

**Report to
Rapport au:**

**Community and Protective Services Committee
Comité des services communautaires et de protection
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**and Council
et au Conseil
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SUBJECT: Crime Prevention Ottawa Annual Action Report 2019

OBJET: Rapport d'action 2019 de Prévention du crime Ottawa

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That Community and Protective Services Committee and Council receive this report for information and approve the minor change to the Crime Prevention Ottawa Terms of Reference as described in supporting document 7.

RECOMMANDATION DU RAPPORT

Que le Comité des services communautaires et de protection et le conseil reçoivent ce rapport à titre d'information et approuve la modification mineure du mandat de Prévention du crime Ottawa tel que décrit dans le document 3.

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.

We continue to focus our activities on our three strategic priorities:

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

We are also responsible for supporting the Ottawa Street Violence and Gang Strategy. Further, we offer support to many other initiatives and activities. A detailed report on 2019 and our plans for 2020 are available on the [CPO website](#).

DISCUSSION

Street Violence and Gang Strategy

CPO's single largest project is the Ottawa Street Violence and Gang Strategy. CPO manages the partnership and works to take action on the strategy's recommendations. The plan's [annual evaluation](#) is available on the CPO website. Partners undertook a range of activities, including mentoring programs for youth, employment services, youth-police dialogues, community leadership network for families, and Time for Change, which helps individuals transition from gang involvement to a safer lifestyle.

Following recommendations from our presentation to CPS in 2018, we undertook a cost benefit analysis of the Time for Change program (see document 1 and 2). The analysis indicated a return of \$3.39 for every dollar invested in the program.

Youth

Other youth initiatives included providing support for professional development for youth workers and outreach activities with multiple networks, including the Ottawa Child and Youth Initiative and the Ottawa Youth Justice Network. We funded the Critical Hours Community of Practice to allow them to create the 150 Days of Programming Toolkit to

enhance the quality of programming in homework clubs and other after-school programs for youth at risk.

Finally, the Paint it Up! graffiti prevention program continues to attract talented young artists interested in beautifying our city. In 2019, we received 21 applications and approved 8 new projects, for a total investment of \$50,000.

Crime-Affected Neighbourhoods

CPO continues to support neighbourhoods to address their crime prevention needs. The Vision Jasmine and Herongate Safety Committee have both proven to be very successful neighbourhood projects. CPO has been funding these projects for several years. The projects have now matured and will continue without CPO financial support.

CPO recently funded two new neighbourhood projects: one in Overbrook and one to understand and mitigate the challenges surrounding services for downtown drug users. Both projects are just getting underway.

Over the past seven years, CPO has funded and nurtured a project to address home takeovers. Our funding for the project has now ended. A full report on the project and lessons learned, entitled “Unwanted Guest: How Ottawa Uncovered and Addressed the Problem of Home Takeovers” is available as supporting documents 3,4,5 and 6.

Gender-Based Violence

CPO actively participates in the Ottawa Police Service’s Violence Against Women Community Police Advisory Committee. CPO continued to support Project SoundCheck which addresses sexual assaults at festivals and other large events. We are pleased that the project is now working in partnership with Ottawa Public Health to mainstream those services.

CPO’s social media cootie catcher (paper fortune teller game) with social media safety tips for children, and information sheet for parents, received a 2019 ClearMark Award of Merit for excellence in plain language from the Center for Plain Language in Washington, DC.

In 2019 we funded a research study into the experience of violence for youth and young adults in the 2SLGBTQ+ community and we anticipate receiving the results of that study by the third quarter of this year.

Governance

The Board of Directors of Crime Prevention Ottawa is currently adjusting its governance documents with the intention of greater clarity and consistency. The Board is proposing a minor change to the wording of the Terms of Reference regarding the role of the Executive Director. See supporting document 7.

CPO Events and Outreach

Our 11th annual Community Safety Awards recognized eight outstanding winners at a ceremony at City Hall in November, which was livestreamed on Facebook. The event trended locally and nationally on Twitter and garnered nearly \$70,614 in earned media coverage.

We hosted several Speaker Series events in 2019 on topics such as childhood trauma, the Incel Movement, disability and abuse, and building bridges across neighbourhoods. These events attracted more than 732 attendees. Our CPO and CODA ambassadors took part in 29 events in 2019, and staff did 11 presentations on neighbourhood-based crime prevention.

Research and Publications

In 2019, CPO funded evidence-informed projects that help build capacity, support research and prevent crime in our three priority areas. We released the following publications in 2019:

- Identifying a scam: Do your research and protect yourself
- Time for Change: Gang intervention program report
- Helping children deal with trauma: Information for parents and teachers
- Evaluation of Crime Prevention Ottawa's 2017 community investments
- Tenants living in condominiums: What you need to know
- Cootie catcher tips for parents in Arabic
- Cootie catcher tips for parents in Chinese Simplified
- Cootie catcher tips for parents in Chinese Traditional

Financial Information

Crime Prevention Ottawa – Financial Statement as at December 31, 2019

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Actual 2019</u>
City of Ottawa	\$1,024,013
Graffiti Management Transfer to CPO	\$50,000
Total	\$1,074,013
<u>Expenses</u>	

Staff	\$342,602
CPO Initiatives	\$ 68,634
Grants/Paint it UP!	\$657,619
Total	\$1,068,855
Surplus as of Dec 31, 2019	\$5,224 (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
- Édith Dumont, Director of Education, Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario (resigned)
- Julianne Dunbar, General Counsel, Military Police Complaints Commission and community volunteer
- Dr. Vera Etches, Medical Officer of Health, Ottawa Public Health

- Stéphane Giguère, CEO, Ottawa Community Housing Corporation
- Rawlson King, City Councillor
- Karim Mekki, educator and community worker
- 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 Soly, Chief, Ottawa Police Service
- Kelli Tonner, Executive Director, South-East Ottawa Community Health Centre

RURAL IMPLICATIONS

Crime Prevention Ottawa (CPO) has participated in discussions of rural community development.

CONSULTATION

As demonstrated in the Crime Prevention Ottawa Action Report 2019, 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.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS

CPO has been working closely for more than 10 years with people living with disabilities and community services through Connecting on Disability and Abuse (CODA). CPO also lead the initiative on the issue of home takeovers of vulnerable tenants, in which CODA was 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 – Cost Benefit Analysis of the Time for Change Program

Document 2 – Analyse des coûts et des avantages du programme Temps pour le changement (Résumé)

Document 3 - Unwanted Guests: How Ottawa Uncovered and Addressed the Problem of Home Takeovers (report)

Document 4 – Unwanted Guests (infographic)

Document 5 – Les invités indésirables : Voici comment ottawa a identifié Et réglé le problème des prises de possession de domicile

Document 6 – Les invités indésirables (infographie)

Document 7 - Change to CPO's Terms of Reference

DISPOSITION

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