

8th ANNUAL  
**ACTION REPORT**  
2018

“ The 8th Annual Action Report highlights the Crime Prevention Council’s ongoing efforts in implementing initiatives to improve community safety and well-being in Thunder Bay. It demonstrates we all have a role to play in community safety. ”

**Mayor Bill Mauro, City of Thunder Bay**



“ On behalf of the Crime Prevention Council, thank you to our community partners for your commitment and efforts to make Thunder Bay a safe and inclusive community for everyone. ”

**Jeff Upton, Chair of the Crime Prevention Council**



## WORKING TOGETHER TO SUPPORT YOUTH

In 2018, Public Safety Canada announced funding for the **Thunder Bay Youth Inclusion Program (YIP)** over the next five years. YIP is an evidence-based intervention that aims to reduce youth crime and victimization by creating safe spaces where youth can learn new skills. Pro-social, recreational and cultural programming are the focus, along with connecting youth with community services. Over 30 community partners are working with the City’s Corporate Strategic Services division and the Community Services department to implement this program. The 1st Annual **Nibii Mamowechitiwin Youth Gathering**, in partnership with Fort William First Nation, was held in 2018 as part of student orientation activities. The event is connected to the work of Recommendation 115 from the Seven Youth Inquest, and brought together 100 youth to participate in cultural activities, water teachings, and to enjoy a hip-hop concert and community feast.

Addressing youth violence in Thunder Bay is a priority identified in a 2017 report following a violence research project by the Crime Prevention Council, Thunder Bay Drug Strategy and Thunder Bay District Health Unit. An application submitted to the Public Health Agency of Canada in 2018 resulted in five years of funding for the evidence-based **Fourth R Program**, a school-based program to reduce violence, substance use, and other risky behaviours. The Thunder Bay District Health Unit is the lead agency for the implementation of the program, which will target youth in Thunder Bay and district from grades 7 to 9.



## MISSION

To enhance the safety and well-being of everyone in Thunder Bay by engaging the community and advancing ideas and actions that reduce crime, social disorder, victimization and fear of crime.

## VISION

Thunder Bay is a safe, inclusive and welcoming community.

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

### Collaboration

We believe community safety is everyone's responsibility. We work in partnership to build on the strengths, skills and capacities of our community, bridge gaps and solve problems.

### Evidence-based

We use evidence to understand and address the risk factors of crime and victimization, promote protective factors, strategize plans, implement actions and evaluate results.

### Inclusion

We see diversity as a source of strength and resilience. The engagement and inclusion of diverse voices, experiences and approaches will help our community thrive.

### Compassion

We recognize people have different challenges, circumstances and risks. We value dignity, equity and respect in our attitudes and actions, and support others without judgment.

### Commitment

We believe the creation of a safe, inclusive and welcoming community takes time, determination and perseverance. We are committed to sustainability and long-term success.

Members of the North West Community Mobilization Network's Centre of Responsibility



## ADDRESSING RISK THROUGH SYSTEM COLLABORATION

More than 40 organizations have been coming together through the **North West Community Mobilization Network's Thunder Bay Situation Table**. The aim is to reduce the risk of harm, victimization and criminalization of vulnerable individuals in our community through targeted interventions. Once an individual at risk is identified, the Network works to connect that person with the appropriate support services to prevent negative outcomes. Prominent social and health issues impacting the safety and well-being of individuals, families and the community are addressed. Last year, the Situation Table joined the Provincial Risk-Driven Tracking Database to capture and highlight trends occurring at the local level to help develop appropriate responses. Over 50 situations of acutely elevated risk have been referred to the Situation Table, resulting in a 70% reduction in risk and 45 interventions mobilized. Adopted in Thunder Bay in 2017, this model is swiftly being adopted across the country as a promising initiative to mitigate risks for individuals, families and communities as a whole.

Poster from the White Ribbon Campaign  
boys conference, Dec. 2018



## FOCUSING ON SAFETY IN THE CORES

For the fourth year, two **Community Safety Ambassadors** were hired to support community safety and well-being efforts in Thunder Bay's neighbourhoods. The Ambassadors carried out ongoing clean-up activities across the city. They supported local harm reduction efforts, coordinated neighbourhood animation events such as Fort William Urban Park, and engaged residents and business owners in community safety efforts. The Ambassadors also supported the development of the Waterfront District BIA Ambassadors Program by mentoring and training new Ambassadors in the north core. A Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design report highlighting safety & security deficiencies was also prepared for the Waterfront BIA.

The **South Core Public Safety Task Force** wrapped up implementation of its report recommendations to increase safety and security in the South Core Neighbourhood. The Task Force facilitated the following:

- installation of lighting enhancements throughout the alleyway system, and along some streets
- organization of comprehensive clean ups, including removal of overgrown vegetation
- installation of new garbage cans
- development of an education campaign to increase the reporting of crime
- completion of training on Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design and Target Hardening for business owners and residents
- community events to bring more traffic to the neighbourhood.

The Task Force also initiated work on a Laneway Renewal Pilot Project across from City Hall, which will be continued through Clean Green & Beautiful, and the Crime Prevention Council.

## PARTNERING TO ADDRESS VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Violence affects not only those individuals and families who experience violence directly, but our entire community. We continue to support local efforts to reduce violence through the annual **Valentine's Day Memorial Walk** and **Full Moon Memory Walk** in honour of the families of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. We play an active role in the **Thunder Bay & Area Coordinating Committee to End Woman Abuse**, which advocates for the safety and well-being of women and children. In December, in partnership with Lakehead Public Schools, the Indigenous Friendship Centre, the Thunder Bay District Health Unit and Catholic Family Development Centre, we held the 3rd annual **White Ribbon Campaign** boys conference, which engaged 50 boys and young men in conversations about violence against women, positive masculinity, healthy relationships and consent.

The **Youth Violence Prevention Project** aims, in the short term, to reduce teen dating violence and in the long term, to reduce intimate partner violence.

2018 Jane's Walk Festival  
participants at the Spirit Garden,  
Prince Arthur's Landing



## STRENGTHENING NEIGHBOURHOODS

Several neighbourhood events were held this year to engage residents in efforts to build a safer community for everyone.

### 8th Annual Jane's Walk Festival

Jane's Walk is an annual festival of free, citizen-led walking conversations inspired by Jane Jacobs. The 2018 festival took place in May with eight local neighbourhood walks, each led by local residents. Jane's Walk is about sharing stories, getting to know your neighbours, deepening connections, and getting involved in community safety. Jane's Walk was sponsored by the Northwestern Ontario Society of Architects.

### 6th Annual City Hall Sounds

City Hall Sounds returned last August with five free, noon-hour music concerts in McGillivray Square. Local community service providers showcased their services. The event brought together people from across the city to celebrate Thunder Bay and its people, and help strengthen a sense of belonging, inclusion, and safety.

### Neighbours Night Events

The Crime Prevention Council sponsored EarthCare's Neighbours Night events, which provided spaces to bring together neighbours to connect and strengthen relationships, and to learn about programs and resources available to build community resilience.

Benjamin Murray-2018 Respect Award winner at  
Diversity Thunder Bay's 12th Annual Celebration  
Breakfast for the International Day for the  
Elimination of Racial Discrimination, March 21, 2018



## BUILDING A RESPECTFUL AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

**Respect.** is a joint initiative of the Crime Prevention Council and the **Anti-Racism & Respect Advisory Committee**. The **respect.** Working Group continues its mandate to deepen respect and inclusivity. We held our first **respect.** Forum, attended by over 40 **respect.** partners committed to building more respectful workplaces. Training modules continue to be delivered to City employees and community partners. Almost 80 local businesses and organizations have now committed to **respect.**

Key events highlighting **respect.** include: the 6th Annual Respect Award, Thunder Bay's 3rd Annual Everyone Matters Day, the 4th Annual Weed Out Hate Day, National Aboriginal Day, City Hall Sounds, Fort William Sounds, Rockin' Recovery, Neighbours Night event and several student orientation sessions.

Recipients of the 2018 Mayor's  
Community Safety Awards



## CELEBRATING CRIME PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY HEROES

The 7th annual **Mayor's Community Safety Awards** were held in November, during Crime Prevention Week. The Awards were generously supported by local sponsors and seven recipients were recognized for their outstanding efforts to increase community safety and well-being in Thunder Bay.

Award recipients:

Ron Kanutski-Community Hero

Sponsored by Apex Investigation & Security

Rahne Mehagan-Young Leader

Sponsored by Generator

Dalton Shapwaykeesic-Neighbourhood Youth Action

Sponsored by Crime Prevention Council

Neechee Studio

Sponsored by Matawa First Nations Management

StandUp4CleanUp

Sponsored by Mac's Convenience Stores

The Out of the Cold Program

Sponsored by Union Gas

Thunder Bay Situation Table

Sponsored by Thunder Bay Police Service and  
the Crime Prevention Council



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## CREATING MUNICIPAL PARTNERSHIPS

The **Canadian Municipal Network of Crime Prevention (CMNCP)** is a community of practice to build capacity and mobilize Canadian municipalities to prevent and reduce crime, and foster community safety and well-being. CMNCP aims to increase investment in effective, evidence-based and collaborative crime prevention strategies in municipalities. In 2018, the Crime Prevention Council Coordinator was elected as the Provincial Representative on the Executive Committee, and chairs the Ontario Group. This role focuses on new provincial legislation mandating municipalities to develop and implement a community safety & well-being plan.

The network wrapped up a multi-year knowledge exchange program funded through the National Crime Prevention Centre and led national crime prevention and community safety training.



## CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

Mayor, City of Thunder Bay  
City Councillors (2)  
Citizen Representatives (2)  
Youth Representatives (2)  
Age Friendly Thunder Bay  
BIAs and Business Areas of Thunder Bay  
Chamber of Commerce  
Children's Aid Society  
Children's Centre Thunder Bay  
Conseil scolaire de district catholique  
des Aurores boréales  
Dilico Anishinabek Family Care  
Elizabeth Fry Society  
Fort William First Nation  
John Howard Society  
Kairos Community Resource Centre  
Lakehead District School Board  
Lakehead Social Planning Council

Medical Officer of Health  
Matawa Education Centre  
Métis Nation of Ontario  
Ministry of the Attorney General  
Nishnawbe Aski Nation  
Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service  
Northern Nishnawbe Education Council  
Ontario Provincial Police – NW Region  
Ontario Union of Indians  
Ontario Native Women's Association  
Recreation and Culture Division  
Shelter House  
St. Joseph's Care Group  
Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship  
Centre  
Thunder Bay Catholic District  
School Board  
Thunder Bay Counselling

Thunder Bay and District Coordinating  
Committee to End Woman Abuse  
Thunder Bay District Crime Stoppers  
Thunder Bay Drug Strategy  
Thunder Bay Parole Office  
(Correctional Service of Canada)  
Thunder Bay Police Service  
Thunder Bay Sexual Abuse Centre  
Urban Aboriginal Advisory Committee  
William W. Creighton Youth Services



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