

The City of North Battleford 2017 Strategic Plan confirmed that the Community Safety Strategy remains the highest priority for the City.

Strategic Plan Objectives

3.0 - Community Wellness and Safety with the following specific objectives:

- 3.1 Enhanced Duties of the Community Safety Officers
- 3.2 Supported living unit for the homeless with Navigator
- 3.3 Continued supporting work with SAGE (Safety, Acceptance, Guidance, Empowerment)
- 3.4 Keep Service Based Community Safety Coordinator
- 3.5 Application of CPTED (Community Safety through Environmental Design)
- 3.6 Investigate the need for Cultural Indigenous Liaison Coordinator

The Community Safety Strategy was developed in 2014 to combat the real and perceived concerns about safety in North Battleford. This strategy recognizes that Community Safety must be managed in a proactive, holistic, service based approach. Actions must be ongoing and can not only occur in reaction to serious events.

The Strategy is comprised of five pillars that recognizes that the root causes of community safety concerns and crime includes poverty, lack of security of food and shelter, lack of education, addictions, and mental health issues:

- Creating Opportunities
- Helping Individuals and Complex Families
- Co-ordinating Existing Programs and Seeking New Programs
- Preventing and Suppressing Crime
- Engaging People Within the Regional Community

The Community Safety Division, which is managed from the City Manager's Office, includes a Community Safety Coordinator, and a grassroots community group entitled SAGE (Safety, Acceptance, Guidance, Empowerment).

In 2014, in conjunction with the Community Safety Strategy, the City agreed to the amalgamation of the Battlefords municipal and provincial RCMP detachments. This tremendous relationship continues and is an integral component.

The 2018 budget continues to allocate funds towards the Community Safety Strategy, and the City will continue to engage the Regional Communities.

A component of the Community Safety Strategy is the Community Safety Officers Program, and in July 2017, the RCMP and the Province agreed to the enhanced duties for the Community Safety Program. These enhanced duties created the first



true two-tiered system in Canada, where a Municipal Bylaw Force is enforcing municipal, provincial, and federal legislation, with the authority to investigate low-risk, not-in-progress criminal code offenses, such as vandalism or theft under \$5,000. This allows the RCMP to focus on more serious crime activities and the City is proud to be a pioneer in this innovative approach to policing.

Attached is the latest Community Safety Coordinator report of November 2017 that explains in detail the work being completed on an ongoing basis.

The City of North Battleford is proud of its Community Safety Strategy, and believe that it is one of the most innovation and creative Strategies in Canada, with some very promising results. The Crime Severity Index shows that from 2013 to 2016, crime increased in North Battleford by 8% per cent, compared to 18% for Saskatchewan. In comparison, these same statistics show that for the time 2009 to 2013 before the start of the Community Safety Strategy, North Battleford had an increase in crime statistics of 15%, while Saskatchewan had a decrease of 16%.

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Building A Safer Community

North Battleford Community Safety Strategy Five Primary Objectives

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“Thinking About Upstream Solutions For Downstream Benefits”

**Monitor Report
Community Safety Coordinator
November 2017**



Helping Individuals and Complex Families

Initiatives	Activities	Impact
Hub Table	<p>We continue to meet twice each week. New situations come sporadically. We have had a few very successful interventions in October.</p> <p>The Hub Table Chair continues to provide strong leadership by challenging members to bring situations forward, and to engage in interventions</p>	<p>452 situations have been brought forward over the last 5 years. This is significantly lower than Prince Albert (even considering their larger population), and so this is something the Hub Table is talking about to determine why this is the case</p>
Hub Steering Committee	<p>At the October meeting the Hub Steering Committee requested a report from the Prince Albert COR (Center of Responsibility). We have now received that report, and are looking at the data and determining ways to use it in our work</p>	<p>The major roles of the Hub Steering Committee are to provide direct support to the Hub Table members who they supervise, and to deal with the systemic issues that the Hub Table data identifies</p> <p>The Hub Table and Hub Steering Committee are intended to provide a model to address “elevated risk”. I continue to believe that providing the necessary services for the people in the most vulnerable circumstances is at the heart of reducing crime and improving community safety overall. This continues to be a major challenge</p>



Coordinating Existing Programs and Creating New Programs

Initiatives	Activities	Impact
CPTED Review Committee	<p>Creating Formal Neighborhoods</p> <p>Next step is to develop a plan for creating and finalizing neighborhood names. We have created plenty of opportunities for public input into the boundaries and names. We are at the point now where some decisions need to be made</p> <p>Met with Battle River Treaty 6 Elder group to discuss inclusion of Indigenous names for some of the neighborhoods</p>	<p>As indicated in the October Interim Report submitted by the City Planner, there has been a lot of community engagement to date regarding the proposed neighborhoods. We believe that this project has great potential to help enhance community safety and to bring residents even closer together in their areas of the City</p> <p>It was very humbling to meet with the Elder group and listen to their stories and thoughts about the City and our proposed neighborhoods. They have so much wisdom to share, and they were very gracious and appreciative that we would ask for their opinions. I believe this is something we need to tap into more regularly</p>
Collective Impact	Gary Nolin (Department of Justice – Community Safety and Well-Being) continues to lead initiatives to bring this research to work in our community. It is all about collaboration, and getting agencies and organizations to work effectively	Sitting at a meeting together and discussing common challenges is one thing. Bringing resources to the table, sharing, thinking creatively and “outside” the box is quite different. This is



	together. This is an important piece of work that Gary has taken on	<p>what Collective Impact talks about</p> <p>Gary would be prepared to come to City Council to update Council on his work to date</p>
Mental Health and Addictions Working Group	<p>Major initiative – Trauma and Ambiguous Loss Workshops – December 12 and 13.</p> <p>December 12 is designed for front line workers</p> <p>December 13 is designed for families and individuals who have been impacted by this</p> <p>A few members of the Mental Health and Addictions working group have organized this 2-day event</p> <p>These workshops will address issues related to Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls</p>	This is a significant issue in our community. We expect over 200 registrations for December 12
Battlefords Affordable Housing & Homelessness Committee	Special meeting held November 16 to follow up on the Housing Study Open House and provide direct feedback to the consultant from this group	The Housing Study is an important tool for our community in terms of identifying and addressing housing issues within the City and the region. Having community input (through this representative group) is important feedback for the consultants as they prepare the report and consider recommendations



<p>Emergency Services Responder Training (ESRT)</p>	<p>We will offer both ESRT 10 and 20 in Semester 2 of the 2017-18 school year</p> <p>Funding has been secured through First Nations and Metis Relations</p> <p>Sponsorships have been secured</p> <p>We are looking at offering the 2 courses in the same location – perhaps the Don Ross – in order to share resources, and allow for team teaching, as well as student mentoring</p>	<p>This program had great success last year. It is our hope that we will be able to build on that success in the coming year</p>
<p>Eyes That Care Media Campaign</p>	<p>2 Open Houses held: November 7 and 15. Approximately 75 people attended</p> <p>City Manager has data on the number of people signed up so far</p> <p>Very positive feedback from the 2 engagement sessions to date</p>	<p>Strong message to get out to the community – be proactive in reducing preventable crimes: lock up your belongings. As well, keep an eye out in your neighborhood, and report suspicious or criminal activity to the RCMP. This project will help reinforce to citizens: take an active role in creating a safe community</p>
<p>Battlefords Youth Network</p>	<p>Continues to meet monthly</p> <p>We are still searching for the necessary resources to engage the Students Commission to host a student forum, gather data from the youth, and produce reports about our youth based on the data</p>	<p>Creating a voice for the youth of our community, and providing relevant and positive activities for them continues to be a major priority for us. This Network has the potential to meet both objectives</p>
<p>RCMP Liaison</p>	<p>Nothing further to report at this time</p>	



Preventing and Suppressing Crime

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Citizens on Patrol (COPP)	<p>Attended Eyes That Care Open Houses – recruited 3 new COPP members</p> <p>Promoting “Security Camera Registry” – so far, have not had a strong community response. Will be looking at other ways to promote this excellent initiative</p>	<p>This volunteer organization has lots of potential to be “eyes and ears” in the community to assist police with identifying suspicious or criminal activity</p>
Crime Free Multi Housing	<p>Excellent “Lunch and Learn” on November 17 – Cannabis: What You Need To Know – 16 people attended</p> <p>We have to complete an inspection and host a safety social with another property – we will then have 4 members of the North Battleford Crime Free Multi Housing Program</p> <p>We continue to work on a model to help identify rental properties that are unsuitable for people to live in, and deal with the owners/property managers to ensure they meet the fire and health standards</p>	<p>There is so much potential for this program to assist both property managers and renters in making their properties safer. Much of the work is consistent with CPTED principles and so has a research base to it.</p>



Engaging People Within the Regional Community

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Regional First Nations Engagement	<p>In my work with the RCMP I have been in the First Nation schools on a weekly basis. This has given me opportunity to strengthen relationships in the First Nation communities</p> <p>I continue to attend First Nation Interagency meetings – this is an opportunity to talk to each First Nation about what we are doing in North Battleford to create a safer community, and hear about their initiatives to do the same</p> <p>The City of North Battleford continues to be invited to Sweetgrass Community Safety Committee meetings. This is a community group using the same model as SAGE did (through Public Safety Canada) to create a community safety plan</p>	<p>As with many other City initiatives, we need to be thinking regionally when planning and working on community safety. Building relationships, sharing successes and challenges, and setting ground work for collaborative projects in future are the major goals of this work</p>
SAGE	<p>INAC – Coalition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We expect to hear in early December if we have been approved for the \$50,000 for 2017-18. Once approved, we are going to engage a consultant to develop a model for sustainable federal, provincial, municipal and First Nation government collaboration 	<p>We continue to work with both Federal Ministries. In addition to the concrete resources they are providing, these projects also help keep our City and region on the radar for the Federal government. We hope that this will give us opportunity to access future resources as well</p>



	<p>Public Safety Canada – Federal, Provincial, Territorial (FPT) Collaborative Approach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We will host a 2-day workshop facilitated by Public Safety Canada on February 28 and March 1, 2018. The main purpose of this workshop is to bring government and non-government agencies and organizations together to review our Community Safety Plan, and to discuss ways they can assist with its implementation	
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Food For thought

Tackling the Opioid Crisis – Safe Injection Sites

Short Research Paper written by Tarah Hodgkinson (CPTED Professional) at SafeGrowth Web Site

<http://safe-growth.blogspot.ca/search?updated-max=2017-10-16T18:51:00-07:00&max-results=4>