution Training Committee.

Our Highlights

Leslie Lindberg from Lindberg Consultants completed an External Evaluation for the Winnipeg Committee for Safety in August, 2003. Recommendations from the report include:

- move forward with the strategic planning process
- continue to offer advice and facilitation services to community organizations as and when requested
- create a Marketing Strategy to raise the profile of the WCFS and the Safety Toolbox increasing access to this valuable resource for groups and individuals
- develop a template for team problem-solving and include action to implement for Community Conversation
- provide links from WCFS Website to safety initiatives and community development research and best practices
- create a facilitated forum for community members to meet, share information and network.
- expand the database of organizations, initiatives and programs regarding Community Safety

Copies of the evaluation are available by contacting the WCFS.

"Specifically, the Winnipeg Committee for Safety and its Safety Toolbox are relevant and useful and need to be more broadly known and used."

Lindberg Consulting, External Evaluation Study, 2003

- *Al Holmes from Sequus International* facilitated the development of a detailed **Strategic Plan** to set our goals and priorities for the year. The following areas of Strategic Focus were identified: hosting an Annual Community Forum, Capacity Building in Communities, Focus on Youth, Focused Assistance and Support Services, Evaluation, Marketing and C.P.T.E.D. (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design).
- **Domestic Violence Forum: *Practical Ideas and Everyday Solutions*** took place on March 7, 2003 at Magnus Eliason Recreation Centre. The purpose of this forum was to discuss positive changes for women, men and children affected by domestic violence. It attracted approximately 140 attendees including: community residents, representatives from community organizations, high school students, government representatives, police and politicians.



The play "Stop the Violence" was presented at the Forum by R.B. Russell Vocational High School's "Community Action Drama Group"

Small Group Workshops and Panel Presentations addressed issues such as bullying, helping youth stay out of gangs, zero tolerance for abusive relationships, avoiding violent behaviours, and personal and organizations' experiences with violence.

- conducted a survey of Winnipeg youth about safety concerns to develop both crisis and non-crisis safety resources- 314 inner city youth between 10 and 24 years from the Downtown, North End/Point Douglas, Tyndall Park, and Elmwood areas were surveyed in July and August, 2003.



Michael Hinds-Paul, Youth Survey/Interviewer for the WCFS Youth Committee

- published the Tenant and Landlord Cooperation Guide detailing legal rights and responsibilities with an aim of promoting close working relationships between landlords and tenants, particularly from low income neighbourhoods. Funded by Winnipeg Innercity Research Alliance, and Winnipeg Housing and Homelessness Initiative.



Tenant and Landlord Cooperation (TLC): Guide to Good Management of Inner City Buildings for Landlords and Tenants

- participated in Restorative Justice Week, November 16 – 23, and organized a panel on the new Youth Criminal Justice Act, with the Oblate Justice and Peace Committee.
- assisted in the creation of Justice Solutions, a new youth justice committee in the north end.
- provided neighbourhood safety presentations to numerous groups that included discussion of a successful community building model (West Broadway), an overview of the Safety Toolbox and safety audits as well as other articles and information regarding safety.
- distributed hundreds of Safety Toolboxes and thousands of pamphlets.
- supported the Downtown Winnipeg BIZ's "Change for the Better" campaign



New Youth Safety Website
www.communityyouthconnections.ca

In Progress

A variety of initiatives and activities are already being planned for 2004. Examples of these include:

- hosting a free neighbourhood forum called *"Safety! The Challenge"* that will take place April 17th, 2004 at R.B. Russell Vocational High School. The forum will be an exchange of ideas among individuals, community groups and agencies on how to make a difference in promoting safer communities. It will include information booths, workshops and keynote speakers.
- presenting the WCFS Safety Audit Awards to recognize neighbourhoods, businesses, organizations and residences for implementing crime prevention through environmental design (C.P.T.E.D.) principles. The awards will be presented at the Neighbourhood Safety Forum on April 17th.
- implementing the results of the youth safety survey by developing tools to assist youth and providing a number of resources about issues touching on safety. These tools may include address books, posters, a youth-designed interactive website or other items as identified by youth. Part of implementation will also include organizing Youth Safety Councils in the inner-city and other areas.
- creating a new youth website to provide information on safety, health, education, bullying, crisis, sex, pregnancy, etc. Conducting a youth website poster contest with youth from all school divisions in Winnipeg to promote our new youth friendly website: www.communityyouthconnections.ca
- organizing ongoing conflict resolution training for communities to help provide problem solving and mediation skills to neighbourhoods.
- preparing a library of safety information accessible to the public through the WCFS's website and CDs.

Our List of Available Resources:



- **Safety Tool Box** - info on Safety Audits, Crime Prevention and Conflict Resolution
- **Who Do I Call** - info on Who to Call for safety concerns
- **Articles and Videos** - info about exploitation in sex trade and domestic violence
- **Safety and Security Guide Call Cards**
- **Pamphlets** - Prejudice and Hate Homophobia and Anti-Homophobic Violence Conflict Resolution

Thank You

The Winnipeg Committee for Safety would like to thank the following:

- The Provincial government for the involvement of representatives from the Department of Justice;
- Mayor Glen Murray and City Council for their support in addressing City safety concerns;
- The Downtown Winnipeg BIZ for their contribution to the Downtown Winnipeg Committee for Safety;
- The agencies and organizations that send representatives to the WCFS meetings and working groups- *Michele Benoit and Ron Johannson, Winnipeg Police Service; Dina Juras, National Crime Prevention Centre; Shauna Neiser, Manitoba Public Insurance; Marsha Palansky, Community Legal Education Association; Dan Prokopchuk, Community Services; Jim Raftis, Chief of Police, University of Manitoba; Jennifer Ridge, City Clerk's Department; Angie Shurb, Downtown Safety Coordinator; Carolyn Buffie, North End Community Renewal Corporation; Katherine Glanville, Wolseley Family Place; Kimberly Johnson, Mt. Carmel Clinic; Denise Marks, Achieving Justice in our Communities; Chris Prince, Keewatin Winnipeg Youth Initiative; Wendy Scheirich, Prevention & Intervention of Child & Youth Sexual Exploitation; Gary Swanson, Community Services; Steve Wilson, Graffiti Art Programming Inc.; Catherine Collette and Viktoria Westgate, Social Work Practicum Students; Gil Pruden, Database and Resources Clerk.*



Committee Membership

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Financial Report

Revenues

Council Funding	$69,000

Expenditures

Contract Fees	$40,000
Fee for Service	$10,000
Office and Committee Supplies	$ 5,000
Working Groups and Subcommittees	$ 7,000
Web Maintenance	$ 1,000
Education & Training	$ 6,000
Total	$69,000

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You are invited to attend

Safety! The Challenge – April 17, 2004

A Free Neighbourhood Forum – R.B. Russell Vocational High School – contact WCFS for details

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Councillor Pagtakhan's Message



I would like to thank all of the members who serve on the Winnipeg Committee for Safety: our citizen members, members of the Winnipeg Police Service, City of Winnipeg administration and various government reps, and committee coordinator, Ms. Linda Williams for all of the incredible work that you have done to date.

We truly have an experienced, enthusiastic and dynamic mosaic of talent working hard to build community capacity which helps make Winnipeg's neighbourhoods a safer place to live, work and play.
At this time I would like to acknowledge Mr. David Jopling who will be leaving the committee as he has just completed his final term. A committee member since 1999, David's experience and leadership on the committee have been invaluable and will indeed be missed!

Please feel free to contact me with any ideas that you may have, to help strengthen safety in our neighbourhoods.

With warmest regards,
Mike Pagtakhan
Chairperson,
Winnipeg Committee for Safety



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

The Manitoba Criminal Justice Association acknowledges with gratitude

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for their outstanding contribution to the community and furthering the goals and objectives of the Manitoba Criminal Justice Association.

Sustainable Safety: Municipalities at the Crossroads Conference



Durban, South Africa
November 25-28, 2003

Councillor Mike Pagtakhan was a panelist in Durban, South Africa in November 2003. Mike enlightened various international delegates, on the safety initiatives of our committee and what youth in South Africa can do to get involved at various levels of government as well as in their communities to help make their neighbourhoods safer. Mike also established various justice, academic and community development contacts from Britain, Chile, South Africa, Finland, Japan and the Netherlands. Mike put together a powerpoint presentation that will be available on our website at a later date.