

Financial Report

Revenues

City Council \$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

Administration Representatives

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| CAO Secretariat | Sheri Glugosh |
| City Clerk's Department | Carol Freeman Jennifer Ridge |
| Community Services | Dan Prokopchuk |
| Winnipeg Police Service | Ron Johansson |
| Downtown Safety Coordinator | Marci Mattern Angela Clark |
| Social Work Practicum Student | Lori-Anne Walsh |

Provincial Representatives

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| Wendy Huggan | Ben Thiessen |
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Partnerships

The WCFS partners with a variety of people and organizations committed to safety issues. Along with Civic Administration and provincial representatives from the Department of Justice, the Committee also partners with community organizations, tenants and residents associations, neighbourhood patrol groups, community resource centres and neighbourhood watch groups.

Acknowledgements

The WCFS offers thanks to the provincial government and appreciates the involvement of provincial representatives.

The Committee recognizes the support of Mayor Glen Murray and City Council in addressing city safety concerns.

The Committee is grateful for the Civic Administration's willingness to contribute to a safe Winnipeg.

The WCFS appreciates the networks and linkages in place with the community and organizations that take an interest in safety issues. The pro-active effort of each individual represents one step closer toward making safety a reality in our city.

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The Safety Tool Box, as well as each Sketch, Manual, and Pamphlet mentioned in this Progress Report is available by contacting the Winnipeg Committee for Safety.

Winnipeg Committee For Safety



Progress Report 2001

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR:

In an engaged and active community, crime is less likely to happen. The Committee is pleased to present this progress report, which explores our significant accomplishments and future goals.

Safety concerns arise regardless whether you live downtown or in St. Vital. Our committee embraces a citywide strategy to support neighbourhoods in creating safe environments in which to live. The community has positively responded to the Committee's approach, proving that with practical information and motivation, everyone can make a difference.

Each day, the Winnipeg Police Service makes Winnipeg safe through enforcement and philosophies such as community policing and crime prevention. Because



the Community Services department and the Committee also share these philosophies, consistent and collective efforts are making Winnipeg a safe city.

While participating in a national panel on crime prevention, I've presented our Committee efforts to the delegates at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference. Winnipeg is on the leading edge in Canada with our innovative approach to crime prevention through citizen engagement and building community capacity.

Crime prevention efforts are worthwhile. West Broadway is an example of a neighbourhood that has successfully reduced crime rates. Street patrols, safety audits, restorative justice committees and neighbourhood watch programs are safety measures that have proven to revitalize neighbourhoods.

The Committee members are passionate about working with people to achieve better neighbourhoods and working towards making Winnipeg a peaceful, secure city to call home.

The Safety Tool Box (Tool Box) is a "living document" to which the Committee continually adds practical information to address site safety issues. Modules within the Tool Box provide tangible resources for assessment and projects to implement to address crime prevention through visual cues and physical layout.

Over 700 Tool Boxes have been sent into the community, with 50 of these in French. Each Tool Box represents an individual or group working to make Winnipeg a safer city. To

recognize the contributions citizens make toward crime prevention, the Committee presented the 2001 Safety Audit Awards on November 22, 2001.



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Youth Forum participants, group facilitators and organizers

Committee Membership

Chair

Councillor Jenny Gerbasi

Ex-officio

Mayor Glen Murray

Committee Coordinator

Liz Manning

Committee Members

Kristine Barr

Jennifer Chu

David Jopling

Sharon Perrault

Carolyn Buffie

Sherry Hennessey

Barbara Palace

Linda Williams

Background

The Winnipeg Committee for Safety (WCFS) was created by City Council in 1999 with an identified mandate: *to support, assist, stimulate and mobilize* the work of the community on safety concerns.

Reporting to the Executive Policy Committee, the WCFS bridges City Council with the community. The Committee can also facilitate the community's relationships with city departments, as well as other community resources and organizations. The WCFS has the capacity to both raise community concerns with Council and advise Council on safety issues.

Fostering relationships with Civic Administration and a variety of community groups has created a strong foundation for working toward a common goal.

Committee members offer an interest or



Mayor Glen Murray presenting Safety Audit Award to Spence Team on Patrol member.

background in crime prevention through social development or environmental design. Representatives from Civic Administration, particularly Community Services, the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS), Chief Administrative Office Secretariat and City Clerk's Department participate in the WCFS as non-voting members. The WCFS includes provincial representatives from the Department of Justice.

Working groups within the WCFS address specific issues: the Youth Working Group, the Tool Box Working Group, the Downtown Safety Working Group and the Management Committee.

This past year, the WCFS welcomed funding from the multi-government Winnipeg Development Agreement (WDA). The WDA funded the Committee to carry out a number of projects and one-time programs.

Highlights

The consistent efforts of the WCFS, which meets monthly, correspond with remarkable strides toward a safe, healthy city.

To **support** community activities, the WCFS has:

- ▲ assisted youth with coordination of **"Our Safety"**; a three day citywide youth forum which explored Human Rights, Violence in Schools and Gangs and Street Life. Recommendations related to youth and youth safety are being compiled in a report to be brought to the Committee for follow-up. The WCFS will present this report to Council.
- ▲ presented the **2001 Safety Audit Awards** at the November City Council meeting to acknowledge the community efforts to improve safety.
- ▲ created a **"Community Conversations Manual"**; a detailed guide to planning a community discussion regarding safety issues and Tool Box chapter.
- ▲ completed a **survey of Downtown Businesses** to assess existing security measures and communication channels.
- ▲ hosted a workshop at a **Restorative Justice Conference** alongside representatives from three levels of government and the community.

To **assist** with public education and awareness, the WCFS has:

- ▲ included a **"Crime Prevention Manual"** to the Tool Box to encourage a safe conscious city.
- ▲ compiled the easy to use **"Who Do I Call?"** sketch with contacts for common community safety problems. The sketch is available both as a Tool Box component and a stand alone document.
- ▲ revised the **"Winnipeg Safety & Security Guide Call Card 2001/2002"**, a reference list of persons/agencies to call about urgent and non-urgent safety and security issues.
- ▲ raised the WCFS profile through a Leisure Guide insert, an information kiosk for community events and media interviews for radio, television and print discussing the community safety issues addressed by the Committee.

To **stimulate** interest using the best possible information, the WCFS has:

- ▲ promoted peace in the community and encouraged understanding and diversity with the production of practical and informative pamphlets addressing **Homophobia and Homophobic Violence** and **Prejudice and Hate-motivated Violence**.
- ▲ contributed to developing **Conflict Resolution training** with Mediation Services. Provided accessible training to key people in community groups with grassroots contact.
- ▲ revamped **WCFS website** to include helpful links and education resources to download.
- ▲ improved the **WCFS infrastructure** by creating and maintaining a contact database for tracking Tool Box recipients and information requests.

To **mobilize** people to take action, the WCFS has:

- ▲ compiled a **Safety Audit Manual**. This Tool Box module is based on crime prevention through assessing safety and identifying changes to be made.
- ▲ partnered with Mediation Services to produce a **Conflict Resolution pamphlet** with concrete communication tools for resolving conflict between neighbours. Incorporated gathered information in a **Conflict Resolution Manual** for Tool Box.
- ▲ welcomed urban planner **Greg Saville** to speak with the community about safety through environmental design. Co-produced these lectures with the Manitoba Professional Planners Institute.

Future Goals

Working within the framework of their mandate, the Committee will:

- ▲ take part in furthering the strategic planning process to identify a new Action Plan including both short and long-term goals.
- ▲ coordinate the production of education resources using the best possible information.
- ▲ encourage individual involvement in creating a safer Winnipeg.
- ▲ emphasize crime prevention through social development and environmental design as a means to improve quality of life for the citizens of Winnipeg.
- ▲ work in cooperation and support with community policing.

- ▲ welcome new cross-cultural partnerships with citizens of all ages.
- ▲ continue to support the work of the Downtown Safety Working Group.
- ▲ support recommendations from the Youth Forum while providing further assistance with the development of a Youth Sub Committee.
- ▲ engage in developing effective and useful evaluation techniques and processes.
- ▲ advise City Council, as necessary, on policy issues related to crime prevention and community safety.



Greg Saville workshop at the Freight House, June 2, 2001.



Councillor Gerbasi with members of the Earl Grey Neighbourhood Safety Association at the Safety Audit and Awards.



Walking tour with Greg Saville Spence Neighbourhood, May 31, 2001.