

**Peel Youth Violence Prevention Steering Committee Meeting**  
**Region of Peel**  
**10 Peel Centre Drive**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Executive Boardroom**  
**Thursday, January 24, 2008**  
**8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.**

**Members Present:** Gael Miles (Chair) – *Regional Councillor*, Katie Mahoney – *Regional Councillor*, Larry Zacher – *Brampton Safe City*, Janette Smith – *Commissioner of Health Services*, Valerie Arnold-Judge – *Peel District School Board*, Tony daSilva – *Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board*, Shelley White – *United Way of Peel*, Mike Trauzzi – *Peel Regional Police*, Sue McFadden – *Regional Councillor*, Pat Saito – *Regional Councillor*, David Green – *Peel District School Board*, Emil Kolb – *Chair, Region of Peel*, Greg Sweeney – *Ontario Provincial Police*, Gayle Bursey – *Peel Public Health*, Keith Ward – *Commissioner of Human Services*, Jeff White – *Peel District School Board*, Dorothy Fetterly – *Peel Public Health*, Jane Loppe – *Peel Public Health*

**Regrets:** Jana Manolakos - *Senior Public Affairs Associate*, Marolyn Morrison – *Mayor, Town of Caledon*

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**MINUTES**

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**1. Approval of/Additions to Agenda/ Welcome and Introductions**

- The Winter Gala made a profit of \$10,000.00. Valerie Arnold-Judge thanked everyone for their hard work and support
- Gael welcomed Jeff White who has taken Don Stephens' place as Trustee from Peel District School Board.

There were no additions to the agenda. Approval of the agenda was moved by Valerie Arnold-Judge. Approved

**2. Approval of the Minutes of December 13, 2007**

Katie Mahoney moved the approval of the minutes of December 13, 2007. Approved.

**3. Business arising from minutes**

- The first phase of the website has been live since late December.

**Action:** Dorothy and Jane to follow up with Web team re adding Prevention to the "Who We Are" Section.

#### 4. Progress reports - Working group updates:

- Education, Policy & Programs:
  - Discussed the Winter Gala and moving forwards with the website.
- Community Development:
  - Have developed a Youth Survey asking youth what makes a good community. This will be sent to all working group members.
- Youth Working Group:
  - Members will attend the Youth Can Move the World event
  - Youth will create transition package for students going from grade 8 to 9.
- Families:
  - Are developing a package for parents of 6-12 year old children.
  - Have applied for funding to develop a Parent Workshop to empower parents.

#### 5. New Business & Announcements

##### a) Review of Terms of Reference

- After much discussion of the Steering Committee's role the following were agreed:
  - To add Objective 3: *Promote the Youth Charter to community organizations, business community and service clubs.*

**Action:** Email to promote Charter to Board of Trade and the Chamber of Commerce in May/June

- Larry meet with Brampton Real Estate Board (key messages need to be developed)
- Katie & Pat to meet with Mississauga Real Estate Board
- Emil to investigate whether Caledon has a Real Estate Board

- To add Objective 7: *Address specific concerns through Social Marketing and Community Education Campaigns*

Discussion included:

- The steering committee needs a focus for 2008 and that a Community Campaign around working with kids & parents to free our schools of knives & guns would help to enable kids to come forward.
- With the Feb.1 implementation of Bill 212 – Safe Schools Act –parents & community will need education around how we will create safe schools.
- The Steering Committee's role is promotion
- School and community collaborations including community centres and parks which create Youth Crime Watch Zones. Drug Free, Violence Free Zones have been successful in the USA.

- That we budget for consultants to assist in developing a campaign to support a Violence Free Community.
  - Youth be challenged to develop a reciprocal charter, to commit to be in violence-free areas, to say “We don’t want weapons in schools.”
  - We create a Youth Council to expand the violence prevention messages.
  - We use the Student Councils rather than create another Youth Council. Would give us broader involvement.
- Add Objective 8: *Pursue outreach to specific sectors, i.e. faith, business, education facilities, and multicultural groups.*

**Action:** Establish a subcommittee to explore a yearly meeting between the Steering committee and the above groups  
 Shelley to invite Dr. Crowell at UTM to join Steering Committee  
 Larry to invite John van Seder, Sheridan College to join Steering Committee

- Objective 4
  - Discussion: There is a perceived disconnect between the Steering Committee and the Working groups.

**Action:** Dorothy to work with working groups to talk about the perceived disconnect and to come back to the Steering Committee with their recommendations

**Action:** Dorothy to book a planning meeting for the Steering Committee for late February, early March.

**Dorothy will be on vacation from February 1-10 inclusive.**

Meeting Adjourned at 9:25am

***The next meeting is scheduled for February 14th, 2008 from 8:15- 9:15 a.m. in the 5<sup>th</sup> floor boardroom – 10 Peel Centre Drive, Brampton. Please RSVP regrets to Dorothy 905-791-7800 ext. 2036.***

**2008 Meeting Schedule**

2008 meetings are as follows

▪ March 20	▪ August 7
▪ April 10	▪ September 11
▪ May 8	▪ October 2
▪ June 19	▪ November 20
▪ July 3	▪ December 4

All meetings will be held from 8:15-9:15 am in the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Brampton.