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10. Crime Prevention Ottawa Annual Action Report 2020

Rapport d'action 2020 de Prévention du crime Ottawa

# COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council receive this report and approve the updated Mission Statement for Crime Prevention Ottawa:

"To contribute to crime prevention and enhanced community safety and well-being in Ottawa through collaborative, evidence-informed initiatives."

# RECOMMANDATIONS DU COMITÉ

Que le Conseil prenne connaissance du présent rapport et approuve l'énoncé de mission actualisé de Prévention du crime Ottawa :

Prévenir le crime et augmenter la sécurité et le bien-être dans les communautés d'Ottawa au moyen d'initiatives collaboratives et fondées sur des données probantes.

## DOCUMENTATION/DOCUMENTATION

- 1. Diane Deans, City Councillor and Chair, Crime Prevention Ottawa, dated August 17, 2021 (ACS2021-OCC-CPS-0007).
  - Diane Deans, Conseillère municipale et présidente, Prévention du crime Ottawa, daté le 7 aout 2021 (ACS2021-OCC-CPS-0007)
- 2. Extract of Draft Minutes, Community and Protective Services Committee, dated September 16, 2021.

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Extrait de l'ébauche du procès-verbal, Comité des services communautaires et de protection, le 16 septembre 2021.

Report to Rapport au:

Community and Protective Services Committee
Comité des services communautaires et de protection
16 September 2021 / 16 septembre 2021

and Council
et au Conseil
22 September 2021 / 22 septembre 2021

Submitted on August 17, 2021 Soumis le 17 août 2021

Submitted by Soumis par:

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VILLE

**SUBJECT: Crime Prevention Ottawa Annual Action Report 2020** 

OBJET: Rapport d'action 2020 de Prévention du crime Ottawa

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# REPORT RECOMMENDATION

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### RECOMMANDATION DU RAPPORT

Que le Comité des services communautaires et de protection et le Conseil approuvent ce rapport, y compris l'énoncé de mission actualisé de Prévention du crime Ottawa :

Prévenir le crime et augmenter la sécurité et le bien-être dans les communautés d'Ottawa au moyen d'initiatives collaboratives et fondées sur des données probantes.

### **BACKGROUND**

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

## **DISCUSSION**

# **New Strategic Plan**

In 2020, CPO produced a new Strategic Plan to address evolving community issues and stakeholder relationships. See document 1 for the full CPO 2021–2022 Strategic Plan. The new plan is designed to be responsive to emerging needs and to move CPO's activities forward through the COVID-19 pandemic and into recovery. It marks the start of a new dialogue about how CPO can continue to stay relevant and responsive to our community's needs.

As part of this work, we updated our mission statement:

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Updated CPO strategic priorities include:

- New pillar on vulnerable adults, including seniors
- Strong emphasis on marginalized children and youth
- Added focus on COVID-19 community challenges

We added intersecting priorities across all CPO pillars to focus on inclusion, anti-racism and well-being. These new priorities complement our existing pillars, which continue to be at the forefront of our work:

- Reducing crime in priority neighbourhoods
- Working with youth
- Reducing gender-based violence

The plan also seeks to align with the City of Ottawa's Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Plan. It was approved by CPO's Board of Directors in February 2021.

As a next step, the Board will continue to discuss ways to nurture dialogue at the systemic level. The goal is to:

- Promote healing and stronger relationships related to social justice issues
- Identify concrete actions and projects that will harness the Board's strengths
- Make significant contributions to CPO's mission and service coordination

# Adapting to COVID-19

When the pandemic started, CPO had to pivot quickly. Our community needed help in different ways than before. Since in-person outreach was no longer an option, our team transitioned to working online. As a result, we were able to reach a much wider audience.

Early in the lockdown, CPO staff organized bi-weekly Coffee Breaks on Facebook Live. The goal was to connect with service providers, board members and experts in the community. We aired 26 episodes which were viewed 5,208 times.

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Our 12<sup>th</sup> annual Crime Prevention Ottawa Awards were transformed into an engaging online experience. The event celebrated six exceptional winners and was livestreamed on YouTube. More than 220 people tuned in live, and the YouTube recording has been viewed over 750 times.

We also hosted several Speaker Series events on topics such as conflict resolution during COVID-19, racism, weapons carrying among youth, and the link between animal and women abuse. In response to the pandemic, most of these events were moved online. We reached 2,365 attendees, a 220% overall increase in participation compared to last year.

See the full list of 2020 CPO events below:

- 2020 Crime Prevention Ottawa Awards
- Speaker Series, Anti-Indigenous racism in Canada: They couldn't make us disappear
- Speaker Series, Understanding systemic anti-black racism
- Speaker Series, Perspectives du port d'armes chez les jeunes d'Ottawa: une discussion sur le rôle du racisme, de l'oppression systémique et des traumatismes liés à la migration à l'ère des médias sociaux
- Speaker Series, Perspectives on weapons-carrying among Ottawa youth
- Speaker Series, Harmony and safety: Conflict resolution during the COVID lockdown
- Speaker Series, Violence link: Animal abuse and woman abuse

### **Unsafe at Home Ottawa**

CPO continues to support gender-based violence initiatives. In 2020, we found that women were living through increased violence and abuse at home during the pandemic. As a result, we funded Unsafe at Home Ottawa, a secure text and online chat service in Ottawa. This included partnership development, the website, service launch, communications and support for the service for their first four months.

We then helped partners secure funding from the United Way Eastern Ontario to continue the project, which expanded to serve Lanark County and members of LGBTQ2S+ communities. CPO provided additional funds for service improvements and a sustainable delivery model, plus ongoing communications support. The project has

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been so successful that organizations in other jurisdictions have replicated similar text and online chat services in their communities.

# **SHINE: Youth Arts Microgrants Initiative**

As a result of the pandemic, many important youth programs were scaled back. To support young people through this difficult time, CPO launched the SHINE: Youth Arts Microgrants Initiative.

The program offers positive engagement opportunities for marginalized and racialized youth. Through art projects, young people can explore important themes like positive identity formation, safety, anti-racism and community building. Microgrants cover supplies, equipment and human resources. The program also includes a coaching and mentoring component led by an experienced Ottawa artist, Jamaal Jackson Rogers, Ottawa's former Poet Laureate.

We received 17 applications and awarded grants to 11 community agencies and individuals, for a total investment of \$43,170.03.

# **Research and Publications**

In 2020, CPO funded evidence-informed projects that help build capacity, support research and prevent crime in our strategic priority areas. We released the following publications in 2020:

- Perspectives on Weapons Carrying Among Ottawa Youth Ages 14–21
- COVID-19 Related Fraud and Property Crime (in English, French, Arabic and Chinese)

# **Financial Information**

Crime Prevention Ottawa – Financial Statement as of December 31, 2020

Revenue	<u>Actual 2020</u>
City of Ottawa	\$1,108,535
Graffiti Management Transfer to CPO	\$21,360

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Total	\$1,129,895
<u>Expenses</u>	
Staff	\$358,378
CPO Initiatives	\$117,777
Grants/Paint it UP!	\$631,536
Total	\$1,107,691
Surplus as of Dec 31, 2020	\$22,204 (returned to the City)

# **Current CPO Board Members:**

- Diane Deans, City Councillor and Chair, Crime Prevention Ottawa
- Farhia Ahmed, community volunteer and Co-Founder of the Justice for Abdirahman Coalition
- Michael Allen, President and Executive Director, United Way/Centraide Ottawa
- Rev. Anthony D. Bailey, Coordinating Minister of the Parkdale United Church
- Ed Buller, community volunteer and retired research director
- Jim Devoe, Chief Executive Officer, Congress of Aboriginal Peoples
- Anthony Di Monte, General Manager, Emergency and Protective Services, City of Ottawa
- Thomas D'Amico, Director of Education, Ottawa Catholic School Board
- Julianne Dunbar, General Counsel, Military Police Complaints Commission and community volunteer
- Dr. Vera Etches, Medical Officer of Health, Ottawa Public Health

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- Stéphane Giguère, CEO, Ottawa Community Housing Corporation
- Rawlson King, City Councillor
- Karim Mekki, Community leader (resigned in 2020)
- Steve Monuk, Partner, York Entertainment
- Kelly Raymond, Executive Director, Children's Aid Society of Ottawa
- Dr. David Rosen, CHEO, University of Ottawa
- Shawana Shah, Community leader
- Peter Sloly, Chief, Ottawa Police Service
- Kelli Tonner, Executive Director, South-East Ottawa Community Health Centre

### **RURAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no rural implications to this report. Crime Prevention Ottawa (CPO) has participated in discussions on rural community development.

### CONSULTATION

As demonstrated in the Crime Prevention Ottawa Action Report 2020, CPO engages in broad-based engagement activities throughout the year.

# COMMENTS BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR(S)

This is a city-wide report.

# **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

### **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

There are no risk management implications associated with this report.

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### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

# **ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS**

CPO worked closely for years with people living with disabilities and community services through Connecting on Disability and Abuse (CODA). CPO will be expanding this work through the new strategic focus on vulnerable adults.

### **TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES**

The work of Crime Prevention Ottawa contributes to the Strategic Priority of "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 – CPO 2021-2022 Strategic Plan

#### **DISPOSITION**

Council and Committee Services to forward the report to Council for information.

"Pursuant to the *Delegation of Authority By-law* (By-law No. 2020-360), Schedule "C", Section 7, the City Clerk authorized the correction of a

minor error in this report to correct the French Recommendation in the report such that it now matches the English recommendation providing that Council <u>receive</u> the report and <u>approve</u> the updated Mission Statement. The corrected report was published with the Final City Council Agenda on September 21, 2021."