

# Charting the Course:

## Plan for 2020 and Report on 2019



# Ottawa Street Violence and Gang Strategy

## Highlights of 2019

Implemented new Evaluation Plan as part of the refreshed OSVGS

Identified potential researchers to study policies and practices of employment programs

Commissioned research into the culture and motivations of youth and young adults who carry weapons

Hired a 4-month FTE to produce a cost-benefit and program evaluation of the Time for Change program

Ensured proper connections between OPS and other post-incident stakeholders, to promote a more coordinate response to traumatic events in neighbourhoods

Funded an innovative project to address low-level violence in neighbourhoods, incorporating a dramatic arts, community mediation, and bystander intervention

## Plan for 2020

Manage the evaluation process of the OSVGS: note the planning cycle is 2017-2020

Explore policy research with regards to Employment Ontario programming for criminalized young adults

Review the weapons report with the research committee, finalize and publish. Create a strategic communications plan that's attentive to the recommendations from the report

Finalize the report and evaluation of this initiative, and decide on appropriate implementation of recommendations and promotion of learnings

Continue to support the development of trauma informed practices in a neighbourhood context

Review the report and evaluation of this initiative, and decide on appropriate promotion of learnings

Explore issues of roving shootings more associated with vehicles than with neighbourhoods

# Youth & Neighbourhoods

## Highlights of 2019

Funding for Ottawa Child and Youth Initiative's critical hours (homework club) community of practice has produced "150 Days of Programming" toolkit that is available online

Translated the "Youth Criminal Justice: What Parents Should Know" booklets into Somali and Arabic

Speaker Series discussing the effects of childhood trauma attended by 200 people and is online for viewing thanks to RogersTV

Ensured strong ongoing partner support for the successful Jasmine and Herongate projects as CPO phases out financial involvement

Funded two new neighbourhood initiatives in late 2019: The 'Downtown' neighbourhood directly affected by the opioid crisis, and the Overbrook neighbourhood

The Home Takeovers project is ending, now that awareness and concern for this once-unnamed social phenomenon is firmly entrenched in Ottawa's social service sector and beyond

## Plan for 2020

Monitor and participate in the critical hours (homework club) project

Continue to update and promote booklets, consider adding new languages and content about pre-trial detention and bail conditions

Continue to host events in our Speaker Series and to make the Speaker Series accessible online

Continue to offer technical support, after the financial support ends

Support these projects to establish a strong footing for ongoing neighbourhood crime prevention work

Maintain the legacy of the project with one train-the-trainer session each year and two steering committee meetings a year. Finalize a communications piece highlighting success of project

# Gender-Based Violence & Admin

## Highlights of 2019

Bystander intervention training (the core of Project SoundCheck) picked up by Ottawa Public Health

Funded the Canadian Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity to conduct a needs assessment on violence and 2SLGBTQ+ youth and young adults

Continued to manage CODA: Connecting On Disability and Abuse committee

The Paper Fortune Teller / Cootie Catcher on social-media safety tips received a ClearMark Award of Merit for plain language communications

CPO launched its long-awaited website refresh

Published "Evaluation of CPO's 2017 Community Investments"

CPO Terms of Reference were reviewed and aligned with Community Safety and Well-Being plan requirements. A report was approved by City Council

## Plan for 2020

Continue to encourage sustainability in GBV projects

Finalize and publish the research

Explore how to build on the work of CODA to develop an approach through the Community Safety and Well-Being plan and on the victimization of vulnerable adults

Update social media tip sheet with information about the apps Tiktok and Whisper

Leverage website analytics to increase traffic and reach

Publish Evaluation of CPO's 2013-2018 Community Investments to close out strategic plan

Continue review of governance issues in context of strategic planning

# Strategic Planning

- Key Considerations:
  - CPO's strong brand of dynamic and effective leadership in sector
  - City's new focus on safety
  - Equity and inclusion
  - Emerging issues (social media, fraud, non-neighbourhood-based crime, weapons, opioid crisis, vulnerable adults, etc.)
- First Step: Board strategic planning day

# Proposed New Strategic Plan

- Last planning exercise was in 2012
- Board repeatedly approved extension of 2013-2016 Strategic Plan until 2019 to align with anticipated CSWBP work
- With clearer CSWBP landscape, can seize opportunity to:
  - continue dynamic leadership in local crime prevention work
  - explore areas for growth, and
  - synergize with new and existing partners

# Questions & Discussion