WINNIPEG COMMITTEE FOR SAFETY



2022 WORKPLAN & BUDGET

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All actions are within the current mandate and existing budget of the Winnipeg Committee for Safety (WCFS).
The WCFS consults with citizen advisory committees, community organizations and City of Winnipeg
departments on a regular basis in the development and delivery of its initiatives.

Directive: **Research & Development**

POLICY STATEMENT:

The WCFS will collaborate with City of Winnipeg departments, elected officials, intergovernmental partners and academic institutions to seek out best practice models in policy and practice.

The WCFS aims to stay ahead of the curve with pro-active and forward thinking.

Target Delivery: Q1 - Q2

ACTION ITEMS

- Led by the Canadian Municipal Network on Crime Prevention (CMNCP), the WCFS is currently developing a multi-year strategic action plan. This process begins with data collection that highlights the local community safety context including various initiatives, community organizations, and City of Winnipeg departments.

- The WCFS will identify 2 equity-deserving groups and 2 priority populations and then assist in DIY consultations for community organizations to facilitate; based on best practices in other municipalities, this arms-length method provides a safe, inclusive and meaningful participatory process; special consideration will be given to organizations that support people with lived/living experience and those impacted by systemic inequities;

Directive: **Support**

POLICY STATEMENT:

The Winnipeg Committee for Safety (WCFS) will assist citizens and community groups/organizations with their respective safety initiatives and goals.

The WCFS will connect citizens/organizations with the appropriate City of Winnipeg department(s) that can best address their concerns, solidifying our position as a knowledge hub.

The WCFS will foster a strengths-based approach and respect the unique assets intrinsic to each neighbourhood and community.

Target Delivery: Q2; ongoing

ACTION ITEMS

- In addition to the DIY consultation process, the WCFS will assist with one large community consultation, facilitated by the CMNCP; this crime-prevention focused engagement will highlight gaps in policy and programming as well as opportunities for the WCFS to support community need(s) through appropriate policy recommendations;

- The WCFS will continue to assist organizations with in-kind support (i.e., directing to appropriate City departments, providing recommendation letters, by-law information, etc);

Directive: **Education & Awareness**

POLICY STATEMENT:

The WCFS recognizes the invaluable contributions of community members, safety groups, businesses and various levels of government that contribute to making Winnipeg a safe city to live, work and play in.

The WCFS will take leadership in the existing network of safety groups and avoid duplication. It will identify gaps, and make safety information, models, tools, and approaches known to existing and newly developing safety groups.

Target Delivery: Q1-Q4

ACTION ITEMS

- Continue to expand Community Safety and Wellbeing Toolkit with up-to-date information and new topics that respond to community needs; continue to raise awareness on issues impacting community safety via website and social media;
- Continue to work with Winnipeg Safe City Initiative partners for public education during Sexual Assault Awareness Month (April 2022) and 16 Days of Activism (Nov 25th - Dec 10th, 2022);
- Invite representatives from community organizations to appear in delegation at WCFS meetings, with the purpose of informing/updating the committee on pertinent safety issues; this information-sharing will guide actionable items related to the strategic plan;

Directive: **Bridge**

POLICY STATEMENT:

The WCFS will assist community and neighbourhood safety groups to access and share information. The WCFS will act as a bridge between Council and community as well as amongst community groups themselves, fostering communication, cooperation, networking and creating inter-agency/sectoral partnerships.

Target Delivery: Q2-Q4

ACTION ITEMS

- Enhance public discourse and awareness by promoting safety-related events/workshops/resources; continue to connect citizens to Councillors' offices to receive Please Slow Down signs;
- Continue to work with Councillors in an advisory capacity, consult on community safety projects and provide materials for them to distribute to organizations/citizens in their wards; (i.e.: Taxicab Reporting Process information sheet)
- Continue working with the Indigenous Relations Division to enhance initiatives that address the Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Inquiry's Calls for Justice and the Truth and Reconciliation'ss Calls to Action;

Directive: **Advisory**

POLICY STATEMENT:

The WCFS will bring forth recommendations to Council as warranted, and offer advisory input into process, policy and programs regarding community safety.

Target Delivery: ongoing; Q3

ACTION ITEMS

- The WCFS will continue to be represented on several City of Winnipeg committees including (but not limited to) the Transit Advisory Committee, Vehicle-for-Hire Advisory Committee, Winnipeg Safe City Initiative and the Reconciliation Leadership Team; the WCFS Coordinator will make presentations to community organizations, upon request;

- Utilizing knowledge of community safety groups/initiatives and challenges throughout the City, the WCFS will be represented on the the Community Safety and Wellbeing Program Award Selection Committee and advise accordingly for the final year of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Program.

Directive: **Collaboration**

POLICY STATEMENT:

The WCFS will work cooperatively with related federal, provincial and municipal efforts to maximize effectiveness and avoid duplication.

Target Delivery: ongoing

ACTION ITEMS

- The WCFS will add the Community Development Division (CDD) Administrator Coordinator to the committee; with guidance from the Community Safety and Wellbeing Strategic Action Plan, the Administrative Coordinator and the WCFS will collaborate regularly to identify gaps in policy and programming, avoid duplication, align efforts and strengthen the development of the City of Winnipeg's Crime Prevention Policy;

- The WCFS will continue to be represented on the Winnipeg Safe City Initiative and collaborate with the MB Status of Women department as well as interdepartmental City of Winnipeg representatives on policies impacting sexual violence against women and girls in public spaces;

Directive: **Evaluation**

POLICY STATEMENT:

The WCFS will work with community organizations and City departments to assist in monitoring and evaluating effectiveness by setting benchmarks, determining measurable goals and objectives, developing tools, and revisiting its terms of reference.

Target Delivery: Q1-Q4

ACTION ITEMS

- The upcoming multi-year WCFS strategic action plan will outline short and long term goals, set benchmarks and identify measurable outcomes;
- The WCFS will review its governance structure/Terms of Reference and update it accordingly to reflect the values of social equity and inclusivity;
- Continue to monitor website ‘hits’, social media engagement, citizen/community organization requests
- Track requests for “tools” from the WCFS Toolkit and related feedback from community groups/Council; develop new ‘tools’ as requested

Directive: **Accountability**

POLICY STATEMENT:

Reporting to Council through Executive Policy Committee, the WCFS will be accountable to Council and community groups, incorporating a high degree of community involvement.

Target Delivery: Q2, Q3

ACTION ITEMS

- Feedback from the series of community consultations will guide the committee's multi year plan and those relationships will function as accountability mechanisms for meaningful change;
- The WCFS will develop and publish the 2021 Annual Report to the Community; appear before Standing Policy Committees, Committees of Council as required
- ·Hold quarterly budget reviews at WCFS meetings;
- ·Release the WCFS Strategic Action Plan to the community and Council upon completion;

Directive: **Working Groups**

POLICY STATEMENT:

The WCFS will create working groups, as required, to address specific issues and act as an extension of the Committee. Working group members will include individuals and representatives of organizations with relevant experience and expertise drawn from the community, City administration and Members of Council.

Target Delivery: ongoing

ACTION ITEMS

- Continue to form issue-based working groups as needed (i.e., Annual Report, Community Safety and Wellbeing Toolkit working group).

2022 BUDGET

Community Outreach	$13,880.00
Education & Training	$1500.00
Office Expenditures	$1500.00
Contract Fee	$50,000.00
Total Budget	**$66,880.00**