



## Making a Difference



The Crime Prevention Council has started to put its evidence-based strategy into action. The inaugural Mayor's Community Safety & Crime Prevention Awards recognized individuals and groups making a difference. We have supported neighbourhoods in their work to create positive opportunities for residents. We have partnered with the Anti-Racism Advisory Committee and Confederation College to build *respect*. throughout our city. We have collaborated with crime prevention initiatives undertaken by community groups and institutions to assist with further inroads. And, perhaps most fundamentally, we have fostered connections that— through their rippling effects— have strengthened our collective capacity for change.

Seven months into implementation, we are excited by progress to date. We look forward to continuing to build a safer and more welcoming city for all of us.

**Wendy Landry**

Chair – Crime Prevention Council



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THROUGH *RESPECT*.



SUPPORTING STRONG  
NEIGHBOURHOODS



*Nine awards were presented to local heroes who are making a difference.*

## RECOGNIZING LOCAL HEROES AND INITIATIVES

The Mayor's Community Safety & Crime Prevention Awards were presented for the first time in November 2011. The awards recognize the actions of community members in addressing the social determinants of crime, making a safer and more welcoming city for all. "These are people who believe that crime prevention is everyone's responsibility," said Mayor Keith Hobbs. Read their inspiring stories at [thunderbay.ca/crimeprevention](http://thunderbay.ca/crimeprevention). The 2012 Awards will be presented Nov. 5 in Council Chambers.



*Chief Levesque, Chair Wendy Landry and Jeff Jones, of Insurance Brokers of Northwest Ontario, collaborated to encourage everyone to stop and lock their homes, cars and sheds.*

## PARTNERING WITH THUNDER BAY POLICE

This past year, Police and the Council partnered on several initiatives including the Stop and Lock campaign and the Shred It identity theft event. In addition, Crime Prevention Council supported the Positive Ticketing Program – a joint initiative of Thunder Bay Police and Mac's Convenience stores. Police meet regularly with the Crime Prevention Coordinator and are members of the Council. "The Crime Prevention Council is proving to be an effective partner in the development of crime prevention initiatives," said Chief J.P. Levesque. "The Council is a practical bridge to our community partners."

*A collaborative community is a safer community...*



*Participants met to set Thunder Bay on the path toward a restorative community.*

## BUILDING A RESTORATIVE COMMUNITY

Restorative practices have remarkable effects in reducing crime and victimization. The Council supported the Restorative Practices Working Group to host the "On the Path Toward a Restorative Community" Conference in March 2012. Restorative Practices consider how to build empathy, enhance responsibility and instill accountability for actions. They support positive behavioral change and repair harm. "The growing relationship between social services agencies, City government and schools around embedding Restorative Practices is exciting and so rewarding!" said one participant. The Council continues to partner with the Working Group to expand the scope of restorative practices throughout the city.



*Meetings with Mark Chamberlain, kicked off development of Thunder Bay's Poverty Reduction Strategy.*

## SUPPORTING THE POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY

In May 2012, the Council partnered with Lakehead Social Planning Council and Poverty Free Thunder Bay to host "Prosperity and Poverty: Two Sides of the Same Coin", a community breakfast on poverty reduction. Mark Chamberlain, past chair of Hamilton's Poverty Roundtable, discussed their challenges and successes within the context of developing Thunder Bay's own poverty reduction strategy. His message underscored the fundamental protective factors that make cities safer for everyone and emphasized prevention. The event kicked off a collaborative poverty reduction strategy led by Lakehead Social Planning Council, Poverty Free Thunder Bay, the City and the District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board.

*Cover banner photo: (l-r): Robyn Patterson, Nakitia Ward, Meaghan Forneri*



## BUILDING UNDERSTANDING THROUGH RESPECT.

Discrimination in all its forms plays a major role in crime and victimization. To build understanding of our differences, the Council, in conjunction with the Anti-Racism Advisory Committee and Confederation College, launched the community-wide *respect.* initiative in March. Individuals, businesses and organizations enthusiastically embraced *respect.* by using its principles in workplaces (*respect.* works here), community (*respect.* begins with you and me) and city programs (*respect.* plays here). The roll out continues on Transit (*respect.* rides here) and in a city-wide welcome campaign for students arriving in Thunder Bay. The Crime Prevention Council also assisted the Thunder Bay Youth Strategy to launch the Youth Voice Photo Challenge, an initiative of their anti-racism and discrimination pillar that explored the theme of *respect.* "If we could look through eyes without judgment, our city would be a better place. When we sense ourselves making judgments about those we pass on the sidewalk, remember that we, at an early time in our lives, had the ability to view others without pre-set notions or biases," Jaclyn (Youth Voice Photo Challenge 2012, Thunder Bay Youth Strategy).

A respectful community is safer community...

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## SUPPORTING STRONG NEIGHBOURHOODS

"Two of the major determinants of our safety are how many neighbours we know by name, and how often we are visible outside our homes," write John McKnight and Peter Block in the *The Abundant Community: Awakening the Power of Families and Neighbourhoods*. The Crime Prevention Council understands the relationship between strong neighbourhoods and community safety and facilitates its development.

The Council brought Jane's Walks to Thunder Bay in 2011. These walks, held internationally to celebrate the work of community activist Jane Jacobs, facilitate neighbourhood connections and exploration. Led by volunteers who love their communities, Jane's Walk 2012 doubled in size, expanding to four neighbourhoods across the city. These walks encouraged people to meet their neighbours and identify areas for improvement.

The Crime Prevention Council also provides ongoing support for neighbourhood actions that enhance the community. A collaboration between the City and Evergreen a United Neighbourhood in the Simpson Ogden area provided skates for children and youth. By connecting the Community Action Group in the Windsor area with Thunder Bay Housing, the Council helped initiate a discussion about programming space for their neighbourhood. "We hope that the model we are developing in the Blucher, Picton, Windsor neighbourhood will be successful and can be used throughout the city to strengthen citizen participation and engagement," said Alana King and Steve Mantis of the Windsor Community Action Group. The group's vision is to "increase community pride and involvement, and promote the holistic health of our residents, in safe neighbourhoods, with positive activities." In the Vale area, the Crime Prevention Council supported young neighbourhood leaders in their quest for more beautiful public spaces. A large clean-up and community feast was held with the help of Thunder Bay Housing, Thunder Bay Youth Strategy, Evergreen a United Neighbourhood, the Regional Multicultural Youth Council and the Boys and Girls Club.

Healthy neighbourhoods are safer neighbourhoods...



*Charlie Sargent's winning entry from the Thunder Bay Youth Strategy's 2012 Youth Voice Photo Challenge, an initiative that explored the theme of respect.*



*Young leaders in the Vale area held a large neighbourhood clean-up in August.*



*Linda Bruins of Evergreen accepted skates collected by City staff from Rick Latta, Supervisor of Landfill Operations, to support children and youth in the Simpson Ogden neighbourhood.*

Together we can make Thunder Bay  
a safer and more welcoming city.

“ We can either afford today the preventative side, providing adequate income, adequate nutrition, adequate housing, adequate education, adequate investment into our early years or we can pay for it when it shows up as costs to healthcare or illness care with the greater use of emergency wards, poorer health and possibly even more use of the justice system. ”

*Mark Chamberlain*

“ Two of the major determinants of our safety are how many neighbours we know by name, and how often we are visible outside our homes. ”

*John McKnight  
& Peter Block*

“ Thunder Bay is on the right track...the right questions are being asked, the proper alternatives considered. It's up to all of us to keep it going. ”

*“Offer Hope to Fight Crime,”  
The Chronicle Journal  
Editorial – July 25, 2012*



*Die Active member Dave Hotson at the Paint Bomb for the May Street Mac's mural created to beautify and unite the community.*

## HIGHLIGHTS

Key Crime Prevention Council Dates, Community Events & Campaigns

### 2011

**SEPTEMBER 26** Community Safety & Crime Prevention Strategy approved by City Council

**NOVEMBER 7** 1<sup>st</sup> Mayor's Community Safety & Crime Prevention Awards

### 2012

**JANUARY 25** Implementation Plan approved by Crime Prevention Council

**MARCH 21** *respect.* Campaign Launch with Anti-Racism Advisory Committee and Confederation College

**MARCH 24** Shred It Identify Theft Event with Thunder Bay Police and Thunder Bay District Crime Stoppers

**MARCH 26** On the Path to a Restorative Community Conference with Lakehead Public Schools, Restorative Practices Working Group

**APRIL 23** Positive Ticketing Campaign with Mac's Convenience Stores and Thunder Bay Police

**APRIL** Stop & Lock Campaign with Thunder Bay Police and Insurance Brokers of Northwest Ontario

**MAY 3** Youth Voice Photo Challenge with the Thunder Bay Youth Strategy

**MAY 5** Paint Bomb for Mac's Mural Unveiling with Mac's and Definitely Superior Die Active Youth Arts Collective

**MAY 5 & 6** Jane's Walks with neighbourhood volunteers in Bay-Algoma, Waverley-Prospect, Ogden-Simpson and Westfort

**MAY 16** Prosperity and Poverty, Two Sides of the Same Coin – Breakfast with Mark Chamberlain with Lakehead Social Planning Council and Poverty Free Thunder Bay

**JUNE 12** Vale neighbourhood Conversation and Spaghetti Dinner with Thunder Bay Boys and Girls Club

**JUNE 19** Escaping the Streets with John Howard Society, Aids Thunder Bay, and Elizabeth Fry Society

**AUGUST 7** Windsor Area Community Playground Input with Windsor Community Action Group, Regional Multicultural Youth Council, and Thunder Bay Housing

**AUGUST 17** Vale Area Neighbourhood Clean-Up with Thunder Bay Boys & Girls Club, Evergreen, Thunder Bay Housing, and Thunder Bay Youth Strategy

## THUNDER BAY CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

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 Children's Aid Society of the District  
 of Thunder Bay  
 Children's Centre Thunder Bay  
 Conseil scolaire de district catholique  
 des Aurores boréales  
 Dennis Franklin Cromarty High School  
 District of Thunder Bay Social Services  
 Administration Board  
 Dilico Anishinabek Family Care  
 Downtown Business Zones  
 Elizabeth Fry Society  
 Fort William First Nation  
 John Howard Society of Thunder Bay  
 Lakehead District School Board  
 Lakehead Social Planning Council  
 Métis Nation of Ontario  
 Ontario Provincial Police  
 Shkoday Abinojiiwak Obimiwedoan:  
 Thunder Bay Urban Aboriginal Strategy  
 St. Joseph's Care Group  
 Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board  
 Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce  
 Thunder Bay Counselling Centre  
 Thunder Bay District Health Unit  
 Thunder Bay Drug Strategy  
 Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Centre  
 Thunder Bay Police Service  
 Thunder Bay Sexual Abuse & Sexual  
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