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1. CRIME PREVENTION OTTAWA ANNUAL ACTION REPORT

RAPPORT D'ACTION DE PRÉVENTION DU CRIME OTTAWA

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive this report for information.

DIRECTION TO STAFF:

That Crime Prevention Ottawa staff have an evaluation prepared on the Gang Intervention Program for the Budget deliberations.

RECOMMANDATION DU COMITÉ

Que le conseil reçoit ce rapport à titre d'information.

INSTRUCTIONS AU PERSONNEL

Que le personnel de Prévention du crime Ottawa prépare une évaluation sur le programme d'intervention visant les bandes de rue pour les délibérations sur le budget.

DOCUMENTATION/DOCUMENTATION

1. Councillor Shad Qadri's report dated 15 September 2017 (ACS-2017-CCS-CPS-0008)

Rapport du conseiller Shad Qadri, daté le 15 septembre 2017 (ASC2017-CSS-GEN-0008)

2. Extract of draft Minutes, Community and Protective Services Committee, 19 October 2017.

Extrait de l'ébauche du procès-verbal, Comité des services communautaires et de protection, le 19 octobre 2017.

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Report to Rapport au:

Community and Protective Services Committee
Comité des services communautaires et de protection
19 October 2017 / 19 octobre 2017

and Council
et au Conseil
25 October 2017 / 25 octobre 2017

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VILLE

SUBJECT: Crime Prevention Ottawa Annual Action Report

OBJET: Rapport d'Action de Prévention du crime Ottawa

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REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That Community and Protective Services Committee and Council receive this report for information.

RECOMMANDATION DU RAPPORT

Que le Comité des services communautaires et de protection et le conseil reçoivent ce rapport à titre d'information.

BACKGROUND

Since its creation in 2006, the staff and Board of Crime Prevention Ottawa (CPO) have worked effectively together to reduce crime and enhance community safety through collaborative evidence-informed crime prevention. CPO reports annually to Council.

CPO's activities focus on three strategic priorities: Violence Against Women, Neighbourhoods and Youth at Risk. Our work this year has yielded results in each of these areas. We published the results from the first three years of the Ottawa Gang Strategy and redirected our focus from gangs to street violence. We hosted several Speaker Series events that included topics such as hate crimes and Indigenous youth.

We continued our work on some important projects. For example, we continued to support the Time for Change program to help gang-involved individuals resume a safer lifestyle. We also continued funding to the Homework Club Community of Practice, which is managed by the Ottawa Child and Youth Initiative, housed at CHEO. This project is building capacity to serve children in vulnerable neighbourhoods and give them the support they need. More details about our work, including new initiatives, can be found below.

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DISCUSSION

Commitment yields results: Violence Against Women

Violence Against Women (VAW) was a problem in our community long before recent high-profile cases became prominent in the media. In fact, Council's long-standing support of VAW as a mandate for CPO, coupled with the Police Chief's priority on VAW, has helped to make ours one of Canada's leading cities in prioritizing the problem of VAW. This ongoing commitment, together with CPO's focus on creating a prevention culture, have helped develop some truly innovative approaches to addressing the issue. To highlight three of these successes and to give Council an overview of what their support has created in our community, we have prepared a VAW Report, which is included in the documents attached to this report.

Focus on street violence

Our work on gangs from 2013–16 has evolved into a focus on street-level violence in Ottawa. All of the programs under the three-year Ottawa Gang Strategy continue to operate with support from a wide range of community partners.

We have also engaged in a broad consultations process to plan our next steps with regards to street violence. We conducted interviews with gang-involved individuals, held focus groups, and hosted a public consultation event to gather ideas about solutions to the problem.

Post-Incident Neighbourhood Support Framework

The Post-Incident Neighbourhood Support Framework coordinates support and resources in neighbourhoods impacted by violent or traumatic incidents. The framework is designed to help reduce distress and fear in the community and improve information sharing between residents and service providers when an incident like a shooting occurs. The framework has now been rolled out to more than half of the City's Community Health Resource Centres. It has been successful at supporting residents at times of deep concern and fear.

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Neighbourhood mobilization projects

After earlier successes in Lowertown, Pinecrest-Queensway, and Vanier, CPO started supporting the Herongate/Cedarwood neighbourhood in 2014 and in 2016 CPO added support to the Jasmine Crescent neighbourhood in Gloucester to start implementing a community mobilization project. The neighbourhood has begun to see results, thanks to important support from the Eastern Ottawa Resource Centre and Councillor Tim Tierney. Following three homicides in the area in 2015, residents today report a greater sense of community and security, better communication and a collective commitment to safety.

Paint it Up! program

The Paint it Up! graffiti prevention program continues to attract talented young artists interested in beautifying our City. In 2016, we received 17 applications and approved 9 new projects, for a total investment of \$50,000.

Funded projects

In 2016, CPO continued to provide funding for Time for Change, a partnership between the John Howard Society and the Ottawa Community Immigrant Services Organization, to help people transition away from gang-related crime through individual and family support.

In 2016, we also funded the Ontario Justice Education Network for their project, Building Positive Police-Youth Relationships, a 6-week interactive justice education initiative which was rolled out in four communities. The youth-focused workshops allow participants to exchange information, identify issues and discuss solutions with lawyers and police officers.

We also renewed funding for Project SoundCheck, a training program for staff and volunteers to identify and prevent sexual assault at large events, which is receiving attention in cities such as Montreal and Los Angeles.

Attached to this report is a copy of our evaluation of all 2015 funded projects. The report demonstrates the results achieved from the projects CPO funded in 2015. The evaluation results of the projects funded in 2016 will be available next year.

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Research & publications

As part of our contribution to the City of Ottawa Aboriginal Working Committee, and the City's commitment to reconciliation, we asked what we could do to contribute to solutions. The result? A research project titled, Culture as Catalyst: Preventing the Criminalization of Indigenous Youth. The paper explored strategies for supporting Indigenous youth, as well as strength-based and trauma-informed approaches. We also hosted a successful Speaker Series event, which brought together representatives from Ottawa's Indigenous communities, researchers, service providers and the public.

Other publications were produced throughout the year, including articles for community newspapers on bush parties and tax fraud.

CPO by the numbers

In addition to our 8th annual Community Safety Awards, we welcomed 465 attendees to our Speaker Series events on topics such as family violence, hate crimes, fraud and Indigenous youth. We distributed 9,962 magnets in various languages, 319 CODA booklets, 175 landlord booklets, 50 beautification cards and 1,609 home takeovers posters, cards and guides. All materials are available on the CPO website at crimepreventionottawa.ca.

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Financial Information

Crime Prevention Ottawa – Financial Statement as at December 31, 2016

Revenue	<u>Actual 2016</u>
City of Ottawa	989,323
Graffiti Management Transfer to CPO	50,000
Total	1,039,323
<u>Expenses</u>	
Staff	311,906
CPO Initiatives	153,516
Grants/Paint it UP!	573,360
Total	1,038,782
Surplus as of Dec 31, 2016	541

Current CPO Board Members:

Michael Allen, President / Executive Director, United Way/Centraide Ottawa

Chantal Bernier, President, International Crime Prevention Centre

Charles Bordeleau, Chief, Ottawa Police Service

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Jim Devoe, Chief Executive Officer, Congress of Aboriginal Peoples

Edith Dumont, Director of Education, Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario (CEPEO)

Julianne Dunbar, General Counsel of the Military Police Complaints Commission

Stephane Giguère, CEO, Ottawa Community Housing Corporation

Anthony Di Monte, General Manager for Emergency and Protective Services, City of Ottawa

Jeff Leiper, Councillor, City of Ottawa

Barbara MacKinnon, Executive Director, Children's Aid Society

Michelle Mann-Rempel, Lawyer (Resigned from Board June 2017)

Karim Mekki, Resident

Steve Monuk, York Entertainment

Shad Qadri, Councillor, City of Ottawa, Chair Crime Prevention Ottawa

Ben Roebuck, Professor & Coordinator, Graduate Victimology Program, Algonquin College

Tragically, in February of 2017, CPO and the Ottawa community lost our long time Board member Lucya Spencer. Lucya was an important leader in immigrant settlement and in services for women experiencing violence. She will be deeply missed.

RURAL IMPLICATIONS

Crime Prevention Ottawa (CPO) has engaged with rural community developers from the community resources centre network and continue to monitor their crime prevention needs.

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CONSULTATION

As demonstrated in the Crime Prevention Ottawa Action Report 2016-17, CPO engages in a broad-based engagement activities throughout the year.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal impediments to receiving the information in this report.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk management implications associated with this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS

CPO has been working closely with people living with disabilities and community services through Connecting on Disability and Abuse (CODA). CPO is also leading an initiative on the issue of home takeovers of vulnerable tenants in which CODA is a key participant.

TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES

The work of Crime Prevention Ottawa contributes to the Strategic Priority of a "Healthy and Caring Communities." This priority is defined as helping "all residents enjoy a high quality of life and contribute to community well-being through healthy, safe, secure, accessible and inclusive places."

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

- Document 1: Creating a Culture of Prevention: How Ottawa is Addressing Violence Against Women in English (Held on file with the City Clerk)
- Document 2: Creating a Culture of Prevention: How Ottawa is Addressing Violence Against Women in French (Held on file with the City Clerk)

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- Document 3: Evaluation of CPO's 2015 Investments Report in English (Held on file with the City Clerk)
- Document 4: Evaluation of CPO's 2015 Investments Report in French (Held on file with the City Clerk)

DISPOSITION

Community and Protective Services Committee to forward this report to Council for information.