



**Peel Youth Violence Prevention Network  
Steering Committee Meeting  
Region of Peel  
10 Peel Centre Drive  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom  
Thursday, April 2, 2009  
8:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

**Members Present:**

**Chair:** Gael Miles – Regional Councillor

Larry Zacher – Brampton Safe City

Janette Smith – Commissioner of Health Services

Marolyn Morrison – Mayor, Town of Caledon

John Betts – Peel Regional Police

Greg Sweeney – Caledon OPP

Dorothy Fetterly - Peel Public Health

Shelley White – United Way of Peel Region

Teresa Burgess-Ogilvie - Safe City Mississauga

Sue McFadden – Regional Councillor

Tony DaSilva – Dufferin-Peel Catholic District

Charmaine Blair – Peel Public Health

Allison Van Wagner - Peel District School Board

Perry Kirchhof – Staff Sgt. Peel Regional Police

**Regrets:**

Emil Kolb – Chair, Region of Peel

Pat Saito – Regional Councillor

Jane Loppe – Peel Public Health

Valerie Arnold-Judge – Peel District School Board

Katie Mahoney – Regional Councillor

David Green – Peel District School Board

Keith Ward – Commissioner of Human Services

**Recorder:** Charmaine Blair

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**MINUTES**

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**Meeting called to order at 8:20 a.m.**

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Gael Miles welcomed everyone and members introduced themselves.

Welcome new member, Staff Sergeant Perry Kirchhof, Peel Regional Police, 12 Division.

**2. Approval of / Additions to Agenda**

No additions to the agenda.

**3. Approval of Minutes, March 5, 2009**

Minutes moved by Councillor Sue McFadden

Minutes approved.

## 4. Business Arising from the Minutes

### 4.1. Roots of Youth Violence Forum

Shelly White, along with Larry Zacher and Tony DaSilva, provided an update on the Roots of Youth Violence Forum.

- The flyer has been completed and distributed. The intent for distribution is for the Network members to filter out to the community and their other networks.
- Shelly made reference to a list of who is invited and confirmed Dr. Alvin Curling as the keynote speaker for this event. MPP Sylvia Jones and MPP Bob Delaney will be attending.
- The agenda is still to be finalized but will include remarks from the PYVPN chair/co-chair, speaker Alvin Curling, several youth presenting their concerns, and a call for support from the Provincial Government.
- The plan is for the Brampton Neighbourhood Resource Centre YEAH Choir to open the proceedings.
- On April 16th, a resolution will go to Regional Council to endorse the report and ask the Province to move quickly on implementing the recommendations with an over arching policy framework that provides for better alignment between all levels of government and sustain essential youth programs over the long term.

#### **Discussion:**

A call to action will be presented to the Legislature on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009. A resolution has been done by Ontario Youth Matters and is available.

Forum attendees should be somewhat familiar with the recommendations on the Roots of Youth Violence Report. They are outlined in the Executive Summary of the report.

Gael Miles will not be able to attend the forum due to prior commitments. Katie Mahoney and Sue McFadden also face time restraints because of prior commitments.

Shelly indicated that she will be submitting an application to Laidlaw for the full grant of \$1000.00 and would like to present Dr. Curling with an honorarium. The amount of \$250 for the keynote speaker was moved by Councillor McFadden and approved.

**Action: Charmaine** will send the link for the Roots of Youth Violence Report to all network members.

**Action: Shelly** will obtain a copy of the Youth Matters resolution and will ask Brian Goodman to put it on the Peel School Board website.

**Action: Janette** will ensure a copy of the resolution is sent to Marolyn Morrison to table at the Town of Caledon Council.

## **4.2. Connet2ENDviolence**

Janette Smith gave a brief overview about the Connect2ENDviolence website, which was initiated by the Region of Peel, Peel Regional Police, and the Police Services Board as part of the Peel Regional Police five point plan presented last October. The website will be launched at 12:00 noon on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 in Council Chambers at 10 Peel, and is co-chaired by Gael Miles and Frank Dale.

- Connect2ENDviolence addresses all types of violence, including violence against women, elder abuse, bullying and cyber-bullying.
- The website will be used as a tool to involve the community and is the first stage of an approach to engage the public.
- The site is interactive with many different resources, and will be able to direct people to different sites.
- On May 5<sup>th</sup>, all key stakeholders and networks will meet to discuss violence overall.

Shelly commented that there would be a good media opportunity to show that Peel is bringing key stakeholders together and taking action against the issue of violence.

It would be a good idea to cross reference the two events since both are occurring on the same day.

## **4.3. Peel Regional Police Statistics**

John Betts reviewed some of the statistics from with the Steering Committee and had asked if this is what they would like to receive.

There was a discussion about how these statistics would be helpful to the committee.

- Information on the number or types of incidences would help monitor trends over a period of time.
- Statistics could help identify where the incidences are concentrated and help determine if there are more troubled areas
- Direct resources can be applied to troubled areas
- Most offences are committed by young people between the ages of 18 to 25, which identifies the link to youth violence.

### **Discussion:**

Larry commented that Safe City receives information from Brad Rutz, Crime Prevention Services.

Marolyn Morrison commented that society has changed and we need to look at how we are doing things. There may be an opportunity through our various departments to offer services differently and focus on neighbourhoods.

Janette Smith confirmed that we are moving in that direction with Human Services integrating their services and with the development of Neighbourhood Capacity Support Strategy.

Shelly commented that there is an advantage to having a committee like the Peel Youth Violence Prevention Steering Committee. Organizations like Success By 6 will be using Results Based Accountability (RBA) to help assess the various communities. Impact reports are produced and contain information from agencies. The reports are based on practice trends and show how investments are working,

Gael Miles suggested that a check should be done 3 or 4 times a year to see what is happening in schools. An evaluation should also be completed to see what is working. John Betts added that feeder schools satisfaction report will soon be released. Teresa Burgess-Ogilvy commented that Crossroads also has statistics, and they have shown that 9<sup>th</sup> graders feel unsafe.

A survey should go out to schools to get their feelings and thoughts on safety, bullying, and other issues as a way of measuring or benchmarking. Janette indicated that the School Health Survey by Peel Health Services and the School Boards conducted in 2005, captured information on bullying and safety. It will be repeated in the upcoming year.

**Action: John Betts** will talk to Brad Rutz about obtaining information and schematics, and will also obtain more Community Program organization charts from Superintendent Randy Patrick as requested.

**Action: Shelly White** is to obtain results based impact reports.

**Action: Keith Ward** is to provide information on the Integrated Service Delivery Model for Human Services at an upcoming meeting.

## 5. New Business

### 5.1. Updates from Working Groups

**Families Working Group:** The third set of the Parenting Program workshops began on March 23rd at Allen Drive School in Bolton. An evaluation is in process for the second set of workshops and we should have results soon. The families group is also looking at pursuing funding so that they would be able to continue the program.

**Education Working Group and Community Development Working Group:** No meetings held in March.

**Youth Services Working Group:** The next Youth Advisory Group meeting will be held on Thursday April 16<sup>th</sup>. The Youth Services working group is also discussing plans to have a community fair or forum in the fall, and members of the Youth Advisory Group will likely be involved in planning this event.

### 5.2. Towards 2020

Dorothy reviewed information on Towards 2020, a working conference with a goal of setting priorities for the country. Peel Region has a representative participating in

the conference. United Way also received a grant for one person, and there are about six people from different agencies in Peel that will be attending.

### **5.3. Displays for PYVPN**

Dorothy presented proposed display proofs to the Steering Committee – 2 high impact, and 2 “VOICE” reproductions. The Steering Committee raised concerns that the high impact proofs did not identify with most youth offences or prevention. Communications will be asked to re-design.

**Action: Dorothy** to speak to Communications about the displays.

## **6. Announcements**

**Peel Children and Youth Initiative:** Jim Grieve, Director of Education – Peel District School Board and Paul Zarnke, Executive Director of Peel Children’s Aid are leading a new project and the focus is on Peel children/youth 0 – 24 years.

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, there will be a leadership breakfast, and the hope is that the Peel Youth Violence Prevention Network (PYVPN) will be involved in this initiative. The PYVPN chairs and co-chairs could attend as they may be responsible for developing and implementing the youth plan.

On May 20<sup>th</sup>, there will be a key stakeholders planning meeting from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

**National Crime Prevention Centre (NCPC) visit:** Regarding the Community Safety Committee of the Federal Crime Prevention (FCP); Councillor McFadden and Teresa Burgess Ogilvie met with MPP Bob Delaney and asked the NCPC to re-establish core funding for programs.

**Brampton Safe City** will officially open the Centre for Community Safety on Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

It was announced that Humphrey Mitchell, CEO of Peel Children’s Centre, is interested in sitting as a member of the Steering Committee. It was suggested that he attends a meeting before a decision is made about membership.

**Action:** Humphrey Mitchell will be invited to attend the next Steering Committee meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:25 am**

**Next meeting: Thursday May 14, 2009**

**8:15 – 9:25 am**

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**Brampton.**