



“Events like this make me feel amazing! I love seeing the community come together in such a positive way, and seeing arts and culture promoted in this side of the city.”

*Thunder Bay resident and event participant – City Hall Sounds*

“The application of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles allows for modification to the built environment, in order to optimize the safety and security of buildings and spaces, and the perception of safety and comfort by the users of these spaces.”

*Barry Horrobin, Director of Planning & Physical Resources, Windsor Police Service*

**HIGHLIGHTS**

Key Crime Prevention Council Dates, Community Events & Campaigns

- 2013**
- SEPT 29 Crime Prevention Council **Annual Update & Presentation to City Council**
- NOV 4 3rd Annual **Mayor's Community Safety Awards**
- 2014**
- JAN 20 **Building Bridges: A Panel Discussion about Racism** with Lakehead University
- JAN 30 **Restorative Community Conversation** with Community Action Group
- FEB 26 **Community Conversation** with Community Action Group
- MARCH 6 **Spirit of Winter** with Community Coalition United for the Protection of Our Children & Youth
- MARCH 20 2nd Annual **respect. Award** presented to Constable Larry Baxter
- MARCH 25 **Walk On! Forum** with Thunder Bay's Walkability Committee
- APRIL 7 **Victims of Crime Awareness Walk** with Thunder Bay and Area Victim Services, Thunder Bay Police and Evergreen a United Neighbourhood
- APRIL 24 **We Stand Up Day**
- MAY 1 **respect. Youth Campaign Launch** with City of Thunder Bay Recreation and Culture Division
- MAY 3 & 4 4th Annual **Jane's Walk** led by community volunteers
- MAY 5 - 9 **Broken Pieces, Mended Hearts: A Photo Voice Journey of Young Parents; respect.** in partnership with Our Kids Count and Leadership Thunder Bay
- MAY 7 **Workshop on Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design** with Barry Horrobin
- MAY 8 **Community Conversation** with Community Action Group
- MAY 23 **Community Gardening Workshop** with Community Action Group
- MAY 31 **Community Clean-up and BBQ** with Community Action Group
- JUNE 14 **Thunder Pride** Information Booth for Crime Prevention Council and **respect.**
- JUNE 21 **Aboriginal Day** Information Booth for Crime Prevention Council and **respect.**
- JULY **Hate Crimes Awareness Educational Video** screened at Silver City
- AUG 7, 14, 21, 28 **City Hall Sounds** with Strong Neighbourhoods Working Group
- AUGUST **Welcome Students** Campaign Launch
- SEPT 5 **Working Together for Student Success: NAN Student Orientation** Information Booth for Crime Prevention Council and **respect.**
- SEPT 11 **Thunder Bay South Core Safety Audit** with Barry Horrobin
- SEPT 16 **Restorative Practice Lunch & Learn** and Webinar through the International Institute of Restorative Practice

**THUNDER BAY CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL**

- City of Thunder Bay
- Citizen and Youth Representatives
- Children's Aid Society of the District of Thunder Bay
- Children's Centre Thunder Bay
- Conseil Scholaire Catholique des Aurores Boréales
- Creighton Youth Services
- Dennis Franklin Cromarty High School
- District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board
- Downtown Business Zones
- Elizabeth Fry Society
- Fort William First Nation
- John Howard Society of Thunder Bay
- Kairos Community Resource Centre
- Lakehead District School Board
- Lakehead Social Planning Council
- Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service
- Métis Nation of Ontario
- Ontario Provincial Police
- Recreation and Culture, City of Thunder Bay
- 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 Assault Counselling & Crisis Centre
- Union of Ontario Indians
- Urban Aboriginal Strategy

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**Strengthening Partnerships for a Safer Community**



The Thunder Bay Crime Prevention Council continues to play a leadership role in addressing the risk factors associated with crime in our city. Over the last year, we've seen many exciting new crime prevention initiatives emerge. As

Chair of the Crime Prevention Council, I am proud of the contributions our members and partners have made.

To make Thunder Bay truly safe and welcoming, we need everyone's help and support: citizens, business, politicians, police, non-profit organizations, service providers, City Administration – we must all embrace the principles of crime prevention. This year the Crime Prevention Council strengthened existing partnerships and built new ones with local agencies and community organizations, in an effort to address the risk factors that contribute to crime and victimization, and find solutions that work.

We must build understanding and respect between neighbours. We must continue to challenge stereotypes and stigma. We must believe in our city, and in ourselves. Thunder Bay residents are passionate. I have no doubt that, together, we will meet the challenges before us, and continue to make Thunder Bay the best city it can be.

Sincerely,

*Tom Walters*

Tom Walters  
 Chair – Crime Prevention Council

**PARTNERING FOR CHANGE**



**BUILDING A RESPECTFUL AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY**



**RECOGNIZING LOCAL HEROES AND INITIATIVES**



**BECOMING A RESTORATIVE COMMUNITY**



**SUPPORTING STRONG NEIGHBOURHOODS**



**ASSESSING NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFETY**







Over 50 community members attended the first annual Victims of Crime Awareness Walk, April 2014.

## PARTNERING FOR CHANGE

Working in partnership with Thunder Bay and Area Victim Services, Thunder Bay Police, and Evergreen a United Neighbourhood, the Crime Prevention Council (CPC) helped organize the first annual **Victims of Crime Awareness Walk** to raise awareness of the issues facing victims of crime and the services, programs, and laws in place to support and protect victims and their families. "We want to let victims know they are not alone and have support and people in the community they can turn to", said Thunder Bay and Area Victim Services Board President Elect Miranda Thibeault. The walk from City Hall to Evergreen a United Neighbourhood House concluded with an empowerment workshop hosted by Community Arts and Heritage Education Program.

As a member of the **National Municipal Network on Crime Prevention**, the Crime Prevention Council continues to work with Network members to foster a community of practice among Canadian municipalities. Network members share research, knowledge, and best practices in an effort to prevent and reduce crime and victimization, and to enhance community safety. Federal funding through the National Crime Prevention Centre is helping to facilitate member collaboration and provide assistance to other municipalities as they develop community safety and crime prevention strategies.

The **Hate Crimes Awareness Committee** developed a short educational video on hate crimes, to raise awareness of the issue in our community. The video was screened at Silver City throughout the month of July. At the 2014 Ontario Association Crime Stoppers Annual General Meeting, the Hate Crimes Awareness Campaign received the Provincial Special Project Award, for demonstrating how a community can work together to raise awareness, encourage reporting and reduce the incidence of hate crimes in Thunder Bay.

## BUILDING A RESPECTFUL AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

Constable Larry Baxter of Thunder Bay Police Service was the recipient of the 2nd Annual **respect**. Award at the Diversity Thunder Bay Breakfast. Constable Baxter has been instrumental in the Hate Crimes Awareness Committee and the Community Cup Hockey Tournament, which brings Aboriginal youth and police officers together to help break down barriers and stereotypes, and encourage positive choices for youth.

The **respect**. Initiative partnered with Our Kids Count and Leadership Thunder Bay through their Community Action Project to showcase **Broken Pieces, Mended Hearts: A Photo Voice Journey of Young Parents**. The project aims to raise awareness and break the stigma around parenting at a young age. The Photo Voice project was on display at City Hall May 5-9, 2014.

The **respect**. Initiative partnered with the City's Recreation and Culture Division to launch the 2nd Annual **respect. Youth Campaign** during Youth Week (May 1-7). The week-long event involved numerous community recreation venues where youth were invited to try new activities such as rock-climbing, archery, and fitness classes.

The Crime Prevention Council once again launched the **Welcome Students** Campaign to encourage people to welcome all new and returning students to Thunder Bay

## RECOGNIZING LOCAL HEROES AND INITIATIVES

It takes the combined effort of numerous individuals and organizations to build a safe community. These efforts were celebrated at the 3rd Annual **Mayor's Community Safety Awards** in November 2013. Each award, which is generously supported by local businesses and organizations who believe in the power of community, recognized six deserving individuals and organizations whose work addresses the risk factors associated with crime, and helps to make Thunder Bay safer and more welcoming for all.

"Each year, many of our citizens step up to help. They create important projects that increase quality of life and change attitudes, and make the city a better place for everyone to enjoy," said Mayor Keith Hobbs. Read their inspiring stories at [thunderbay.ca/crimeprevention](http://thunderbay.ca/crimeprevention). The 2014 Awards will be presented November 3, during Crime Prevention Week.



Lisa Beckwick with Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish, Keynote Speaker at the Mar. 20, 2014 Diversity Thunder Bay Breakfast, and Bestselling Author of **I Shall Not Hate**.



Six awards were presented to outstanding leaders in community safety at the Nov. 4, 2013 Mayor's Community Safety Awards ceremony.



Community gardening projects are underway in several Thunder Bay neighbourhoods. These projects are a great way to build community and work together.



2014 Jane's Walk participants strolling through Waverley Park.



Barry Horrobin from the Windsor Police Service led a South Core Safety Audit using the principles of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) in September 2014.

## BECOMING A RESTORATIVE COMMUNITY

Building on the momentum of the previous two years' efforts to move Thunder Bay towards becoming a restorative community, the **Restorative Neighbourhood Hub Pilot Project** has made significant progress. In partnership with several local agencies and coordinated by the Strong Neighbourhoods Working Group, this one-year, Trillium-funded, asset-based initiative aims to enhance the social infrastructure and skills of the Community Action Group of the Windsor/Picton/Blucher neighbourhood. The Project aims to increase community capacity in the neighbourhood, boost access to neighbourhood services and strengthen relationships among those living in and servicing the neighbourhood. A foundational component of this project is the use of a restorative approach to building and restoring relationships in the neighbourhood. Several community conversations, learning events and workshops have been held since January, and participation in events is steadily increasing. Community members will participate in a Restorative Practice Retreat in September.

In partnership with Restorative Practice Thunder Bay and Lakehead University, two **Restorative Practice Training Programs** with the International Institute of Restorative Practice will be held in October 2014 and March 2015. Members of three Thunder Bay neighbourhood associations (Community Action Group, Evergreen a United Neighbourhood and Limbrick Tenants Association) will participate and become certified restorative practitioners.

## SUPPORTING STRONG NEIGHBOURHOODS

The Strong Neighbourhoods Working Group had a busy year working in Thunder Bay neighbourhoods to build knowledge and capacity, strengthen relationships, and connect neighbours with city service providers. The Group also helped lead a number of initiatives and special events.

The Group helped bring the 4th Annual **Jane's Walk** to eight Thunder Bay neighbourhoods. Led by community volunteers who love where they live, work and play, this event grows annually, and sees more community members taking part to support Jane Jacobs' approach to urban planning, which promotes accessible, mixed-use neighbourhoods as the key to healthy, safe and inclusive cities.

Building on the success of last year's Neighbourhood Animation Pilot Project – **City Hall Sounds**, the Strong Neighbourhoods Working Group hosted the event again this year. The event brought live music, local food and art to McGillivray Square each Thursday in August. Vibrant, well-trafficked public spaces play a vital role in crime prevention, and this event provides an opportunity to connect with other community members through a positive social activity, and increases community inclusion and safety.

## ASSESSING NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFETY

The Crime Prevention Council brought Barry Horrobin of the Windsor Police Service to Thunder Bay to lead a workshop on **Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)**. The interactive workshop included participants from diverse backgrounds including members of the Crime Prevention Council, Crime Stoppers, Thunder Bay Police Service, Zone Watch, Downtown Business Improvement Areas, City Planning Division, three neighbourhood associations, and local residents. Participants were introduced to CPTED philosophy and principles, design standards, applications and assessment tools.

Workshop participants came away with the skills required to look critically at different sites, and to apply design measures to enhance site safety. Armed with these new skills, a group conducted several **Neighbourhood Safety Audits** in Thunder Bay neighbourhoods. In partnership with Thunder Bay Police Service, the Crime Prevention Council brought Barry Horrobin back to Thunder Bay to lead a South Core Safety Audit in September.

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

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“The success of the Crime Prevention Council can be attributed to its diverse membership. When so many organizations come together for a common purpose, good things happen. The community is fortunate to have these committed individuals working together for the common good. The Thunder Bay Police Service is proud to be part of the Crime Prevention Council.”

*Chris Adams, Executive Officer, Thunder Bay Police Service*

“It is critical that we treat each person we meet with respect. This is the basis of the **respect**. Initiative – it is about encouraging everyone to challenge attitudes, beliefs and behaviours that fail to recognize the importance of human dignity.”

*Mayor Keith Hobbs, City of Thunder Bay*