



Canadian Municipal Network on Crime Prevention

2023 IMPACT REPORT



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NETWORK ON CRIME
PREVENTION

Together for Safer Canadian Cities

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Message from the Board Co-Chairs and Executive Director

2023 was another busy year for CMNCP as we continued to expand our membership and work with communities across the country to build a safer Canada for all.

CMNCP staff completed multiple projects, including our social polarization study funded by Public Safety Canada, gun and gang violence prevention strategies for Nanaimo, BC and Vernon, BC, as well as an Urban Safety Assessment in Montréal, QC. Additionally, we were awarded several new contracts (e.g., CSWB planning in Manitoba and Urban Safety Monitoring) resulting in long-term stability for the organization and subsequently, the ability to hire a number of new staff. We are very excited to welcome these talented individuals to our team!

As well, in 2023 our Board of Directors had several notable accomplishments, including an overall growth in size, the development of new policies, and the creation of working committees (e.g., governance and conference committees). The current Board is comprised of representatives from across Canada, including advisors, to enhance our diversity and representation. These additional members and the Board's ongoing growth will continue to strengthen the organization as a whole and contribute to its success moving forward.

Over the past year, CMNCP continued to engage communities across the country through our *Building Safer Communities*, *Rural Crime Prevention*, and *Collaborative Decision-Making* training, as well as webinars and community of practice events on public library safety, gun and gang violence prevention, social polarization and radicalization prevention, and urban safety monitoring.

Additionally, for the first time since 2019, we are looking forward to hosting our in-person, annual conference in October 2023 at the Delta Hotel in Regina, SK. This year's theme is *Community Safety. Together. Igniting Change.* and we look forward to seeing many of you there for this exciting and informative event! The conference will also serve as the official launch of our organizational re-brand, including our name change, to The Canadian Centre for Safer Communities.

As we enter this new, exciting time for our organization, we want to extend a sincere thank you to all our members, partners, and advocates for your continued support. Without you, we would not be where we are today. We look forward to strengthening these existing relationships and building new ones as we move into 2024 and beyond.



Jan Fox
Board Co-Chair



Dave Dickson
Board Co-Chair



Felix Munger
Executive Director

Knowledge Exchange Events

In 2023, CMNCP brought together community members, practitioners, stakeholders, elected officials, and experts from across Canada through many exciting virtual events and opportunities for knowledge exchange. Staff were also given several opportunities to attend events and present on various topics to audiences from Canada and beyond.

- **Public Events**
 - Preventing Social Polarization at the Education Level and Beyond: A Presentation of Findings and Lessons Learned (June 2023)
- **CMNCP Community of Practice/Member Meetings**
 - March 2023: Federal Framework to Reduce Recidivism
 - May 2023: Safety in Public Libraries
 - May 2023: Gun and Gang Violence Prevention
 - July 2023: Monitoring and Evaluation
- **Presentations**
 - January 2023: German Forum on Urban Security (CSWB Planning)
 - February 2023: Kenora, ON City Council and Staff (CSWB Planning)
 - May 2023: District of Lillooet, BC (CSWB Planning)
 - June 2023: Alberta Association on Police Governance (CSWB Planning)
 - June 2023: German Congress (Urban Safety Monitoring)
 - June 2023: Public Safety Canada Mega Week (Social Polarization Project Findings and Recommendations)
 - September 2023: Safer Cities Road Show (Collaboration in Crime Prevention and Responding to Natural Disasters and Emergency)
 - September 2023: Strong Cities Network Global Summit (Panel Moderation - City-Led Data Collection and Analysis)



Training Practitioners Across Canada

In 2023, CMNCP continued to offer several virtual trainings to practitioners across the country. They included:



Introduction to Community Safety and Well-Being

March 2023 - 18 Participants
June 2023 - 50 Participants
November 2023 - 28+ Participants



Building Safer Communities Training Part 1

March 2023 - 14 Participants
September 2023 - 30+ Participants



Building Safer Communities Training Part 2

May 2023 - 8 Participants

Building Safer Communities Training Part 3

November 2023 - 7+ Participants



Rural Crime Prevention Training

March 2023 - 13 Participants

Collaborative Decision-Making Workshop

April 2023 - 18 Participants

Note: Some sessions had not occurred when this report was completed. The numbers+ reflect how many people had signed up at that point but final totals were likely higher.



2023 PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Examining the Role of School Professionals in the Prevention of Social Polarization and Radicalization Leading to Violence

In 2023, CMNCP completed the final stages of our project, *Examining the Role of School Professionals in the Prevention of Social Polarization and Radicalization Leading to Violence*, a study funded by Public Safety Canada through the *Building Safer Communities Fund*.

In addition to finalizing the data collection process, which included a literature review as well as focus groups, interviews, and a survey with Canadian school professionals, CMNCP was invited to attend Public Safety Canada's 'Mega Week' conference from May 1st-5th, 2023, in Ottawa, Ontario, where staff presented the results of the study and networked with others working on related projects.

Following the conference, CMNCP hosted a virtual knowledge exchange event to share our findings with practitioners and invited several guest speakers to present their work and discuss the importance of collaborative efforts to prevent and address social polarization and radicalization leading to violence.

Our findings and preliminary recommendations were then shared with experts across Canada, who provided feedback via a validation survey. This information was included in our final report and it, along with our own data, informed the final recommendations for our study which were submitted to Public Safety Canada in September 2023.



Pilot Testing the Urban Safety Monitor to Study Its Impact on Multi-Sectoral Crime Prevention and Community Safety in Canada

This year, CMNCP successfully obtained a multi-year (2023-2026) contract funded by Public Safety Canada for a project entitled *Pilot Testing the Urban Safety Monitor to Study Its Impact on Multi-Sectoral Crime Prevention and Community Safety in Canada*.

This project aims to bridge systematic measurement and monitoring approaches with localized multi-sectoral approaches by incorporating a local adaption of indicators, demonstrating the value and impact of local safety work, supporting best/promising practice, monitoring and reporting locally, and sharing good practice through a peer-to-peer learning process among communities.

CMNCP will conduct a review, develop tool-kits, guides, and a training for communities; pilot the monitoring approach in 10 communities; and eventually scale it up following the project. This work will strengthen multi-sectoral, community-driven crime prevention and community safety initiatives in Canada.

Another key aspect of this work is knowledge exchange and mobilization. As a result, CMNCP's Executive Director, Felix Munger, attended the *German Prevention Congress* (Mannheim, Germany) in May 2023 and the *Peace in Our Cities Symposium and Member Workshop* (Medellin, Colombia) in June 2023 to present on the Urban Safety Monitor, the work CMNCP is undertaking with it, as well as its implications and uses for communities across the globe in their community safety and well-being efforts.

Manitoba CSWB Planning Project



In 2023, CMNCP was awarded a multi-year (2023-2025) contract, funded by the Government of Manitoba, to partner with Manitoba Justice and support the development of up to 11 community safety and well-being plans in urban, rural, and First Nations communities across the province.

Beginning in the fall of 2023, CMNCP will meet with representatives from each community to finalize workplans and commence the CSWB planning process. Alongside the work within each community, the project will include CSWB training, the promotion of CSWB planning across Manitoba, guidance and support from a provincial advisory committee, and the establishment of a community of practice for practitioners to connect, engage, and share learnings with others doing similar work.

In addition to providing an opportunity for CMNCP to continue supporting Canadian communities in CSWB planning efforts, the project offers long-term stability for the organization and has allowed us to hire several new staff.



Ongoing Projects

Emergency Management and Gender-Based Analysis Plus

Beginning in the Fall of 2023, CMNCP is partnering with the Canadian Women's Foundation to develop a toolkit to ensure gender-based analysis is included in hazard and risk assessment measures taken by municipalities. This project will include a review of existing approaches and literature as well as feedback from academics and experts to inform the toolkit development process.

City of Victoria Community Safety and Well-Being Improvement Strategy

In July 2023, CMNCP began a project with the City of Victoria to develop a Community Safety and Well-Being Improvement Strategy in partnership with City of Victoria staff, elected officials, stakeholders, community members, advisory committee members, and partners. The project includes four main phases – setup, quantitative data collection, community consultations, and strategy development – leading to a final outcome, in December 2024, of a complete Community Safety and Well-Being Improvement Strategy. The Strategy will identify opportunities and recommendations for the City of Victoria as well as its multi-sectoral partners (e.g., school boards, health services, homelessness services, Police Department) in support of local, enhanced, and integrated systems, processes, and initiatives with a specific focus on increasing community safety and well-being.

City of Wetaskiwin Community Safety and Well-Being Strategy

To respond to current safety challenges, the City of Wetaskiwin, AB has asked CMNCP to support the development of a CSWB Strategy. CMNCP, alongside City staff and local partners, continues to collect local data through interviews, a field study, a CSWB survey, and consultations to identify priorities and inform the CSWB Strategy that will be presented to City Council in late 2023.

Winnipeg Safe City Initiative Strategic Plan

Continuing the work that began in late 2022, CMNCP is working with the City of Winnipeg to develop a strategic plan to prevent and address violence against women, girls, and gender and sexually diverse people. The WSCI Strategic Plan development process includes a review of existing data, a survey, and consultations with various community members in Winnipeg.

Completed Projects

Montréal Urban Safety Assessment (November 2022 – July 2023)

Between November 2022 and July 2023, CMNCP collaborated with the Southwest Borough in Montréal, QC to conduct an urban safety assessment. The primary objective was to create an up-to-date understanding of the neighbourhood's situation concerning violence and crime, and to assess the relevance and effectiveness of ongoing prevention efforts in addressing its main challenges. The comprehensive project involved analyzing existing statistics and engaging in community consultations with various groups. The findings were subsequently analyzed to identify strengths and challenges, leading CMNCP to formulate a list of recommendations and provide examples of relevant programs and approaches.

Nanaimo Youth Resilience Strategy (December 2022 – March 2023)

Nanaimo, BC received funding from Public Safety Canada to develop a gun and gang violence prevention strategy. CMNCP was hired by the City of Nanaimo to lead this project, which ran from December 2022 to March 2023. The project involved a comprehensive consultation process with community stakeholders as well as data analysis to identify factors putting children and youth at risk of gang involvement. A multi-disciplinary steering committee collaborated with City staff and CMNCP to design seven strategic approaches that aim to connect with and support at-risk youth, address systemic issues, and promote prevention efforts. The Nanaimo Youth Resilience Strategy also includes additional recommendations concerning community engagement, communication, governance, evaluation, and sustainability planning to ensure a safer and more equitable community.

Vernon Youth Resilience Strategy (January 2023 – March 2023)

After being selected by Public Safety Canada to develop a gun and gang violence prevention strategy, the City of Vernon hired CMNCP and Urban Matters to co-lead this project. The work involved identifying factors that put children and youth at risk of gang involvement and developing a strategy to prevent them. Urban Matters conducted consultations while CMNCP analyzed existing data and worked with a multi-disciplinary steering committee to identify priorities and strategic approaches to address them.

2023 Conference



CANADIAN MUNICIPAL NETWORK ON CRIME PREVENTION
2023 CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 23-25 | REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN



CMNCP is excited to host its 2023 annual conference at the Delta Hotel in the vibrant city of Regina, Saskatchewan. This year's theme is *Community Safety. Together. Igniting Change.* and the event will bring together practitioners, elected officials, stakeholders, people with lived/living experience, and others from urban, rural, and Indigenous communities across Canada to engage, network, and share knowledge related to community safety and-well being.

We are very excited to have Cadmus Delorme, former Chief of Cowessess First Nation, as our keynote speaker. Additionally, we have a number of fantastic presenters and panelists scheduled to share their experience and knowledge throughout the event.

Topics to be explored through additional presentations, panel discussions, and workshops include:

- **Challenges and Rewards of Collaboration**
- **Community Organizations in CSWB Work**
- **CPTED and CSWB**
- **Intersectionality of work between government officials and communities**
- **CSWB Models of Governance**
- **Violence Prevention**
- **And more!**

Additionally, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude to this year's conference sponsors. The event would not be possible without their support.

- **The Government of Saskatchewan**
- **REACH Edmonton**
- **The Regina Police Association**
- **The Regina Police Service**
- **The City of Saskatoon**

Organizational Re-Brand

Canadian Centre for
Safer Communities



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collectivités plus sûres

During our 2022 Strategic Planning session in Toronto, ON, which included Board Members and CMNCP staff, there was discussion around the strategic direction and future of the organization. Through these conversations, it was decided that adjustments should be made to better reflect the communities we partner with and the work we do. These shifts include the following:

- Removing 'Crime Prevention' from our name. This term is often associated with primarily downstream approaches. While they play a role in prevention, the new name better reflects the organization's holistic approach to community safety and well-being that incorporates upstream, midstream, and downstream efforts.
- Replacing 'Cities' with 'Communities' to be more inclusive and reflect all the urban, rural, and Indigenous communities we work with.

As such, starting in late 2023, the Canadian Municipal Network on Crime Prevention will officially change its name to the Canadian Centre for Safer Communities (CCSC).

Accompanying the name change, the organization will adopt a new logo, mission statement, website, and staff emails. Further details on the organizational re-brand will be shared at the official launch during our 2023 conference.

We are excited to wrap up 2023 and enter 2024 as the Centre for Safer Communities and continue our work towards a safer Canada for all.



CMNCP Membership and Leadership

Membership

Currently, CMNCP membership includes Indigenous, rural, and urban communities spanning about 50% of the Canadian population. In 2023, we welcomed the following communities and organizations to our membership network:

- Campbell River (BC)
- Salmon Arm (BC)
- Victoria (BC)
- Wetaskiwin (AB)
- Windsor Essex (ON)
- Centennial Community Recreation Association (ON)
- Civida (AB)
- Codiac RCMP (NB)
- SEDA (SK)



2023 Board of Directors

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

Current Staff



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Cook**



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Note: Greg MacPherson will be stepping down from our Board of Directors to join the CMNCP staff team.

Audited Financial Report

CANADIAN MUNICIPAL NETWORK ON CRIME PREVENTION

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS (DEFICIT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2023

	2023	2022
REVENUES (schedule 1)		
Grants and contributions	\$ 315,961	\$ 221,673
Membership fees	50,694	45,144
Training	33,813	18,760
Annual conference	<u>21,516</u>	<u>37,845</u>
	<u>421,984</u>	<u>323,422</u>
EXPENSES (schedule 1)		
Project expenses	<u>238,873</u>	<u>203,822</u>
Administrative expenses		
Salaries and wages	117,576	62,504
Professional fees	18,007	14,595
Board of directors	7,339	0
Insurance	5,033	4,485
Website hosting and technical support	4,775	4,687
Annual conference	4,337	27,330
Bad debts	2,274	4,428
Interest and bank charges	427	606
Office and administrative support	124	1,997
Reward and recognition	<u>0</u>	<u>411</u>
	<u>159,892</u>	<u>121,043</u>
	<u>398,765</u>	<u>324,865</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES for the year	23,219	(1,443)
NET DEFICIT, beginning of year	<u>(8,450)</u>	<u>(7,007)</u>
NET ASSETS (DEFICIT), end of year	<u>\$ 14,769</u>	<u>\$ (8,450)</u>



Thank you for your ongoing support!

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