



Crime Prevention Ottawa **ACTION REPORT** **2014-15**

Our priorities

- **VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**
- **NEIGHBOURHOODS**
- **YOUTH**

Strength in numbers

Through partnerships, we help Ottawa residents cope with the issues that affect their safety and feelings of security. The Ottawa Gang Strategy is a key example of this important work, as is the Multi-Stakeholder Approach to Problem Addresses. By keeping youth at risk out of gangs and reducing gang activity, we make our neighbourhoods safer for everyone. Our work with the Ottawa Police Service, Ottawa Community Housing and other important community partners on these initiatives means we're bringing change and giving people the tools they need to stay safe.

Shad Qadri, CPO Chair and City of Ottawa Councillor

Peace through partnerships

The Multi-Stakeholder Approach to Problem Addresses targets addresses that have a negative impact on neighbourhood safety due to ongoing gang or drug activity, excessive noise or disorderly conduct. It takes a careful, measured approach to helping people self-regulate, or change behaviours that are harming others (gangs, drugs, noise). Our goal? To improve lives by bringing peace. We also want to connect residents to the services they need, with enforcement (eviction or security/police involvement) as a last resort.

"Working under the framework to resolve some really tough situations in our communities has been an exciting, but productive challenge. We are changing the way we serve the community and some of our most vulnerable citizens. We are all better off when we work together," says Brian Gilligan, Ottawa Community Housing.

Ottawa Gang Strategy progress

CPO released its One Year Progress Report on the Ottawa Gang Strategy, which describes the considerable successes we have achieved with our partners to identify and engage youth at risk, help prevent gang formation and reduce gang activity. The strategy has four pillars (with eight projects):

- healthy neighbourhood cohesion
- early prevention
- intervention
- enforcement

In 2014, CPO provided funding to the Community Leadership Network for Families to train 50 community trainers to help increase trust between immigrant

communities and the Canadian justice system. We helped the Supporting Families Project develop a pilot project to identify youth at risk of gang involvement and support their families and siblings at risk. We hosted workshops, training sessions and a conference for community partners and frontline workers.

Our efforts to identify needs and fill gaps have led to the development of a Gang Exit Service. This project targets adults who are involved in gangs and who wish to transition safely and successfully to a more positive way of life. We are grateful to Ottawa City Council for approving \$300,000 in funding for the service.



The Multi-Stakeholder Approach to Problem Addresses agreement was finalized with a signing ceremony on July 18, 2014.



The 6th annual Community Safety Awards celebrated our crime prevention and safety leaders, programs and community volunteers.

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CRIME PREVENTION OTTAWA Financial statement January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014

REVENUE	Actual 2014
City of Ottawa	\$654,323
Other Revenue	\$49,986
TOTAL	\$704,309

EXPENSES	
Staff	\$302,422
CPO Initiatives	\$131,689
Grants/Paint it Up	\$270,397
TOTAL	\$704,508
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Campaign to address home takeovers

Home takeovers of vulnerable tenants continue to be a priority for us. We formed a committee to address the issue and developed a hard-hitting poster and information card campaign to educate people. We released a second research paper, *Home Takeovers of Vulnerable Tenants: Perspectives from Ottawa*. To date, our campaign has succeeded in:

- Offering 14 focus groups and presentations to service providers and residents
- Distributing thousands of information cards and posters in both official languages
- Through a home takeover blitz, checking almost 100 homes, resulting in 12 arrests
- Giving the issue a name and receiving extensive media coverage

I can MANifest Change campaign

The I Can MANifest Change campaign, designed to engage and empower men and boys to end violence against women, has been widely supported by local personalities and close to 200 men of all ages and walks of life. The project challenges men and boys post their picture on the website, along with a description of how they will manifest change and help put an end to violence against women. It is a partnership between CPO, the Ottawa Coalition to End Violence Against Women and the Ottawa Police Service.

Information, education, outreach

CPO pursued our mandate to inform and educate by hosting the Sex Trade Conference in June 2014. The conference's aim? To promote safety with respect to the sex trade. We also distributed over 800 project workbooks on *How to Create Safe and Caring Communities*. And we hosted several successful Speaker Series events on:

- Romance fraud
- Men speaking out about violence against women
- Best practices in youth mentoring
- Youth homelessness and victimization



Over the past five years, the Paint it Up! program has empowered youth to create 43 murals to deter graffiti.

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