

INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNITY SAFETY & WELL-BEING

**2024 New Brunswick Crime Prevention
Conference**
**The Path to Resilience: Crime Prevention and
Community Safety and Wellbeing**

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AGENDA





COMMUNITY SAFETY & WELL-BEING

CONSIDERATIONS

Key Community Safety & Well-Being Issues in Canada

- People experiencing:
 - Substance use challenges and drug poisonings
 - Mental health challenges
 - Homelessness/houselessness
 - Poverty and food insecurity
- Racism, discrimination, and marginalization
- Domestic and intimate partner violence
- Gun and gang violence
- Rising Crime Severity Index
- Recovery (e.g., COVID-19 and other extreme events)

CONSIDERATIONS

60-80% of calls to police are not crime related

Police often do not have jurisdiction

Revolving door with justice system

Reactive approaches are costly and lead to increased criminalization

“We cannot arrest our way out of these problems. We need to get to the sources and address the root causes”.

ROOT CAUSES & RISK FACTORS

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Economic Factors

- Lack of financial resources
- Lack of educational opportunities
- Lack of meaningful employment
- Poor housing

Social Environment

- Inequality
- Lack of support to families and neighbourhoods
- Real or perceived inaccessibility of services
- Low value placed on children

Family Structures

- Parental inadequacy
- Parental conflict
- Abuse and neglect of children
- Family violence

Source: Waterloo Region Crime Prevention Council. (2017). *Root Cause Approach to Crime*. https://preventingcrime.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Roots-of-Crime_2017.pdf

RISK FACTORS

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Peer Influence

Difficulty in
school

Substance use

Mental health

Parenting

Violence in the
home

Social
exclusion

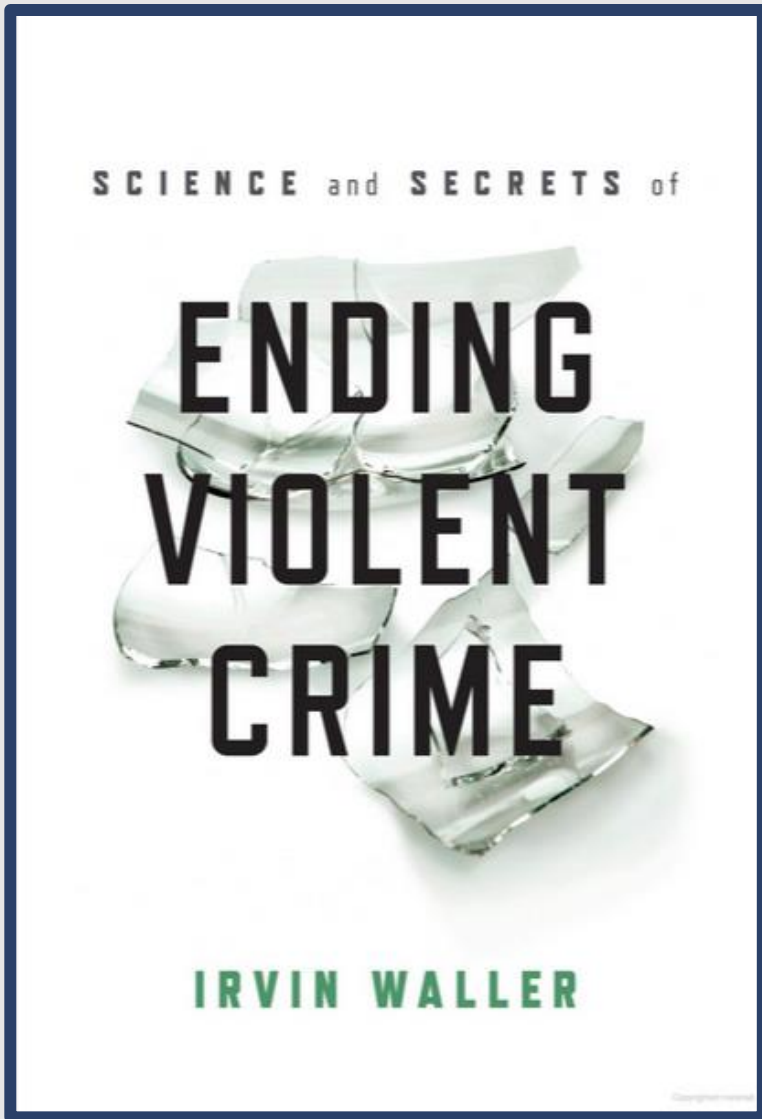
Unemployment

Age

Gender


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“The children arrested most often have more negative life experiences than those not arrested... the most impactful negative life experiences that correlated with later delinquency identified... are now well known”.

Professor Irvin Waller, 2019



Community Safety & Well-Being

Social determinants of crime/violence
Safety as a broader concept

Crime Prevention

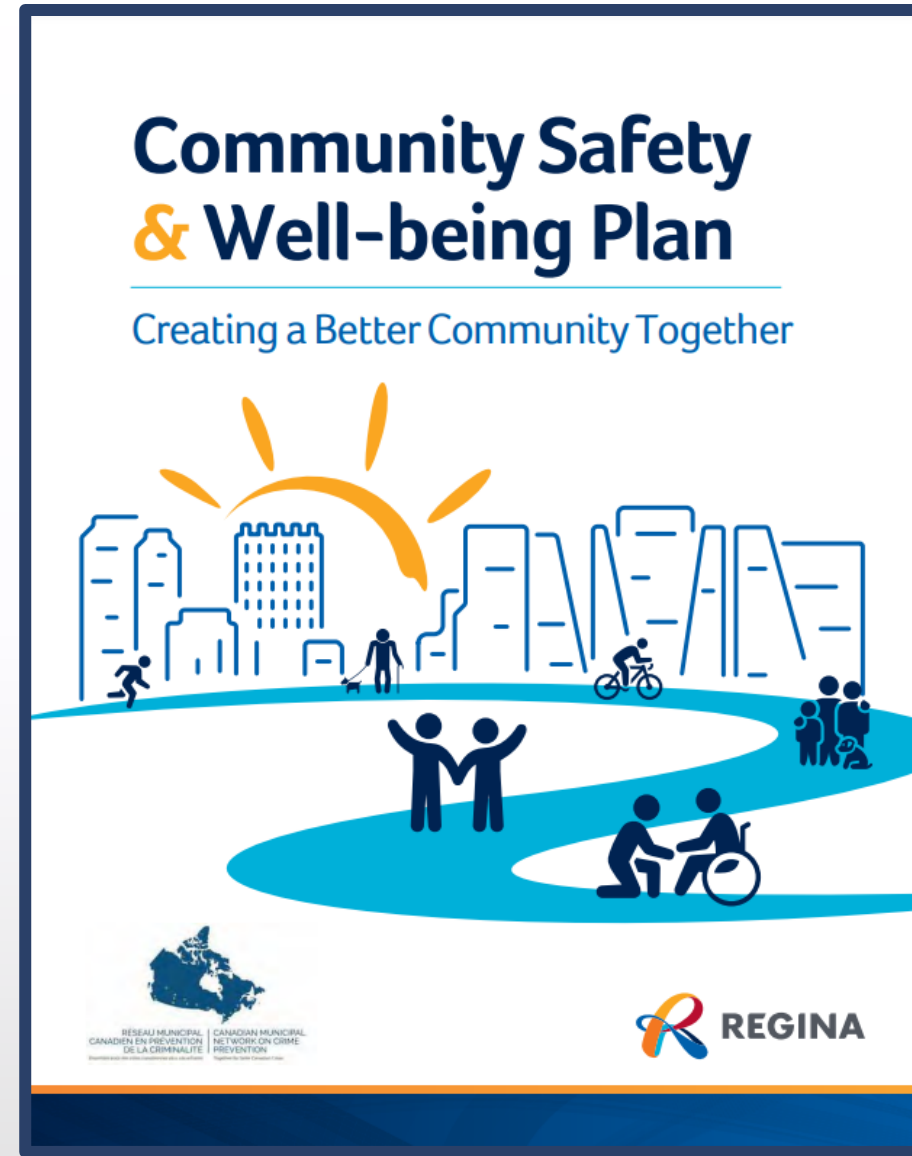
(tendency to focus on police,
by-law, criminal justice system)

Community Safety & Well-Being refers to

the ideal state of a community where everyone is safe, has a sense of belonging, opportunities to participate, and where individuals and families are able to meet their needs for education, health care, food, housing, income, and social and cultural expression. This requires long-term, collaborative efforts to address root causes and risk factors of crime along with more urgent issues.

PRACTICE EXAMPLE:

Regina, Saskatchewan



Community Safety & Well-being Plan

Creating a Better Community Together



Instead of focusing on enforcement and punishment, Regina City Council decided to create a community safety and well-being plan.



Community Safety & Well-being Plan

Creating a Better Community Together





“This Plan outlines the steps to an integrated and coordinated approach, addressing existing and emerging issues in Regina through social development, prevention, and risk intervention. By examining gaps and barriers to safety and well-being, we can create a healthier and more sustainable quality of life for Regina citizens.”

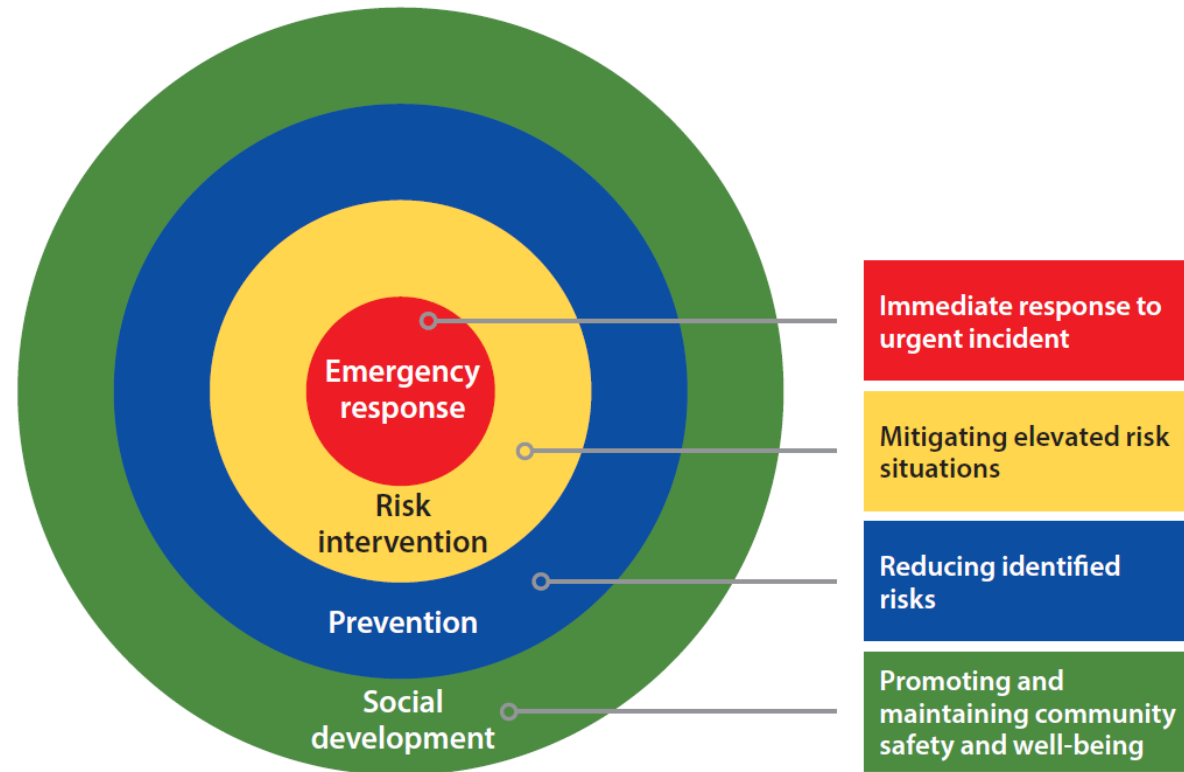
- *Sandra Masters, Mayor of Regina*





CSWB PLANNING IN CANADA

COMMUNITY SAFETY & WELL-BEING PLANNING IN CANADA



Source: Ontario Framework for Planning Community Safety and Well-being.

GOVERNMENT RESPONSES

Federal Government

- Public Safety Canada works with Indigenous communities to create CSWB plans
- Renamed some grants to Safer Communities
- RCMP creating CSWB division (e.g., Alberta RCMP)



Provinces & Territories

- Ontario legislated CSWB plans
- Alberta considering legislating of CSWB plans
- Manitoba CSWB Governmental Office
- Saskatchewan CSWB Governmental Office

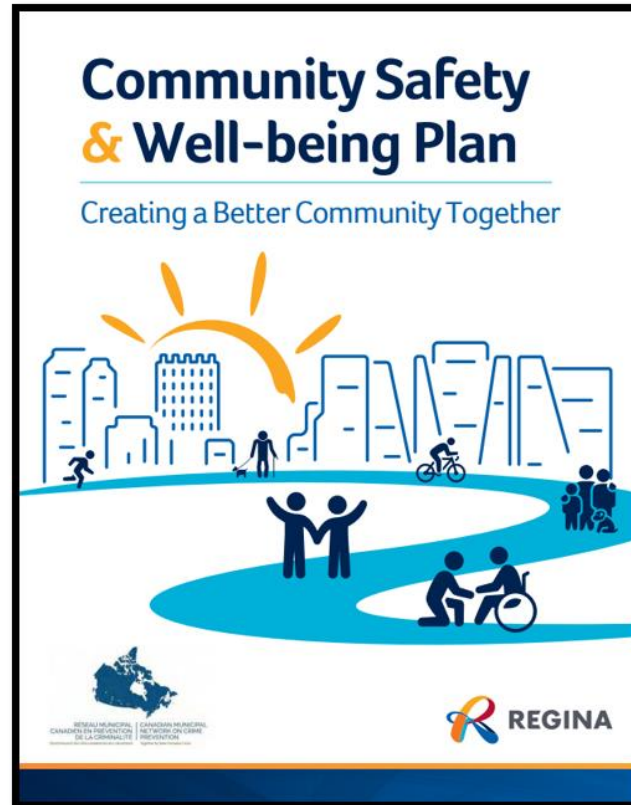
RESPONSES BY CITIES & COMMUNITIES

- **British Columbia**

- Burnaby
- **Cariboo Chilcotin**
- **Kelowna**
- City of Victoria
- **Campbell River**
- Surrey

- **Alberta**

- Edmonton
- **Morinville**
- Red Deer
- Strathcona County
- **Wetaskiwin**



- **Saskatchewan**

- **Regina**

- **Manitoba**

- Thompson
- 10 communities

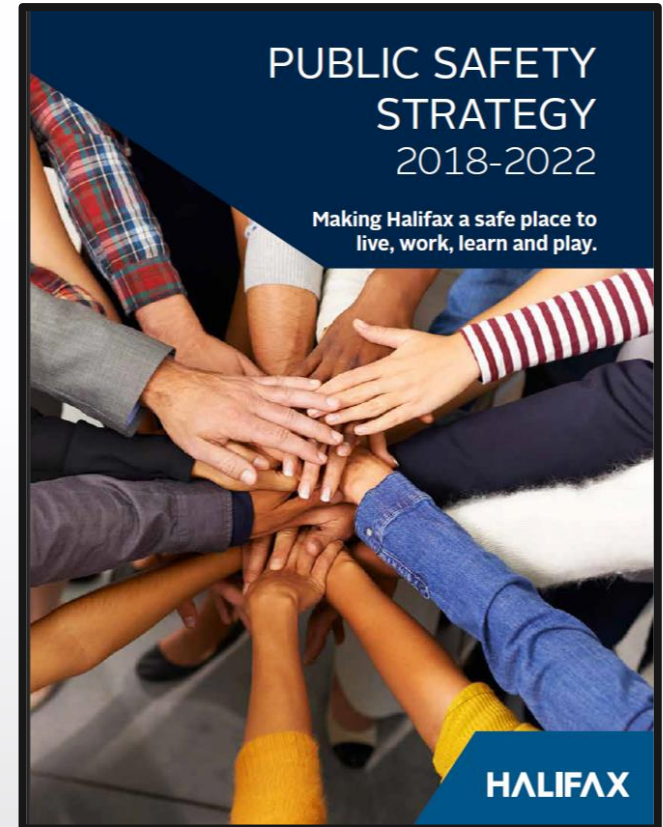
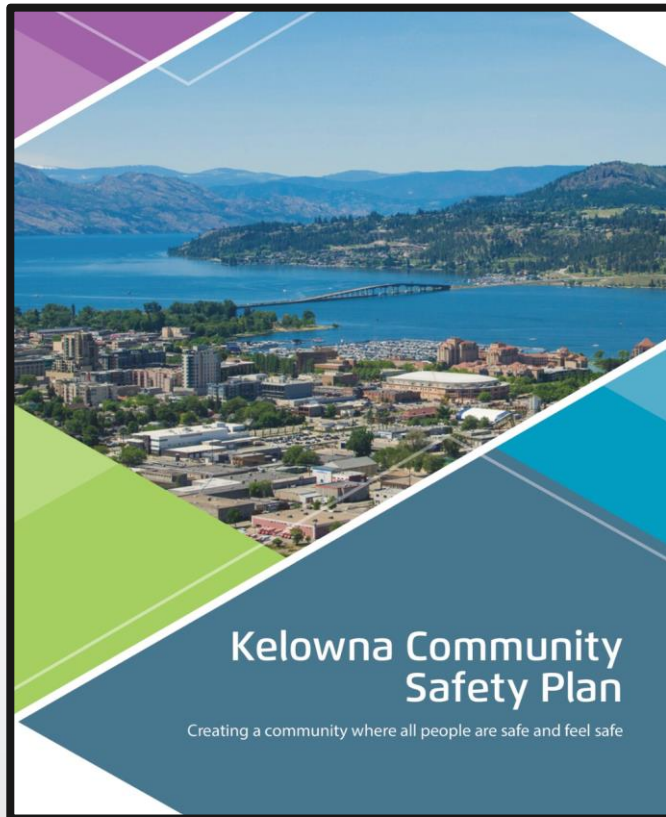
- **Ontario**

- Plans in each community

- **Atlantic Canada**

- Kent Region Service Commission
- Halifax

EXAMPLES



PRACTICE EXAMPLE:

Kent Region Service Commission

Paul Lang, CEO





DOES CSWB PLANNING WORK?

MEASURING SUCCESS OF CSWB PLANNING

Challenges

- Violence and crime are very complex issues
- Community safety and well-being tend to become very broad
- Creating plans/strategies is not the same as implementing the recommendations
- Implementation of the plans/strategies will take time (not something that has an immediate impact because they tackle root causes and risk factors)

Impact of COVID-19 on communities (i.e., poverty, addiction, violence, homelessness)

Very complex to evaluate and lack of tools

Reasons to be Confident

- Strong theory and evidence underpinning the concept
- Synergies needed to address complex challenges
- Some examples of success internationally
- Tools being developed



CSWB PLANNING PROCESS

PRINCIPLES OF CSWB STRATEGIES



Identifying local priorities and challenges (addressing root causes & risk factors)



Working collaboratively to address priorities and challenges



Implementing evidence-informed approaches and solutions



Increasing collaboration and coordination of efforts / initiatives



Transforming service delivery to better align with priorities and needs



Increasing engagement of community groups and residents



Reducing investment in and reliance on incident response

CSWB PLANNING PROCES



PREPARATION PHASE



Identifying the
local project
team



Engaging the
advisory or
steering
committee



Creating a
common
understanding of
the project



Clarifying the
project workplan
and timeline



Reviewing
existing work
and context

CSWB PLANNING PROCES



QUANTITATIVE DATA COLLECTION

Existing Data (examples)

- Census data (StatCan)
- Crime and victimization
- Health (substance use, mental health)
- Homelessness/houselessness
- Criminal legal system
- Community services

Community Safety Survey (CMNCP)

QUALITATIVE DATA

01

General consultations:

Consultations with key stakeholders (e.g., service providers, business community, elected officials, etc.).

02

Community-led consultations:

Consultations guided by local agencies or partners. Reaching community members who are marginalized or experience more systemic barriers.

03

Indigenous Consultations:

Consultations with Indigenous community members in partnership with local partners and Indigenous facilitators.

04

Field Study:

Site visit to conduct geographic observations and mapping with a view to placemaking, CPTED, etc.

QUALITATIVE DATA

Local Stakeholders, Practitioners, and Service Providers

- Community-based organizations
- Social service and well-being agencies
- Other key sectors (health, education, etc.).
- Municipal government / Elected officials

Equity Deserving Groups & People with Lived/Living Experience

- Indigenous peoples
- 2SLGBTQ+ community
- Early childhood & families
- Newcomers / Immigrants
- Older adults
- People with disabilities
- People experiencing homelessness
- Loved ones of people with lived or living experience
- People with mental health and/or substance use challenges
- Women living in shelter
- Black and people of colour
- College / University students
- Youth

Other

- Community / Neighbourhood associations
- Business community
- Farmers / Agricultural associations

EXAMPLE: PLACES TOOL

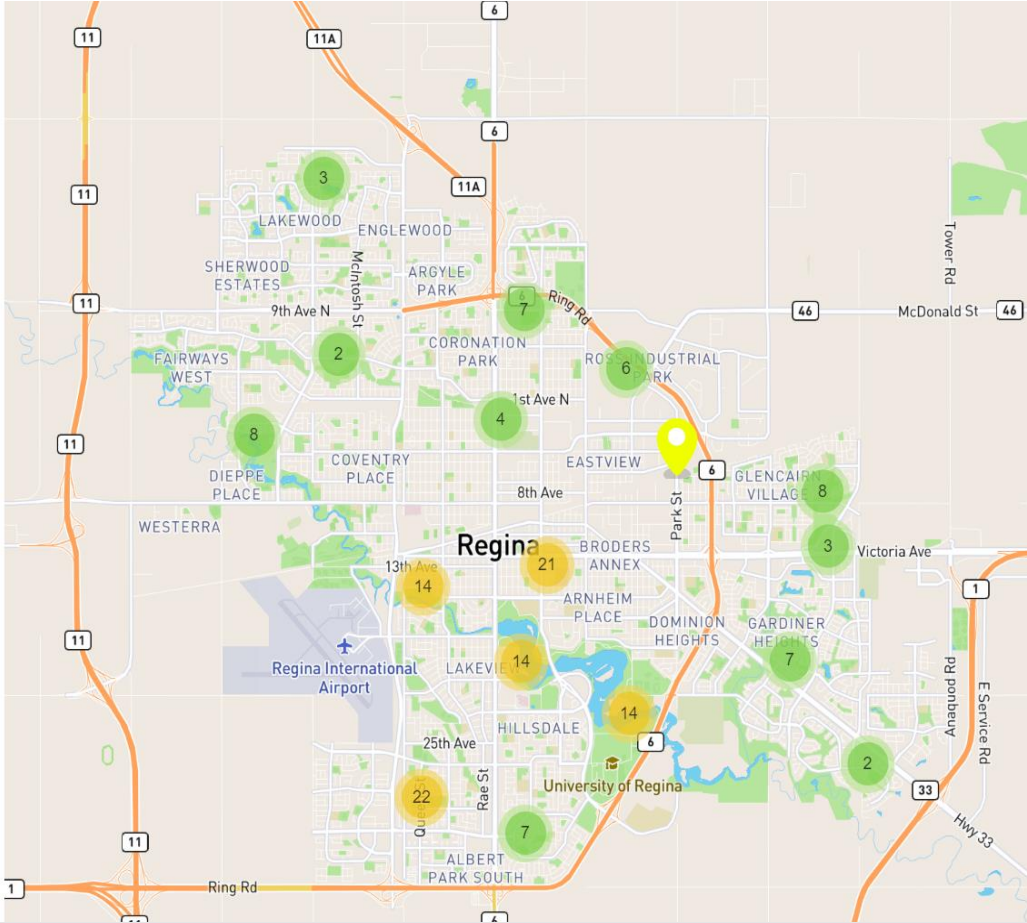
Places I Love

Use this map to identify places in Regina that you love and feel safe in and tell us why.

We'd also like to learn what specific ideas for improvement you have that would support community safety and well-being throughout the city. Suggestions might be something you have seen in another community or part of the city, or something new you are thinking of or looking for.



Use the menu on the left, drop a pin on the map and leave a comment or photo about that location. Use the Green Pin to select places you love ❤️ and the Yellow Pin to suggest improvements 🛠️. You can also view comments left by other users.



Ang
2 months ago



I enjoy and feel safe walking and riding my bike on the recreational multi-use paths around Les Sherman park. There are many families and individuals that frequent this lively green space which gives me feelings of connectedness and safety.



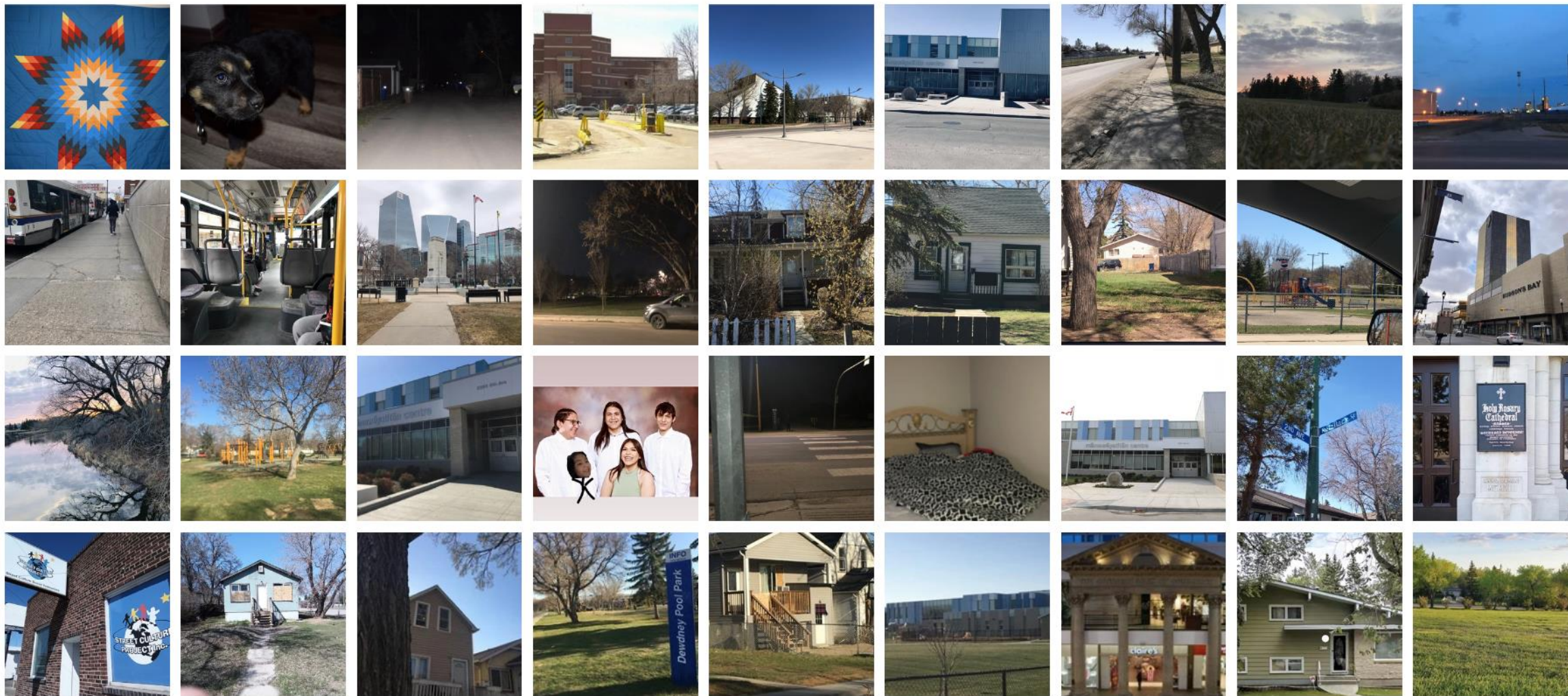
Lindsay
2 months ago

More garbage cans on all streets! No particular street- just to see more accessible cans all over the city- non just parks.



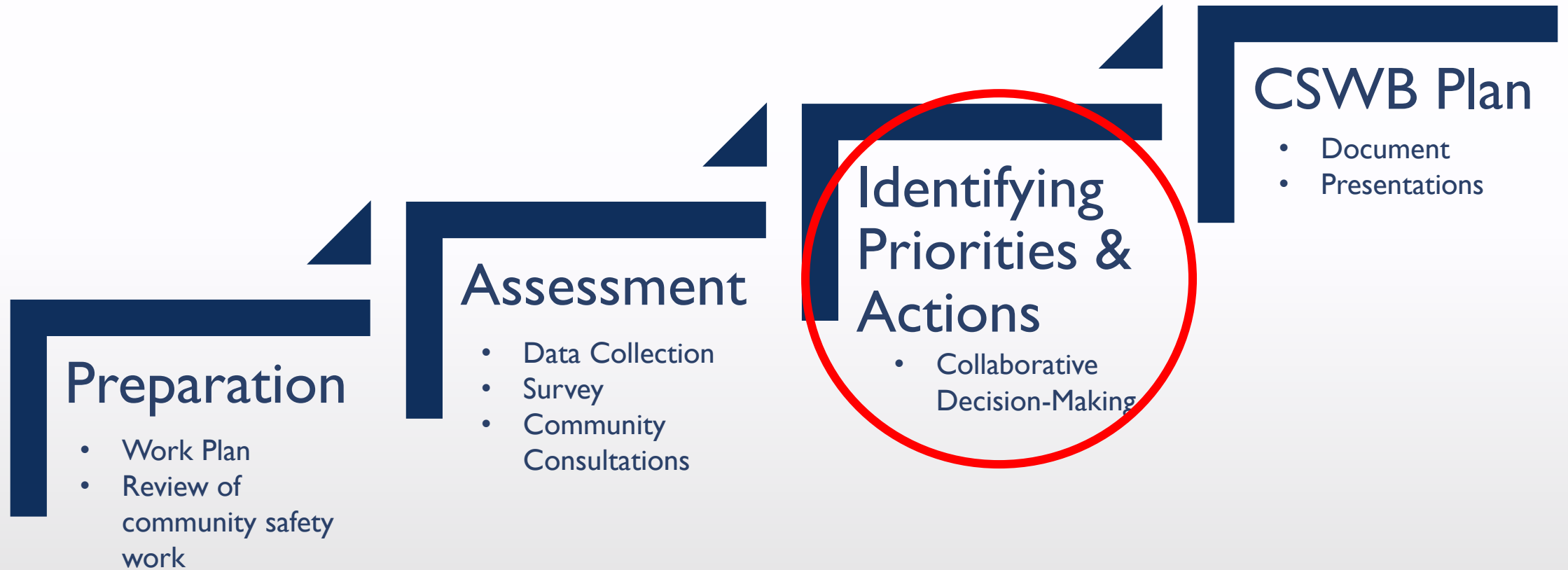
Suggestion for Improvement

EXAMPLE: YOUTH VOICES



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CSWB PLANNING PROCES



IDENTIFYING & PRIORITIZING CHALLENGES & SOLUTIONS

Identification of Community Safety & Well-Being Themes



Prioritizing Community Safety & Well-Being Themes



Identification of Programs, Projects, Systemic Changes

EXAMPLES OF THEMES



Crime Prevention & Intervention



Domestic & Intimate Partner Violence



Housing & Homelessness



Mental Health



Poverty & Income



Public Transportation



Racism & Discrimination



Road Safety



Role of Police



Safety



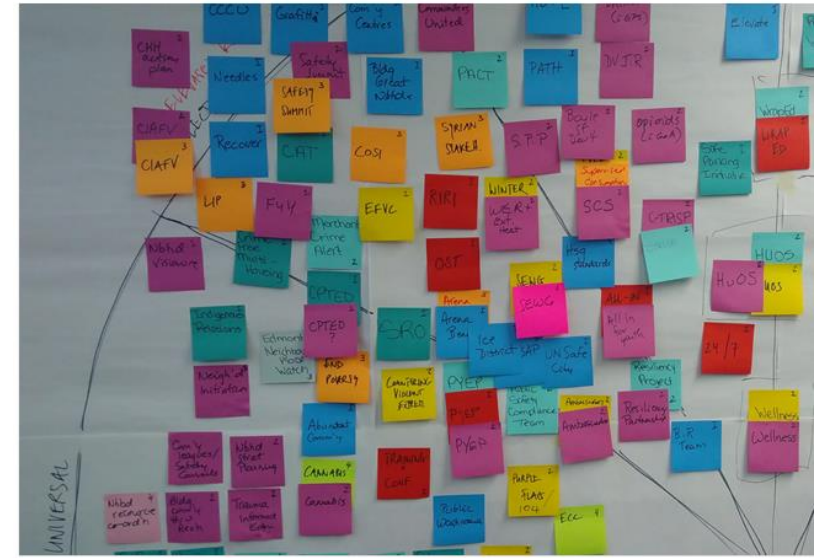
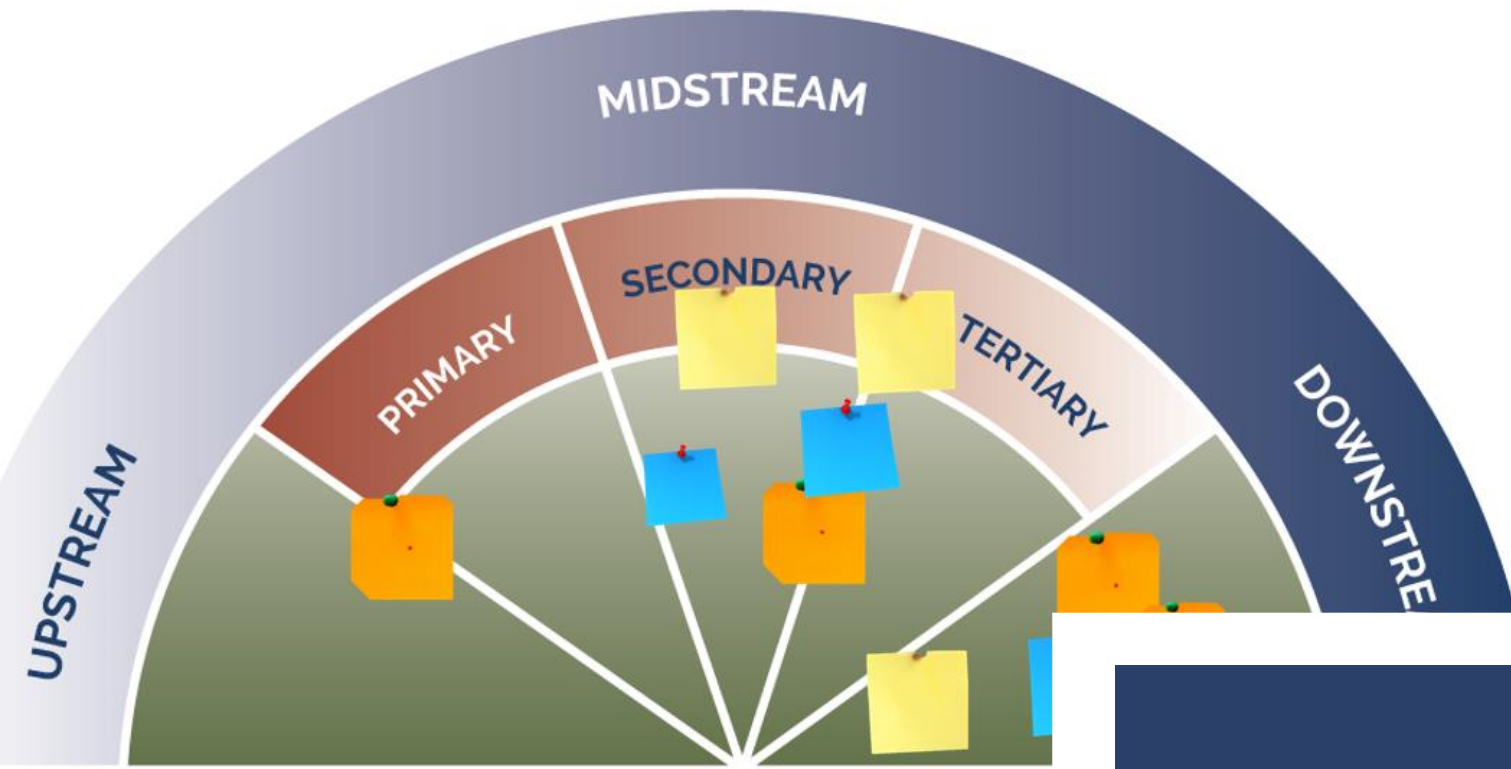
Specific Populations



Substance Use



Wildfires



	Urgent	Not urgent
Important	Crisis	Ideal for plans
Not Important	Distraction	Time Waster

Scope 1: Key Themes for CSP



Crime Prevention & Intervention



DV & IPV



Housing & Homelessness



Mental Health



Racism & Discrimination



Safety



Substance Use

Scope 2: Key Themes addressed elsewhere (with support from CSP)



Poverty & Income



Role of Police



Specific Populations



Public Transportation



Road Safety



Wildfires

Scope 3: Themes with limited scope for CSP

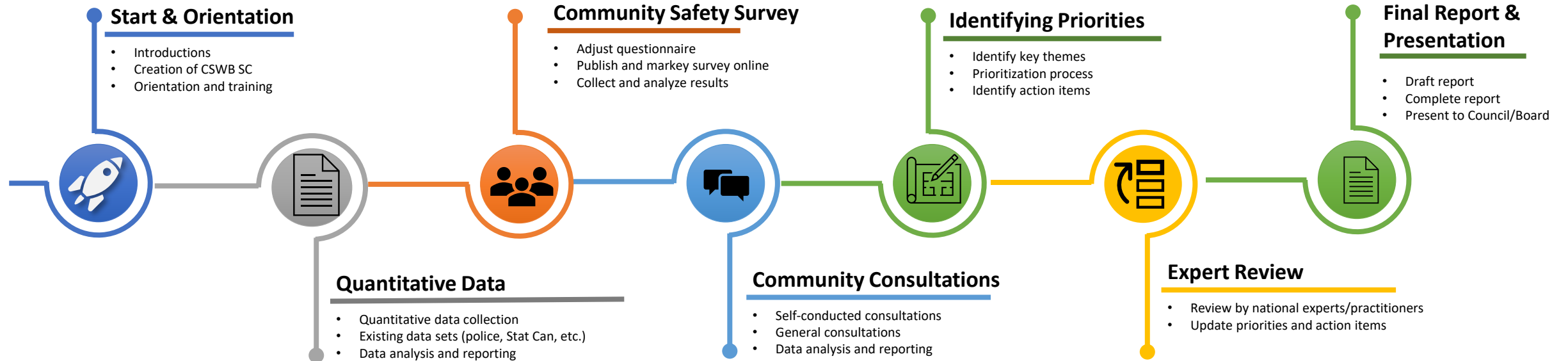


Most in scope for CSWB

Limited scope for CSWB

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SAMPLE WORK PLAN





TOOLS & RESOURCES

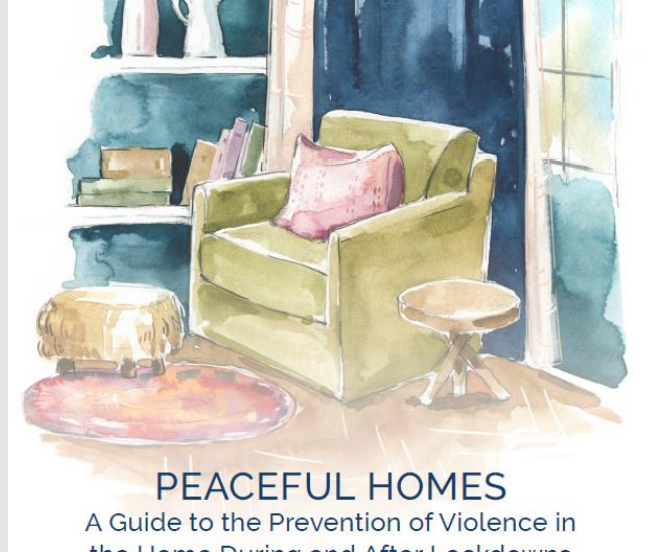
SOURCES FOR EVIDENCE-BASED APPROACHES / PROGRAMS

- [Crimesolutions.gov](https://www.crimesolutions.gov)
- Public Safety Canada
- Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development
- Smarter Crime Control
- Science and Secrets of Ending Violent Crime



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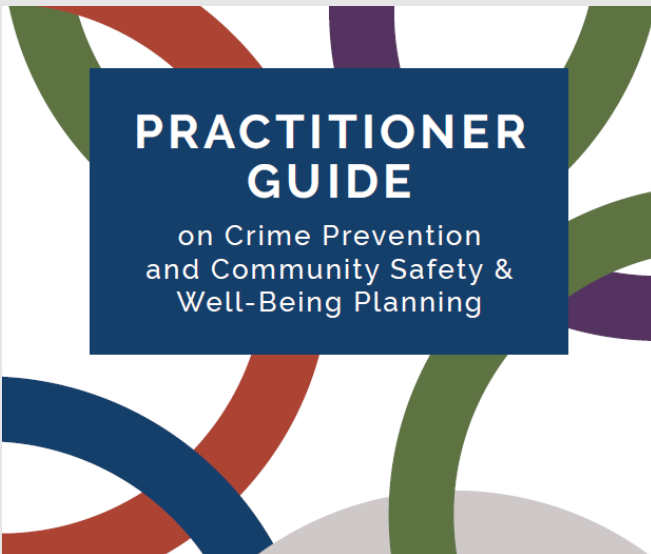
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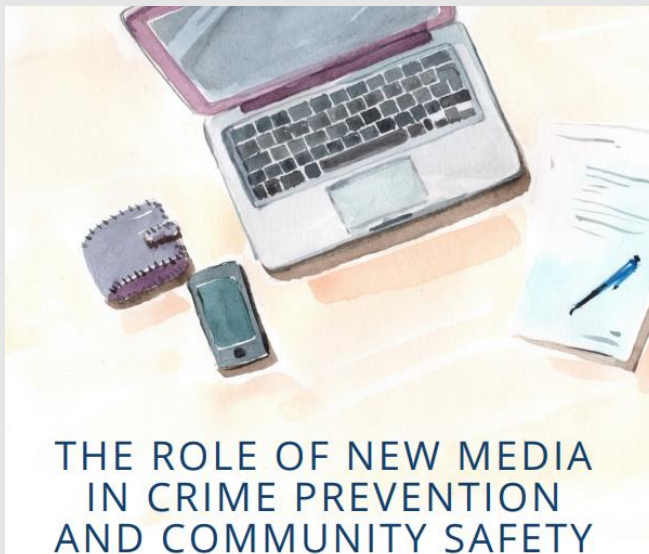
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THE ROLE OF NEW MEDIA IN CRIME PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY



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- Introduction to CCFSC & CSWB (promo session)
- Introduction to Community Safety and Well-Being
- Community Safety and Well-Being in the Rural Context
- Collaborative Practice and Decision-Making
- Development of Community Safety and Well-Being Plans
- Implementation of Community Safety and Well-Being Plans
- Monitoring and Evaluation of Community Safety and Well-Being Plans





RURAL COMMUNITIES

RURAL CRIME PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY: A FRAMEWORK

BUILDING CAPACITY IN RURAL
CRIME PREVENTION PROJECT

- Unique challenges
 - Police response times
 - Lack of anonymity when seeking services
 - Farm & agricultural crime
 - Domestic violence and IPV
 - Rural culture and masculinities
 - Property crime with economic impacts
 - Youth challenges
 - Transportation challenges
 - Travel patterns between urban & rural
- Some differences in planning and implementation

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Introduction



Formerly: Canadian Municipal Network on Crime Prevention

HISTORY OF CCFSC

Two major conferences (Montreal in 1989 and Paris in 1991) sparked a commitment to make cities safer by going beyond police, courts, and corrections to invest in crime prevention.

In 2006, the National Crime Prevention Centre funded the University of Ottawa to convene 14 Canadian municipalities to become part of what is now CMNCP.

CMNCP becomes a Canadian hub and reference point for addressing crime and community safety at the local level. Incorporation in 2020. Represents over 100 communities and 50% of the Canadian population.



In 2003, 120 practitioners, elected officials, policy makers, and researchers created the *Agenda for a Safer Canada* during a National Symposium in Waterloo Region, Ontario.

Between 2009 and 2018, CMNCP convened multiple projects looking at international and national strategies to make communities safer and build local capacity for evidence-informed crime prevention approaches.

CSWB planning projects, knowledge exchange activities, research projects. Changed name to Canadian Centre for Safer Communities.



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VISION & MISSION

VISION: Canadian communities where people are safe and feel safe.

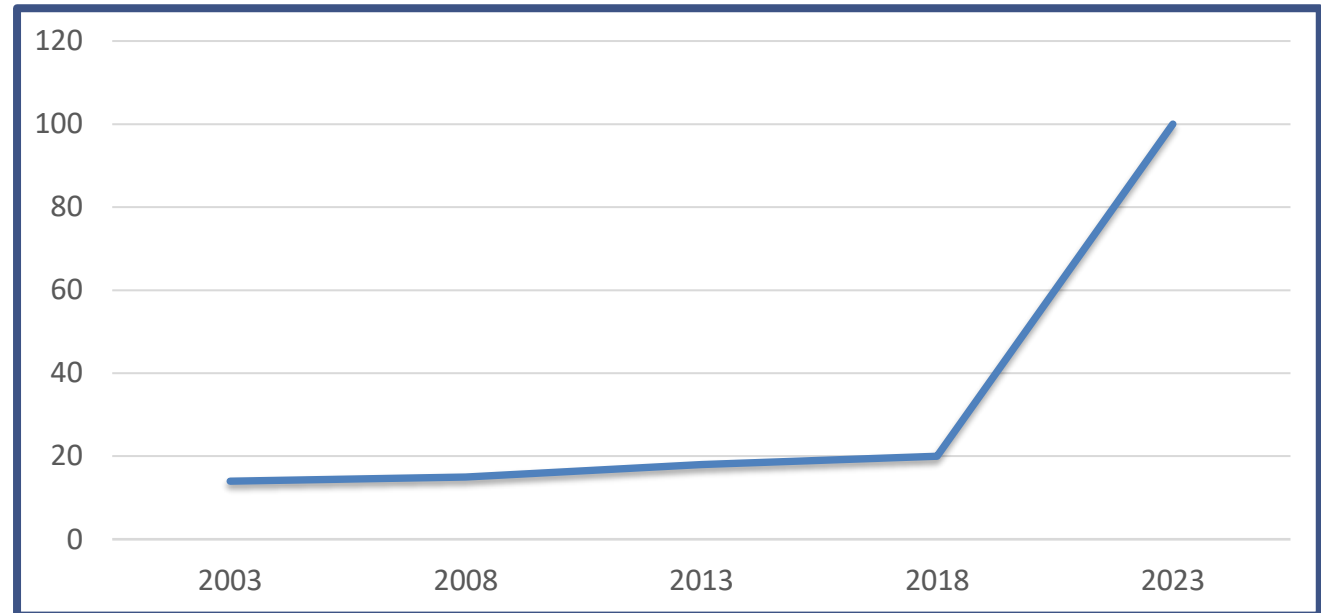
MISSION: To inspire local action and foster community safety and well-being through national leadership, collaboration, capacity building, and knowledge exchange.



MEMBERSHIP & COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

Consistent Growth in members

- 2003: 14 members
- 2013: 20 members
- 2020: 50 members
- 2023: 100 members
- 2024: 140 members



“Being a part of this network is an incredible opportunity to connect with others across the country who are involved in some of the work around community safety and well-being. Being able to reach out to other members across the country, knowing that we are there to support one another through a community of practice has been really invaluable in the work I do in Thunder Bay”.

- Lee-Ann Chevette, CSWB Thunder Bay

INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION



Driving Safer Communities In Canada and Globally


National Leadership

- Engages practitioners and policymakers to drive transformative change.
- Functions as a centre of excellence through evidence-based approaches.
- Identifies new areas and solutions in emerging challenges such as climate change, social polarization, rural crime prevention

Knowledge Exchange


- Regularly develops and releases documents, tools, and materials related to community safety and well-being.
- Hosts public events, webinars, and sessions within its community of practice.
- Leveraging international insights from similar projects to enhance safety strategies in cities/communities.

RESEARCH



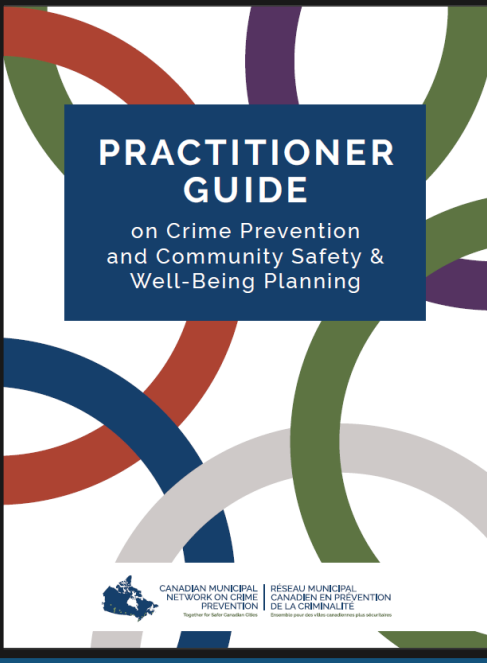
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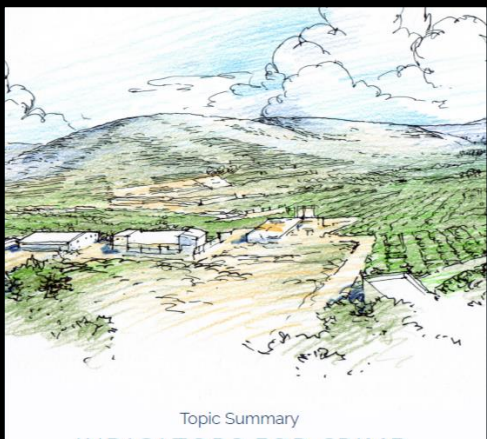
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KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE EVENTS



ANNUAL CONFERENCE

- **2021 Virtual Conference**
 - Community Safety in the Midst of a Global Pandemic: Who Are We Leaving Behind?
- **2022 Virtual Conference**
 - Lean In: Addressing Challenges to Improve Community Safety
 - **2023 In-Person Conference (Regina, SK)**
 - Community Safety. Together. – Igniting Change
 - **2024 In-Person Conference (Victoria, BC)**
 - October 28-30



MEMBER SERVICES



Community of Practice & Member Meetings



Member Requests



Resources / Documents



Mentorship for CSWB



Internal Website

FEE-FOR-SERVICE



CSWB Planning



Gun & Gang Violence Prevention Planning



Evidence Briefs



Research Projects



Specialized Trainings & Presentations



Evaluations

NON-MEMBER SERVICES



Speaker Series



Introduction to CSWB Sessions



Resources / Documents



Trainings & Paid Events

FUTURE AREAS OF FOCUS FOR THE CCFSC

Monitoring and Evaluation

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Climate Change and Community Safety

Implementation Support

Role of Communities in Preventing Social
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