

COMMITTEE REPORT

NO: **P004**

DATE: **April 11, 2016**

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **April 1, 2016**

FROM: **Director, Public Safety Strategies**

FILE: **7450-30**

SUBJECT: **Update on the Canadian Municipal Network on Crime Prevention**

RECOMMENDATION

The City Manager's Department recommends that the Public Safety Committee;

1. receive this report as information; and
2. officially endorse our City's active engagement in the inter-municipal exchange program federally funded by the National Crime Prevention Centre (NCPC) for the next three years as part of our Public Safety Strategy.

INTENT

To purpose of this report is to inform Mayor and Council of the latest developments regarding the Canadian Municipal Network on Crime Prevention (CMN) and to request the authorization for our municipality to officially endorse engagement in the inter-municipal exchange program funded for the next three years by the National Crime Prevention Centre (NCPC).

BACKGROUND

In 2006, the City of Surrey was one of fifteen Canadian municipalities to respond to an invitation by the Institute for the Prevention of Crime of the University of Ottawa to be part of a municipal working group to share experience and expertise regarding crime prevention and to foster the development of integrated approaches for community safety. This initiative was made possible through the financial support of the NCPC from 2006 to 2009. It resulted in the publication of a compendium of Canadian municipal strategies and practices and the production of 10 Action briefs for municipal stakeholders. The development of a postcard to promote the overall intent of the network was created in 2014 and is attached as Appendix "1".

Since then, the participating municipalities have been part of a national network that continue to share expertise and discuss common issues related to crime prevention and community safety. A constant link has also been maintained with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

Considering the momentum generated by the network and the benefits of this interactive process, a proposal was presented to the NCPC by the City of Montreal, on behalf of the municipalities of the Network, to put in place a comprehensive inter-municipal exchange, knowledge dissemination and training program. On September 23, 2015, NCPC approved funding in the amount of \$867,000 to support this initiative over the next three years. The project officially started on October 1, 2015.

DISCUSSION

The program entitled “Building Municipal Capacity to Harness Evidence to Prevent Crime” focuses on direct inter-municipal exchanges of expertise, on the mobilization of local stakeholders, on the training of key municipal employees and on knowledge development and dissemination. All the direct costs for the activities will be covered by the NCPC contribution agreement. Municipalities will be called to provide in-kind support through the participation of their representatives in these activities and, when possible, the coordination of meetings and workshops taking place in their city.

The program is a unique opportunity for our municipality to continue to learn from the experience of other Canadian cities, to share our expertise and to reinforce our policies and programs related to public safety and crime prevention. Those include the prevention of youth violence and violence against women, safe urban design, city center and neighbourhood safety, the social inclusion of vulnerable groups, safety of the elderly and public engagement. The program will foster municipal leadership throughout Canada in the development of a comprehensive vision of community safety for the benefits of our citizens.

City staff participate in monthly teleconference calls and has attended several face to face meetings which have been convened at various locations across the country since 2009. The first official meeting under the new inter-municipal cooperation program was funded by the NCPC, and took place in the City of Montreal in December 2015. The next scheduled regional development meeting is being held in (and hosted by) the City of Vancouver on June 21, 2016. Please refer to Appendix “II” for the three-year work plan.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

The City of Surrey’s participation as a founding member of the CMN and the recommendation that we continue as an active participating municipality, supports the overall objectives of the City’s Sustainability Charter, specifically by creating a safe and secure environment for the City’s residents, businesses and visitors. The priorities and objectives outlined in the framework are well aligned with the following Charter action items:

- SC5: Plan for the Social Well-Being of Surrey Residents
- SC11: Public Safety and Security; and
- SC17: Crime Reduction Strategy

CONCLUSION

Based on the above discussion, it is therefore recommended that the City of Surrey agree to continue to play an active role in the Canadian Municipal Network on Crime Prevention and to take part in the new inter-municipal cooperation program funded by the NCPC for the next three years.

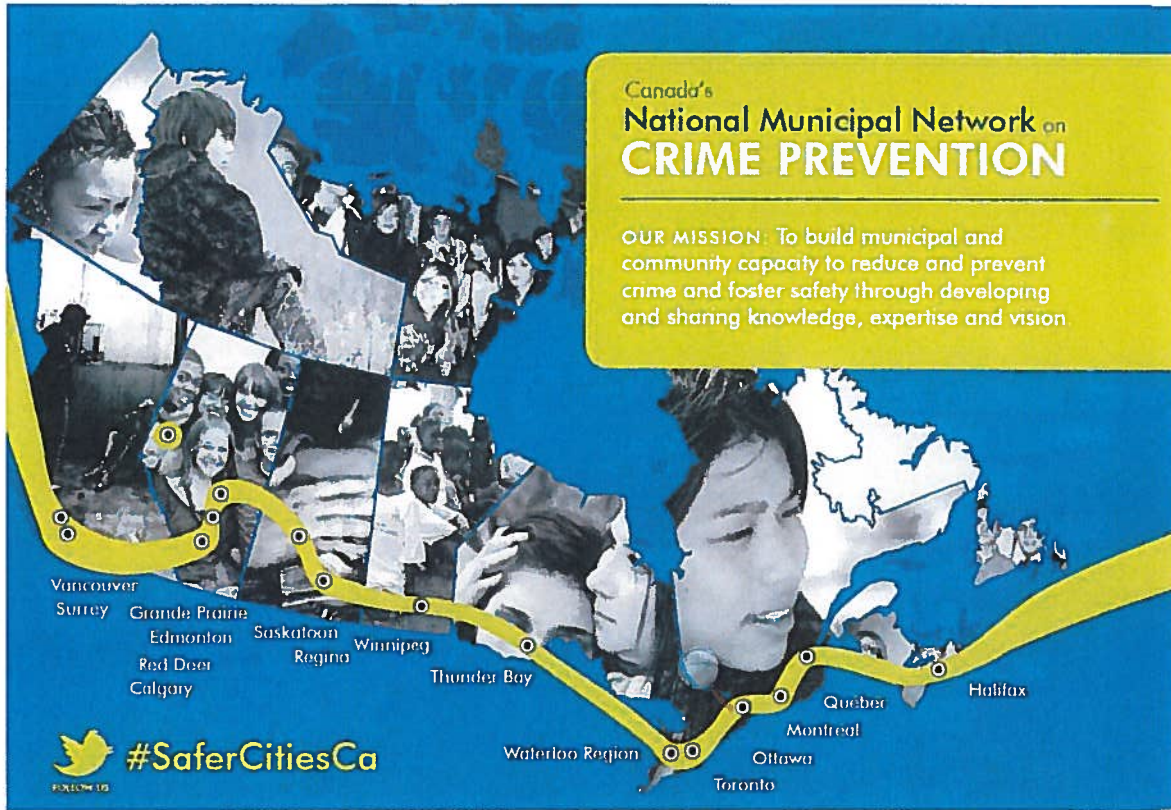


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Appendix I: Canadian Municipal Network postcard
Appendix II: CMN Three-Year Work Plan



Canada's
**National Municipal Network on
CRIME PREVENTION**

OUR MISSION: To build municipal and community capacity to reduce and prevent crime and foster safety through developing and sharing knowledge, expertise and vision

Vancouver
Surrey
Grande Prairie
Edmonton
Red Deer
Calgary
Saskatoon
Regina
Winnipeg
Thunder Bay
Waterloo Region
Toronto
Ottawa
Montreal
Quebec
Halifax

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- **Our network**
The National Municipal Network on Crime Prevention is a unique forum and community of practice that brings together senior municipal managers, community safety coordinators, police and coalition leaders from cities across Canada. We are committed to making our municipalities safer for all. We strive for a balanced and integrated approach to sustainably reduce and prevent crime and enhance security
 - **Our activities**
Through annual meetings and regular conference calls, the members discuss the opportunities and challenges in their municipalities, share access to up-to-date information on best practices and learn from each other. With the support of the National Crime Prevention Center the network is introducing a cooperation programme, including inter-municipal coaching and mentoring, support for mobilizing local stakeholders in new cities and training for city managers and practitioners
 - **Contacts**
For more information on the Network or if your municipality is interested in becoming a member, please get in touch with one of our steering committee representatives:
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¹ Meetings include simultaneous translation

² Regions are as follows: Atlantic Canada; Quebec; Ontario; Manitoba & Saskatchewan, Alberta & British Columbia

³ Workshop: 1-day sessions linked to regional meetings aimed at providing information regarding approaches to crime prevention based on research evidence. Each workshop has funding to reimburse 10 municipalities (2 representatives each) for transportation, hotel, and per diem

⁴ Trainings: 2-day sessions linked to regional meetings aimed at developing the capacity of key municipal employees to effectively develop and implement community safety and crime prevention programs and projects. Each training has funding to reimburse 10 people per region for transportation, hotel (2 nights), and per diem