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Report 1:
Proposal to Facilitate Secure Commerce Collaborative

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Crime Prevention Program for Inner City and Indigenous-Owned or Managed Businesses

First, a question...

What are the top three reasons for crime in Manitoba?

(considering a majority of the population resides in Winnipeg, this is applicable for the city)

1. Poverty, inequality, and lack of opportunity

2. Substance abuse and the illegal drug trade

3. Street gangs and organized crime, overlapping with inter-generational trauma

How do we address these individually?

Poverty, inequality, and lack of opportunity

We address literacy rates so that people can learn how to create their own opportunities (like the other Indigenous-owned businesses mentioned in the proposal)

Mentorship programs offered by Indigenous-owned businesses instead of adding to the stigma of others without opportunities

Give EIA top-ups for those who want to go back to school to help form a healthy habit that can be transferred into the work force. It will lead to less free time to be bored.

"*Two enemies of human happiness are pain and boredom*"

- Arthur Schopenhauer

Substance abuse and the illegal drug trade

Police can help with the drug trade.

Substance abuse comes from the individual.
We must ask why people use substances?

To feel good/better? (escape reality or cope with grief)
To do better? (ie. Stimulants to stay awake)
Curiosity, social pressure or medication from surgery?

It is up to the individual to make healthy changes for themselves. All we can do is love them for who they are until they are done working through what they need to.

Again, paying people to go to a program can limit substance use as it provides a healthier alternative to escaping reality.

Street gangs and organized crime,
overlapping with inter-generational trauma

Police can be utilized to be a safe-net for those wanting to leave gangs. Connect them with programs to better their lives, pay for them and get them proper housing away from bad influences.

Lateral violence can exist in various oppressed groups, including nursing.

Ultimately, it boils down to maturity.

Finally, We address

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