

2021-2022 IMPACT REPORT

Supporting Communities to
Ensure All Canadians Are Safe
and Feel Safe



CANADIAN MUNICIPAL
NETWORK ON CRIME
PREVENTION

Together for Safer Canadian Cities

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Following an eventful 2019-2020 for CMNCP, including a shift to primarily online engagement due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the organization remained busy in 2021 and 2022. As the world began its pandemic recovery efforts, we saw continued interest in community safety and well-being efforts across Canada (and beyond). Subsequently, CMNCP supported a number of communities in the development of their own crime prevention and/or community safety and well-being plans (Regina, SK; Morinville, AB; and Kelowna, BC, to name a few) and continued to share best-practice and evidence related to this work across Canada through webinars (e.g., the Role of New Media in Crime Prevention), documents (e.g., Community Consultations for CP/CSWB Plans), and events like our speaker series on Climate Change.

Building on our previous success and the increased accessibility of virtual events, CMNCP continued to engage communities across Canada with multiple sessions of our *Building Safer Communities Training* (Parts 1 and 2) along with our *Rural Crime Prevention Training*, yielding over 200 participants. Additionally, our 2021 virtual conference, *Community Safety in the Midst of a Global Pandemic: Who Are We Leaving Behind?*, had over 160 attendees from across Canada. We also experienced further growth with seven new members, including the City of Nanaimo (BC), the District of Lillooet (BC), the City of Pickering (ON), the County of Grand Prairie No. 1 (AB), Sackville (NB), the Alberta RCMP Community Safety and Well-Being Branch, and the Yukon Government.

Alongside the growth in the network, CMNCP's work has expanded through new projects including our study *Examining the Role of School Professionals in the Prevention of Social Polarization and Violent Radicalization* (funded by Public Safety Canada), developing a strategic plan for the Winnipeg Safe City Initiative, ongoing work related to climate change, and developing a CSWB Plan for the City of Wetaskiwin, Alberta.

As we continue to work alongside Canadian communities to prevent crime and promote community safety and well-being, we would like to extend a sincere thank you to all our members, partners, and advocates. Your ongoing support allows us to continue this important work, year after year, toward a Canada in which all people feel and are safe.



Jan Fox
Board Co-Chair



Dave Dickson
Board Co-Chair

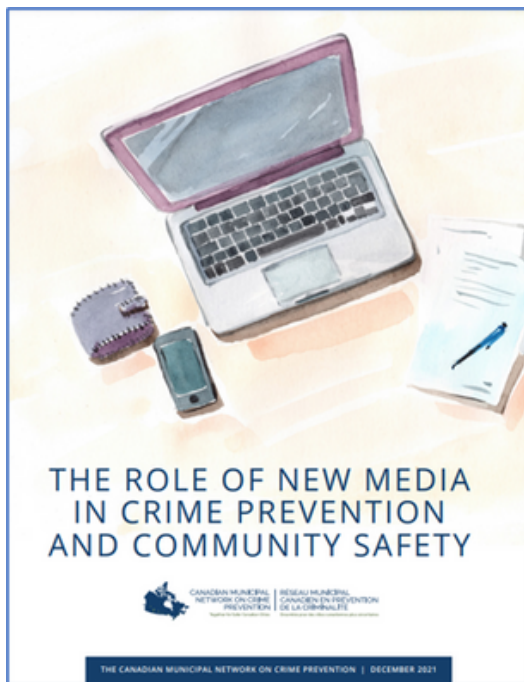


Felix Munger
Executive Director

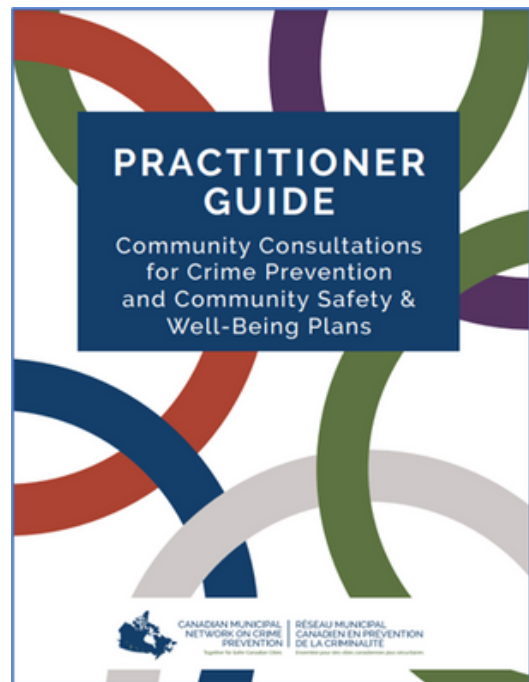
CRIME PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY RESOURCES

In 2021 and 2022, CMNCP developed two new documents to support practitioners in their own crime prevention, community safety, and well-being work. They include:

Topic Summary: The Role of New Media in Crime Prevention and Community Safety



Practitioner Guide: Community Consultations for Crime Prevention and Community Safety & Well-Being Plans



To access the Topic Summary on The Role of New Media in Crime Prevention and Community Safety, click [here](#).

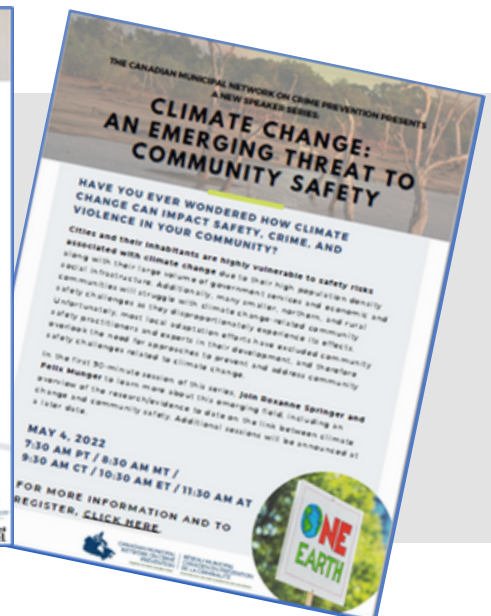
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Or visit www.safercities.ca/evidence-on-crime-prevention/

KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE EVENTS AND WEBINARS

In addition to developing resources, CMNCP also hosted several online events (both for members and the public) covering a broad range of topics. These events brought together individuals from diverse backgrounds, roles, and locations across the country and provided opportunities for knowledge exchange among them. The sessions included:

- Webinar: Launch of The Peaceful Homes Report (May 2021)
- Webinar: Prevention of Violence in the Home Part 2 (June 2021)
- Webinar: How to Improve Upon Situation Tables (January 2022)
- Workshop: Collaborative Decision-Making (February 2022)
- Webinar: The Role of New Media in Crime Prevention and Community Safety (March 2022)
- Exploratory Workshop: The Role of School Professionals in the Prevention of Social Polarization and Violent Radicalization (March 2022)
- CMNCP Members Conversation: Public Washrooms (April 2022)
- Speaker Series: Climate Change – An Emerging Threat to Community Safety (May 2022)
- Speaker Series: Climate Change and Adaptation Planning (June 2022)
- Workshop: National Knowledge Exchange on Rural Crime Prevention (June 2022)
- Speaker Series: Conducting Community Consultations for Crime Prevention and Community Safety & Well-Being Plans (September 2022)



TRAINING PRACTITIONERS ACROSS CANADA

With increasing focus on community safety and well-being work across Canada (and beyond), CMNCP continued to offer multiple training sessions throughout 2021 and 2022. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, these sessions were adapted to virtual format and included both our general *Building Safer Communities Training* along with our newly developed *Rural Crime Prevention Training*.

Building Safer Communities General Training

Part 1:

- March 2021 (85 participants)
- September 2021 (35 participants)
- March 2022 (17 participants)

Part 2:

- December 2021 (25 participants)
- Upcoming: December 2022

Part 3:

- Upcoming: October 2022

Rural Crime Prevention Training

Part 1:

- January 2021 (70 participants)
- January 2022 (20 participants)
- Upcoming: November 2022

Part 2:

- November 2021 (15 participants)

“Working in a community where upstream community safety and well-being planning is not an approach historically taken, the Building Safer Communities PART II Training has given me the tools and support to bring forth new ideas to my community about different and effective ways of dealing with crime and safety. The training provided by CMNCP has also expanded my network of community safety practitioners and given me the professional support I need to know that I am not alone in the complex work of community safety and well-being.”

CHRISTY WOOD, COMMUNITY POLICING COORDINATOR, CITY OF NANAIMO

CONFERENCE AND AGM

Conference

CMNCP's 2021 Virtual Conference ran from October 4th to October 6th. It was sponsored by Motorola Solutions and included eight focused sessions, along with an opening and closing keynote, and was attended by over 160 people.



Conference Sessions:

- We Are All Called to Action: History, Historic Trauma, and Healing in the Context of Community Safety
- Beyond Rainbows: LGBTQ2 Canadians and Community Safety Concerns
- Trauma-Informed Post-Pandemic Recovery for Communities
- Eradicating Violence: Essentials That Do Not Leave People Behind
- Inspire: Eliminating Violence Against Children
- Rethinking Homelessness: Planning Beyond the Hierarchies of Need
- Addressing Social Polarization and Hate Crimes at the Local Level
- Getting to the Root of the Problem: Addressing the Systemic Nature of Community Safety Issues and Concerns
- Rural Crime Prevention

AGM

During the conference, CMNCP also held its 2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM) which included updates on staff, membership, and project highlights; organizational goals for 2022; a review of CMNCP's audited financial report; and a director's election.

2021-2022 PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



EXAMINING THE ROLE OF SCHOOL PROFESSIONALS IN THE PREVENTION OF SOCIAL POLARIZATION AND VIOLENT RADICALIZATION

In 2021, CMNCP (in partnership with CPN-PREV and OPV) began a 2-year research project to examine the role of school professionals in the prevention of social polarization and violent radicalization. Funded by Public Safety Canada, the multi-phase study seeks to identify recommendations for the Canadian Federal Government on how to better prepare school frontline staff (i.e., teachers, guidance counsellors, and principals), and administrators (i.e., school board representatives and consultants) to prevent and respond to cases of social polarization and violent radicalization within school settings.

The data collection process began in Fall 2021 with a review of literature on the experiences of school professionals as well as existing education policies related to social polarization, radicalization, and extremism. Based on the findings from the review, CMNCP identified a need for further insight from Canadian school professionals to inform the study going forward. Consequently, we scheduled an exploratory workshop in March 2022. The workshop components were as follows:

- **Keynote Presentation:** Deradicalization: Conceptualizing an Alt-Right Leader's Journey Out of Hate
- **Panel Discussion:** Preventing and Addressing Social Polarization and Violent Radicalization in Schools: Practice Implications and Lessons Learned
- **Breakout Room Discussions**

Guided by the findings from the literature review and the workshop, over the Summer of 2022 CMNCP conducted a survey with school professionals across Canada to identify their overall level of confidence and competence in preventing, identifying, and addressing social polarization and violent radicalization within school settings. We are currently in the process of analyzing this data and setting up focus groups with a smaller group of participants to explore the survey results further. Following the completion of this process, we will develop an initial list of recommendations, which will then go through a validation process with feedback from Canadian experts in the field (academics, practitioners, etc.). The final list of recommendations will then be presented to the Federal Government as the project wraps up in Spring 2023.

MAPPING CLIMATE CHANGE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

Since early 2021, CMNCP has expanded its focus on the direct and indirect effects of climate change on crime, safety, and violence. This work builds off a 2020 pilot project that was completed alongside the Viessmann Centre for Engagement and Research in Sustainability (VERiS) at Wilfrid Laurier University and funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC). Given the strong link between climate change and community safety, CMNCP is continuing to pursue this work with the following goals:

- Develop a conceptual framework on the nexus of climate change and crime, violence, and safety.
- Conduct a comprehensive review of literature on climate change and community safety.
- Publish a white paper on climate change and violence.
- Develop an interactive online compendium tool for local planners, experts, researchers, and political leaders to learn about and more adequately anticipate local violence risks linked to climate change hazards (heat waves, floods, wildfires, droughts, etc.).
- Establish an international expert collaboration group including practitioners and academics/scientists.
- Implement a conference focused on climate change and local violence.

To date, we have hosted two sessions of our Climate Change Speaker Series (see above) with a third scheduled in the Fall of 2022. We have also developed a proposal and are exploring funding opportunities to further pursue this work.



CRIME PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY & WELL-BEING PLANS

In 2021-2022 CMNCP continued its work supporting Canadian communities with the development of their crime prevention and community safety & well-being plans. We wrapped up several plans and began working on a number of others. Our involvement in these projects ranges from partnering with local project teams throughout the full plan development process to a consulting role where we provide feedback and guidance.

Ongoing Plans:

- Kent Regional Service Commission, New Brunswick
- Strathcona County, Alberta
- Greater Victoria, British Columbia
- City of Wetaskiwin, Alberta

Completed Plans:

- Kelowna, British Columbia
- Morinville, Alberta
- Regina, Saskatchewan



“This project began in the fall of 2020, when we teamed up with CMNCP to begin the process of developing a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan for the City of Regina.

From day one, this project was completely collaborative, and a true example of partnership. We are so proud of this work, and what it means for our city moving forward. It was an absolute privilege to work alongside Felix, Audrey, and Katie with CMNCP, and we look forward to the long-lasting relationship that we have developed with them. Throughout this process we also had much support from the CMNCP network, and practitioners from across Canada, including great folks like Christiane Sadeler, Jan Fox, Scott McKean, among others who are mentioned in the plan. We are grateful for this support. It goes without saying that we learned a lot during this process, and my colleague Kelly and I are always open to sharing our positive experience with others.”

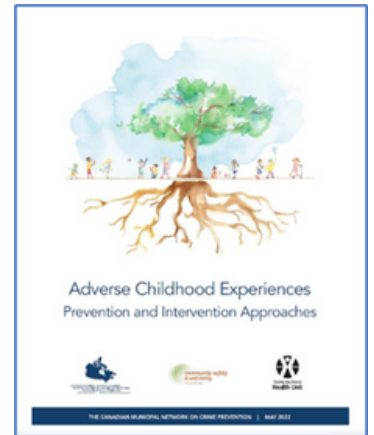
DAVE SLATER, MANAGER OF CITY PROJECTS, CITY OF REGINA

OTHER PROJECTS

Completed Work

ACEs Research

CMNCP, in partnership with the Thunder Bay District Health Unit and Community Safety & Well-Being Thunder Bay, conducted a national scan of initiatives and programs related to Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) to identify evidence-informed and promising prevention and mitigation practices currently being implemented across Canada. An online survey gathering information on ACEs related programs and interventions being implemented across Canada was administered to participants. The findings and recommendations reflecting the feedback gathered from the survey participants will be communicated in a final report.

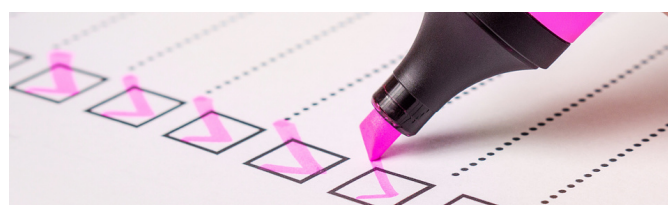


Atlantic Canada Knowledge Exchange Project

Given its local context, the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) was interested in exploring opportunities to increase the knowledge and capacity of local stakeholders regarding crime prevention and community safety in the rural context, with a specific focus on the dynamics within regions that include both urban and rural communities. Furthermore, HRM was seeking knowledge exchange opportunities with representatives from rural communities across the country to share lessons learned, challenges, and successes. To achieve these objectives, CMNCP conducted a project that included a training session on rural community safety in Atlantic Canada and a national knowledge exchange workshop which brought together representatives from communities across the country to engage in a dialogue around community safety in the rural context.

Winnipeg Committee For Safety Strategic Plan

In 2022, CMNCP supported the Winnipeg Committee for Safety in developing a strategic plan. This project involved ongoing meetings with the committee, a review of existing documents and data, along with community consultations. Based on the information collected during this process, five priorities were identified: homelessness/houslessness; substance use challenges; built environment and public transportation; lack of activities and opportunities; and mental health challenges. The strategic plan outlines how each priority will be addressed over the next five years (2023-2027) on a month-by-month basis.



OTHER PROJECTS

Ongoing Work

Rural Crime Prevention Project

Throughout 2021-2022 CMNCP continued its work on the Building Capacity in Rural Crime Project, which began in 2019. The aim of the project is to develop, validate, and pilot the Alberta Rural Crime Prevention Framework in Alberta communities to fine-tune the framework and eventually scale up the approaches by adapting and implementing the framework in additional Canadian rural communities. CMNCP is currently finalizing the framework and toolkit that will offer information, approaches, guidelines, tools, documents, and resources related to rural crime prevention and community safety.

Social Challenges Research

Following a request from our members for support and resources to help address various social challenges experienced within their communities, CMNCP conducted a survey among all our members to identify major concerns and found four key issues that require additional attention: problematic substance use and addiction; sex work; encampments and people experiencing houselessness; and mental health challenges. Considering these findings, CMNCP is developing a practitioner guide to support communities experiencing these challenges by outlining their root causes, associated research, and existing efforts/approaches to prevent and address them. This topic is also the focus of our 2022 conference.

Winnipeg Safe City Initiative Strategic Plan

As part of the United Nations Global Safe Cities Initiative, the City of Winnipeg is working on a strategic plan to reduce sexual and other forms of violence against women and girls in public spaces. CMNCP, alongside city staff and local partners is collecting local data (through various sources and community engagement sessions) to identify priorities and develop an action plan to address key challenges affecting the safety of women and girls in Winnipeg.



CMNCP MEMBERSHIP AND LEADERSHIP

Membership

CMNCP currently represents over 100 communities and approximately 50% of the Canadian population. Since 2003, CMNCP has brought together senior municipal managers, elected officials, community safety coordinators, and professionals involved in the development and implementation of community-based strategies to improve community safety and well-being at the local level.

New members:

- City of Nanaimo, British Columbia
- District of Lillooet, British Columbia
- City of Pickering, Ontario
- County of Grand Prairie No.1, Alberta
- Alberta RCMP, Community Safety and Well-Being Branch
- Sackville, New Brunswick
- Yukon Government

Board of Directors

Co-Chairs	Jan Fox (Alberta) Dave Dickson (British Columbia)
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Executive Director	Felix Munger

AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

CANADIAN MUNICIPAL NETWORK ON CRIME PREVENTION
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2022

	2022 <i>(12 months)</i>	2021 <i>(10 months)</i> <i>(notes 4 & 8)</i>
REVENUES (schedule 1)		
Grants and contributions	\$ 221,673	\$ 101,508
Membership fees	45,144	10,871
Annual conference	37,845	0
Training	18,760	21,884
	<u>323,422</u>	<u>134,263</u>
EXPENSES (schedule 1)		
Project expenses	<u>203,822</u>	<u>99,866</u>
Administrative expenses		
Salaries and wages	62,504	17,373
Annual conference	27,330	0
Professional fees	14,595	23,956
Website hosting and technical support	4,687	2,824
Insurance	4,485	3,920
Bad debts	4,428	0
Office and administrative support	1,997	2,470
Interest and bank charges	606	351
Reward and recognition	411	200
	<u>121,043</u>	<u>51,094</u>
	<u>324,865</u>	<u>150,960</u>
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES for the year before the undernoted	(1,443)	(16,697)
TRANSFER OF NET ASSETS ON INCORPORATION (note 5)	<u>0</u>	<u>9,690</u>
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES for the year	(1,443)	(7,007)
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	<u>(7,007)</u>	<u>0</u>
NET ASSETS, end of year	<u>\$ (8,450)</u>	<u>\$ (7,007)</u>



Thank you for continuing to support our work!

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