

CANADIAN CENTRE FOR SAFER COMMUNITIES

IMPACT REPORT

2025



ORGANIZATIONAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Canadian Centre for Safer Communities was founded in Ottawa. We acknowledge the Anishinaabe as the traditional custodians of these lands and of the Ottawa River and we thank them for their care. Ottawa is believed to be derived from *adawe*, which means "to trade" in Anishinaabemowin.

As a national organization, CCFSC's staff and board live, work, and play across the country colonially known as Canada. There are nearly 700 First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities across Northern Turtle Island, from coast to coast to coast, and they have been tending these lands and waters since time immemorial.

CCFSC also acknowledges those who came to this land involuntarily, particularly as a result of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade. We honour and pay tribute to the ancestors of African Origin and descent who also continue to live the impacts of colonization in solidarity with Indigenous Peoples.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Why is this here?

A land acknowledgement statement represents an act of reconciliation, honouring the land and Indigenous heritage and history that dates back thousands of years. To recognize the land is an expression of gratitude and appreciation to those whose territory we reside on, and a way of honouring the Indigenous people who have cared for this land for thousands of years. It is important that we understand our history that has brought us to reside on the land, and to seek to understand our place within that history.

Additionally, it is crucial to recognize that a number of community safety and well-being issues disproportionately impact Indigenous communities in this country. Many of these challenges are a direct result of settler colonial violence and its ongoing systemic impact, including intergenerational trauma from colonial practices such as residential schools, forced displacement, and ongoing assimilation attempts.

As we consider the role of structural violence, racism, and discrimination in community safety, we must also critically examine how institutions are present-day extensions of historical systems of control over Indigenous peoples – for instance through policing, child welfare, housing policies, or healthcare.

CCFSC will continue to consider these systemic and structural barriers, inequities and harms when conducting work related to community safety and well-being in communities. We also commit to establishing collaborative and empowering relationships with Indigenous communities, and to address and dismantle expressions of settler colonialism appearing in our work. We recognize that as a non-profit, CCFSC benefits from funding provided by colonial institutions. We are not immune to colonial processes; therefore, we commit to holding ourselves accountable and addressing harms we perpetrate as an organization.

Resources:

[The Lands We Walk: A Guide for Land and Territorial Acknowledgments in Canada](#)
native-land.ca

[The Geo Viewer](#)

[Residential Schools](#)

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD & THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The past year has been another remarkable period for the Canadian Centre for Safer Communities (CCFSC), marked by growth, innovation, and strengthened partnerships across Canada. In 2025, our work has continued to advance community safety and well-being, addressing complex challenges such as downtown safety, gun and gang violence, social polarization, and violent extremism, while supporting communities in building resilience and cohesion.

This year, we hosted 26 knowledge exchange events, attracting over 1,700 participants, helping to build capacity and share evidence-informed approaches to community safety and well-being. We also expanded our French-language capacity through the launch of a francophone community of practice in Québec, achieving nearly 40% bilingual representation on our staff team, and ensuring social media content is available in both official languages.

Our national and international presence continued to grow as we presented at conferences and events, strengthened partnerships, and exchanged knowledge with practitioners across the field. We advanced our work in monitoring and evaluation for community safety at the local level through our Community and Urban Safety Monitoring project, and continued to lead innovative multi-sectoral approaches through Project UPSTREAM, which brings together six partners and ten pilot sites across Canada to prevent hate, social polarization, and extremist violence.

Community safety and well-being planning remains at the heart of our work, with initiatives spanning communities from coast to coast. We also invested in communications, launching new social media platforms, generating consistent content, and achieving strong engagement metrics. Our membership continues to grow, now representing 155 communities, and our staff team has expanded to 13 dedicated professionals.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our members, partners, funders, sponsors, and advocates for their ongoing support. Looking ahead, we remain committed to strengthening collaborations, sharing knowledge, and walking alongside communities to create safer, more resilient spaces for all.



COLLEEN CORNOCK
BOARD CO-CHAIR



DAVE DICKSON
BOARD CO-CHAIR



MELANIE BANIA
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE EVENTS

In 2025, CCFSC convened community members, practitioners, stakeholders, elected leaders, and experts from across the country through a range of events and knowledge exchange opportunities. These featured our virtual speaker series, introductory sessions on community safety and well-being, along with members-only events and topic-specific community of practice meetings.

26
KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE
EVENTS HOSTED

1770
REGISTRATIONS
ON EVENTBRITE

+95%
REGISTRATIONS,
RELATIVE TO 2024

“The panel discussion was invaluable for me and I was enlightened.”

“What I liked most was the multiple perspectives from panelists.”

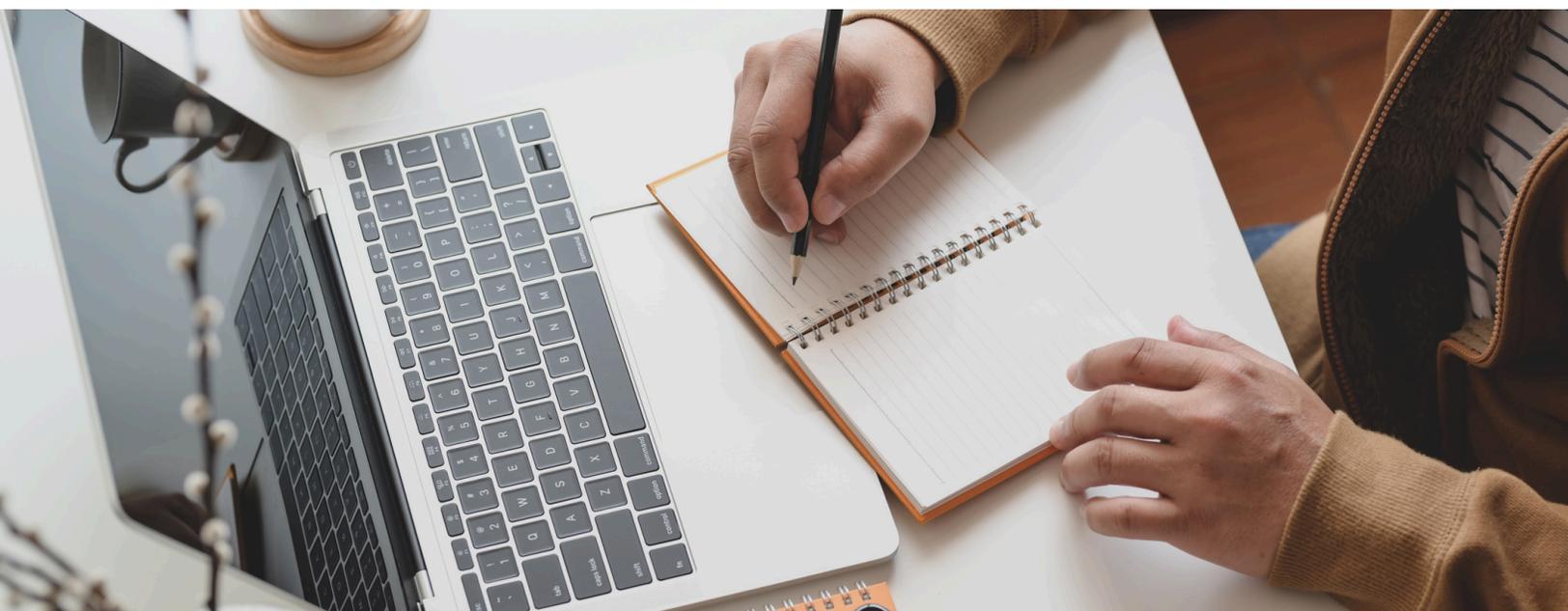
-Speaker series event attendees



FUTURE OF SAFE COMMUNITIES SPEAKER SERIES

CCFSC's Future of Safe Communities Speaker Series is a public virtual event platform that connects practitioners and stakeholders from Canada and beyond to explore key topics in community safety and well-being. In 2025, we hosted four events:

- **March 2025:** Ethical and Practical Considerations for the Use of Technology in the Context of Crime Prevention and Community Safety, featuring a panel with Dr. Krystle Shore (University of Waterloo), Claudia McKay (UpSurgence), and Matthew Swarney (Motorola Solutions Inc.), with a total of 70 participants.
- **June 2025:** Surfacing and Addressing Structural (Roots of) Violence, presented by David Siladi (PhD student at the University of Waterloo), with 95 participants.
- **October 2025:** Reconciliation and Beyond: Local Considerations for Indigenous Community Safety and Well-being, featuring panelists Amy Smoke (co-founder of Land Back Camp and Co-director of Willow River Centre, sessional instructor at the University of Waterloo), Bangishimo (co-founder of Land Back Camp and Co-director of Willow River Centre, Artist in Residence for Longhouse Labs at the University of Waterloo), Ismehen Melouka (PhD candidate at the University of Montreal), and Jazlyn O'Bonsawin (Project Coordinator at CCFSC), with a total of 100 registrations. Panelists emphasized the importance of truth as a precursor to reconciliation, of land and land back, and of alternative approaches to safety that reduce the harms experienced by Indigenous communities at the hands of police.
- **December 2025:** We are planning a session on sex trafficking with an emphasis on survivors' agency, which is scheduled for early December.



TOPIC-SPECIFIC COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE EVENTS

In response to member requests, CCFSC recognized the need for ongoing discussions around specific topics that require continuous exploration from multiple perspectives. As a result, we created a series of topic-specific communities of practice (CoP), where members convene every few months to dive deeper into recurring issues.

- **Building Safer Communities Fund (BSCF):** Our first topic-specific CoP focuses on recipients of the Building Safer Communities Fund. Members gather to discuss monitoring and evaluation practices, hear presentations and updates from other recipient communities, and share their progress and learnings. In 2025, we hosted two sessions:
 - **March 2025:** For this session, multiple speakers presented the projects their communities had developed thanks to the BSCF: Dawn Virginillo (City of Burnaby), Devon Cooper (City of Prince George), as well as Tanya Sletter (City of Kelowna), Tim Ropchan (Childhood Connections), and Sherri Roche (School District 23). The discussion that followed touched upon project implementation, youth engagement, partnerships, and sustainability.
 - **October 2025:** This final session in the BSCF series included a presentation on youth gang prevention, by Kieran McMonagle and Kim Begin from the City of Thunder Bay, as well as Charmaine McCraw from ORIGIN. Through an innovative virtual reality decision-making tool, this program helps youth work through different scenarios and see the consequences of their actions. The presentation was followed by breakout room discussions on the status of BSCF projects and next steps for participants. There were 65 people registered for this event.
- **Francophone Building Safer Communities Fund Community of Practice:** In Quebec, the 11 largest cities received the Building Safer Communities Fund through the provincial government. As part of their membership benefits, CCFSC hosts a Francophone CoP for these recipients. These meetings provide opportunities to learn about gun and gang violence prevention, network, and exchange insights on their progress. In 2025, we held meetings in January, April, June, September, and November, which is the last meeting of the community of practice.



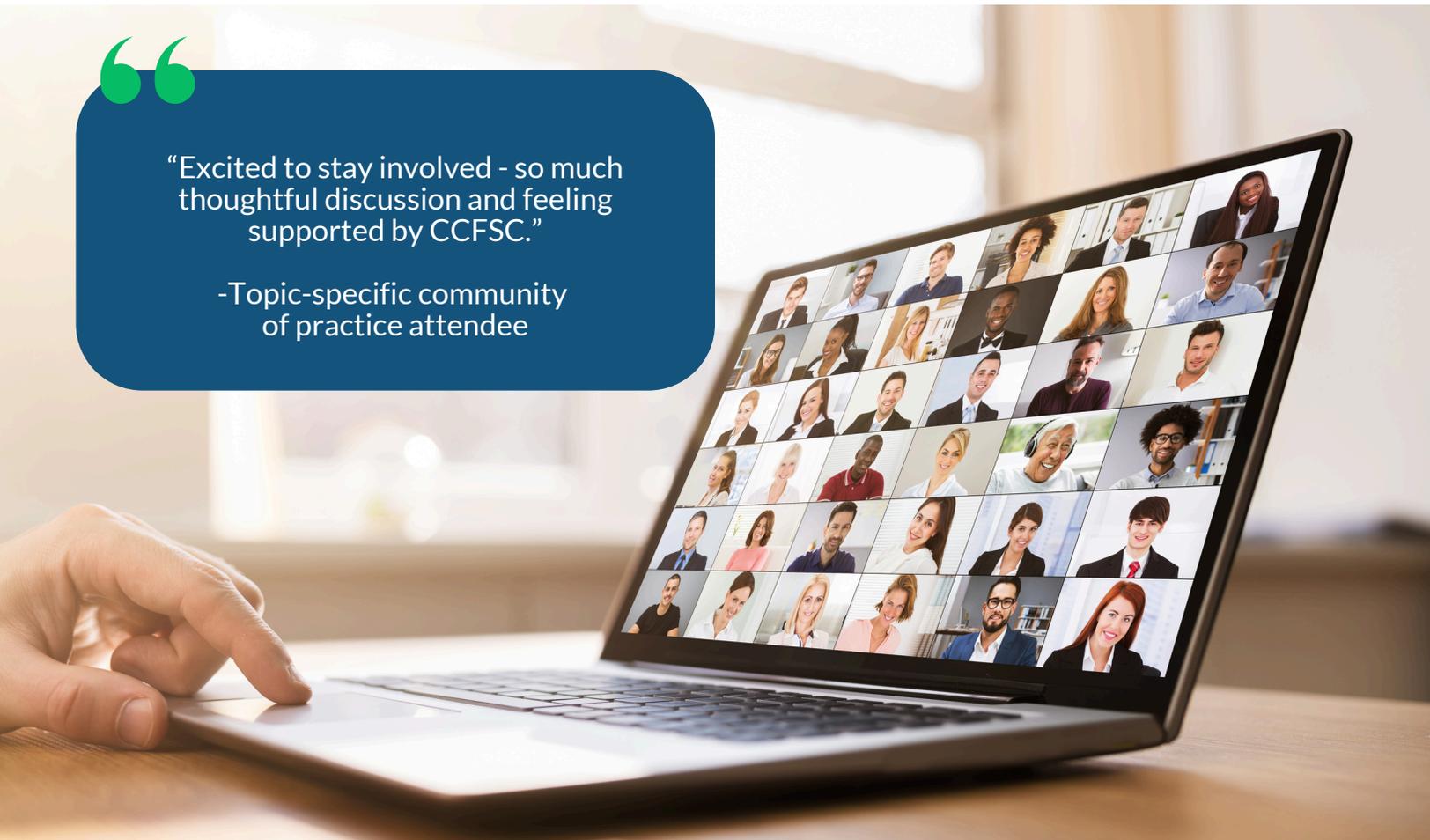
TOPIC-SPECIFIC COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE EVENTS

- **Downtown Safety Community of Practice:** Downtown safety consistently emerges as a top priority for communities across the country. To address this, we launched a Downtown Safety Community of Practice, which met twice in 2025:
 - **January 2025:** This session featured a presentation of the Winnipeg Downtown Community Safety Partnership, followed by breakout room discussions on the benefits and challenges involved in using technology in the context of community safety and well-being. 218 people registered for this event.
 - **May 2025:** The Canadian Public Health Association joined us to discuss their position statement on Public Health Approaches to the Toxic Drug Crisis. This was followed by breakout room discussions on implementing these standards locally. 84 people registered for this community of practice.
- **Updating Ontario Community Safety & Well-Being Plans Community of Practice:** Per the Safer Ontario Act, municipalities and communities in Ontario have been mandated with preparing CSWB plans. As many communities approach their plans' renewal date, this community of practice provided a space for Ontario municipalities and communities to connect and share their current CSWB experiences, practices, needs, and lessons learned. The event also featured a presentation by Jessica Thompson, on Niagara Region's experience with updating their CSWB plan. 81 people registered for this community of practice.



“Excited to stay involved - so much thoughtful discussion and feeling supported by CCFSC.”

-Topic-specific community of practice attendee



INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNITY SAFETY & WELL-BEING SESSIONS

CCFSC provides free sessions wherein anyone can learn about community safety and well-being as an approach to prevent crime, violence, and insecurity. These sessions cover the history of CSWB, the importance of this work, the CSWB planning process, as well as CCFSC's organizational values and foundational commitments in regards to CSWB.

- In 2025, we hosted English sessions in January and June, totaling 153 registrations. We are planning another one for November.
- We also hosted a French session in June, which 84 people registered for.



MEMBERS-ONLY EVENTS

In 2025, we also hosted a variety of exclusive events for our membership.

Engagement Sessions

Our “Ask Us Anything” engagement sessions create an opportunity for members to ask questions and engage with CCFSC staff on all matters concerning community safety and well-being. Knowledge sharing, requests, and support can be offered.

- This year, we hosted an engagement session in June, and there will be one in French in November.

Orientation Sessions

CCFSC regularly hosts orientation sessions for new members, providing an opportunity for member representatives to meet the CCFSC team, learn about the organization’s history, mandate, and projects, and explore the benefits of membership and how to make the most of them.

In 2025, orientation sessions were held in January, March, June, September, and November, with attendance ranging from 3 to 15 participants per session.



Members-Only Community of Practice

Members-only community of practice events constitute a platform for CCFSC members to exchange ideas, share insights, and discuss common challenges.

- **January 2025:** *Technology in the Context of Community Safety and Well-Being.* This session featured a presentation by Paul Selzer, Community Safety Advisor with the City of Kelowna, showcasing their work related to technology in the context of community safety. Members then engaged in breakout rooms to share their experiences and strategies from their respective jurisdictions. 76 people registered for this event.
- **March 2025:** *Deep Dive into the Winnipeg Downtown Safety Community Partnership.* Matt Sanscartier, Matt Halchakar, Liz Moore and Sina Aiello, from Winnipeg's Downtown Safety Community Partnership, discussed how they use an app and technology in their work. Participants then discussed how they use technology for CSWB, in their municipality.
- **May 2025:** *Community Safety and Well-Being Planning and Updates.* This session invited participants to share their knowledge on community safety and well-being, as well as expand their networks. 20 participants discussed their approaches to engagement, implementation, evaluation, and more.



CCFSC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

In November 2025, CCFSC will be hosting the **“Stronger Together: Connect & Collaborate for Safer Communities”** conference in Halifax, NS. This annual conference is focused in part on the challenges posed by increasing social polarization, and the importance of fostering inclusion and belonging as key safety strategies. The CCFSC conference provides attendees with the opportunity to discuss ways to create safer communities and to connect with other diverse professionals, sharing ideas, and collaborating on strategies to improve safety and feelings of safety. This conference will feature engaging sessions with practitioners from across the country, youth with lived experience, experts and innovators, with diverse panels, interactive workshops, networking opportunities, local site visits, and more!



CCFSC & CANADIAN CONNECTIONS



In 2025, CCFSC took part in national and international events and conferences, sharing presentations that highlighted our work and allowed us to connect with a wide range of audiences. The following provides a snapshot of some of our event and conference participation and presentations over the past year.

TAMARACK INSTITUTE WEBINAR

In February 2025, CCFSC took part in the Tamarack Institute’s webinar “Social Infrastructure and Community Safety as Catalysts for Belonging.” The session explored how strong social infrastructure – such as parks, healthcare and cultural programs, and community organizations – combined with safe environments can foster a sense of belonging by creating inclusive spaces for interaction, strengthening trust, and enhancing community cohesion.



SAFETO COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE LAUNCH

In May 2025, CCFSC participated in the launch of the SafeTO Community of Practice. The presentation introduced CCFSC and the benefits of a Community of Practice, shared essential elements for successful CSWB implementation, and the importance of adopting data-informed approaches, highlighting our partnership with the SCALE team at SafeTO.

CITY-LED HATE PREVENTION IN TIMES OF GLOBAL CRISIS WORKSHOP

In June 2025, CCFSC was invited to speak at a workshop hosted by the Strong Cities Network and the City of Brampton on city-led hate prevention in times of global crisis. As part of a panel discussion on “Perspectives on Whole-of-Society Prevention in Times of Global Crisis,” CCFSC presented alongside the Deputy Mayor of Brampton, a senior policy advisor from Public Safety Canada, and the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Manager of Peel Regional Police.

CCFSC & CANADIAN CONNECTIONS



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LAW ENFORCEMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH

In July 2025, CCFSC was invited to moderate a panel at the Seventh International Conference on Law Enforcement and Public Health in Ottawa, Ontario. The session, titled “Are We Unsafe or Are We Uncomfortable: The Role of Bias and Norms in Working with People with Vulnerabilities,” critically examined how discomfort is often mistaken for unsafety and how this conflation influences public perceptions, policy responses, and intervention strategies – particularly in ways that affect marginalized individuals and communities.

NEW BRUNSWICK BUILDING SAFER COMMUNITIES FUND NETWORK

In September 2025, CCFSC was invited by the New Brunswick Department of Justice and Public Safety to deliver an introductory presentation on violence prevention and community safety. Municipalities that had received the Building Safer Communities Fund, which supports the development of gun and gang violence prevention strategies, were invited to attend.

CITY OF BRAMPTON PROCLAMATION OF COMMUNITY SAFETY MONTH

In October 2025, CCFSC was invited to present a delegation at a City Council meeting during the proclamation of Community Safety Month. The delegation highlighted the national context of community safety and well-being and recognized the City of Brampton’s leadership in establishing a Community Safety Office and implementing its CSWB Plan.



CCFSC & INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIONS

STRONG CITIES NETWORK

In January 2025, the Strong Cities Network invited CCFSC to deliver a presentation titled "Building Safe and Cohesive Communities While Adapting to Climate Change". The presentation explored the intersecting challenges of climate change and violence, emphasizing how the design of public spaces can enhance safety, foster social cohesion, and strengthen climate resilience.

UNODC COMMISSION ON CRIME PREVENTION & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

In May 2025, CCFSC and the International Centre for the Prevention of Crime (ICPC) co-hosted a side event at the UNODC Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) in Vienna. The session was moderated by a senior official from Public Safety Canada, and focused on local safety planning and evaluation. CCFSC presented on community safety and well-being work across the country, and the Community & Urban Safety Monitoring (CUSM) project.

INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE COMMUNITY & URBAN SAFETY MONITORING (CUSM) PROJECT

CCFSC continues to engage with advisors from across the globe active in crime prevention, community safety, and urban security, within the context of the Community & Urban Safety Monitoring project. These experts are from universities and organizations in Australia, Europe, Germany, UK, South Africa, the USA, Columbia, and the United Nations (UN). They offer CCFSC quarterly advice, guidance, and recommendations for continued growth and innovation in Canada, based on their experiences and expertise from their global regions.



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

UPSTREAM

Upskilling Prevention by Strengthening Readiness, Engagement and Multisectorality (UPSTREAM) began in 2025 as a two-year project funded by Public Safety Canada, through the Canada Centre for Community Engagement and the Prevention of Violence's Community Resilience Fund (CRF). The project aims to pilot, strengthen, and scale up local multi-sectoral partnerships across Canada to address issues related to social polarization, hate, and violent extremism, while also amplifying community voices in shaping locally grounded responses.

This initiative draws on the complementary expertise of six key partner organizations—the Canadian Practitioner Network for the Prevention of Extremist Violence, the Center for Trauma-Informed Practices, Community Justice Initiatives of Waterloo Region, Muflehun, Strong Cities Network, and YouTurn—which have actively contributed to its development from the outset by sharing their expertise and knowledge.

In 2025, CCFSC facilitated more than 20 meetings with the project team, during which members defined project objectives and a shared language, identified priorities, designed the selection process, and chose pilot sites. This has resulted in the onboarding of 10 communities that will participate in this initiative as pilot sites: Chatham-Kent (ON), Colwood (BC), Edmonton (AB), Halifax (NS), Kent Region (NB), Laval (QC), Mount Pearl (NL), Norway House Cree Nation (MB), Timmins (ON), and Regina (SK).

In collaboration with these communities, the project will use data-driven analysis to develop tailored responses to the challenges facing communities. This analysis includes a readiness assessment, which will evaluate local capacity for multisectoral collaboration, in addition to a comprehensive needs assessment (CREWS).

Finally, the project aims to create a space for participants to meet, share, and learn through knowledge exchange activities such as workshops and a community of practice, which held its first meeting in September.

The project is due to end in March 2027.

20
PROJECT TEAM
MEETINGS IN 2025

10
PILOT SITES





PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

TORONTO SCALE RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP

CCFSC is engaged in a research partnership with SafeTO's SCALE team to advance local data-driven planning and monitoring of current efforts related to Toronto's Gun Violence Prevention Pilot. The work focuses on identifying key indicators and data sources that residents, local service providers, University of Toronto researchers, and city officials can collectively use to assess, plan, and monitor gun violence prevention initiatives. Through this partnership, CCFSC is also deepening its understanding of the successes, challenges, and good practices in local data sharing to support data-driven decision-making and collective evaluation. In 2025, key activities included conducting a formative assessment and summative analysis of SCALE's efforts to date, developing a logic model and data-focused theory of change to capture partners' data contributions, and facilitating discussions on data governance and stewardship among partners.

Ongoing Projects

WHITEHORSE COMMUNITY SAFETY & WELL-BEING PLAN

In January 2025, CCFSC launched a Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) planning project in Whitehorse, Yukon. This unique tri-partite initiative is being carried out in collaboration with the Government of Yukon, the City of Whitehorse, and Public Safety Canada's Aboriginal Community Safety Planning Initiative, guided by a multi-sectoral local advisory committee. The project aims to develop a multi-year action plan focused on proactive measures to reduce risk, vulnerability, and harm across Whitehorse. The Whitehorse CSWB Plan will identify local safety and well-being concerns, set priorities for action, and outline strategies to strengthen community safety and overall well-being. The planning process is expected to take approximately 18 months to complete.





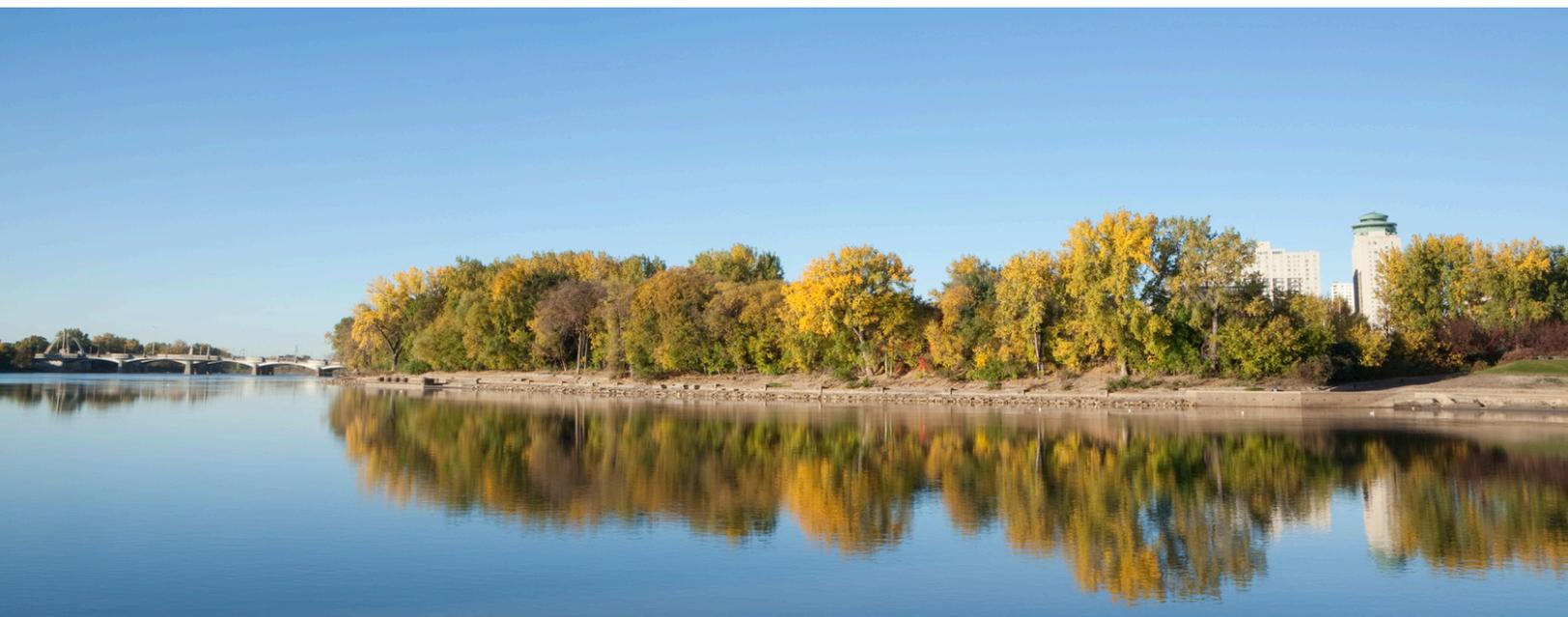
Ongoing Projects

RIVIÈRE-DES-PRAIRIES-POINTE-AUX-TREMBLES URBAN SAFETY FORUM

In January 2025, CCFSC partnered with the Rivière-des-Prairies-Pointe-aux-Trembles borough in Montréal, Québec, to support the planning of an Urban Safety Forum. As a member of the coordinating committee, CCFSC contributes subject-matter expertise to the planning process by identifying key themes, research, and approaches to feature at the event. In preparation for the Forum, CCFSC is also facilitating a series of workshops with local organizations to help identify priority topics and community perspectives to be addressed. The Urban Safety Forum will take place in November 2025, and CCFSC will also support the event's evaluation.

WINNIPEG SAFE CITY INITIATIVE STRATEGIC PLAN

The Winnipeg Safe City Initiative Strategic Plan, funded through the UN Global Safe Cities Initiative and in partnership with the City of Winnipeg, provides recommendations to prevent and address violence in public spaces against women, girls, and gender-diverse peoples. Informed by an in-depth local data collection process (review of existing information as well as multiple community engagement sessions), the report outlines key challenges faced by the City of Winnipeg and evidence-informed recommendations to address them. The final report will be submitted to the City of Winnipeg in November 2025.





Ongoing Projects

MANITOBA CSWB PLANNING PILOT PROJECT

The Manitoba CSWB Planning Pilot Project, funded by Manitoba Justice, involves the development of 12 Community Safety and Well-Being Plans in communities across the province. CCFSC is currently working with 7 communities (Brandon, Dauphin, Portage la Prairie, Selkirk, Steinbach, Swan River, and The Pas) whose plans will be completed by the end of 2025. This process involved the collection of local data in each community (a review of existing data, public survey, and community engagement), resulting in the identification of CSWB plan priority areas, actions, and implementation plans. This information was then written into a public-facing CSWB Plan for each location, alongside governance, evaluation, and monitoring considerations. In 2026, CCFSC will begin working with 5 additional communities in the second phase of this work and will provide implementation support to the first 7.

EDMONTON BLUEPRINT FOR VIOLENCE PREVENTION ASSESSMENT & EVALUATION FRAMEWORK

In 2025, CCFSC began supporting the City of Edmonton and its partners within the Violence Reduction Network to develop a comprehensive assessment and evaluation framework for the local Blueprint for Violence Prevention (BVP). This multi-phase project includes a foundational analysis of the local data landscape, the collaborative design of a Theory of Change, the selection of validated indicators and of a decision-making framework, an outcome evaluation framework, and a resource package for partners with an implementation roadmap. CCFSC is working with a local data and evaluation working group and is actively advancing the development of these local tools and processes to guide evidence-informed violence prevention across Edmonton.



Ongoing Projects

COMMUNITY & URBAN SAFETY MONITORING (CUSM)

Many Canadian communities are developing Community Safety and Well-Being plans, but evaluating these complex, multi-sector initiatives remains a challenge. Through the CUSM Project, CCFSC is helping communities across the country strengthen their capacity to monitor and evaluate CSWB initiatives. This includes developing practical frameworks, tools, and training focused on meaningful local outcomes and indicators. As part of this project, CCFSC created an inventory of over 240 potential indicators for CSWB in Canada, hosted training sessions in monitoring and evaluation with over 60 participants, and began supporting 10 pilot sites across Canada to test and refine the framework. In 2025, work with pilot sites continued, alongside a regular Community of Practice that brings practitioners together to exchange lessons learned and strengthen local evaluation capacity. Funded by Public Safety Canada, the project continues until March 2026, and a new online CSWB Evaluation Toolkit will be launched in early 2027.

TORONTO COMMUNITY HOUSING VRP EVALUATION FRAMEWORK

This year, CCFSC continued supporting the Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC) in developing a monitoring and evaluation framework, processes and tools for its Violence Reduction Program (VRP) in neighbourhoods impacted by gun violence. The project is focused on creating user-friendly, valid, and reliable evaluation tools and processes that will allow TCHC and its partners to assess changes at the individual, neighbourhood, and system levels. This evaluation work includes a retrospective analysis of the VRP efforts and outcomes achieved to date, as well as forward-looking evaluation priorities and tools. The project is scheduled for completion by the end of 2025.



COMPLETED PROJECTS

ST. STEPHEN COMMUNITY SAFETY & WELL- BEING SURVEY

Between February and June 2025, CCFSC worked with the Municipal District of St. Stephen in New Brunswick to administer a Community Safety and Well-Being Survey. CCFSC was approached by the municipality to support the development and analysis of the survey, which aimed to better understand residents' perceptions and experiences related to safety and well-being. The report provides an analytical overview of community strengths, challenges, and key themes identified in the survey data, and concludes with a set of emerging priorities and considerations. The insights gained from this survey will be used to help inform subsequent steps for community safety planning and initiatives in St. Stephen, helping to prioritize funding, allocate resources, and address the community's needs effectively.



COMPLETED PROJECTS

CAMPBELL RIVER COMMUNITY SAFETY & WELL-BEING PLAN

In June 2025, the Campbell River Community Safety and Well-Being Plan was officially endorsed by the Mayor and Council. CCFSC worked collaboratively with the Campbell River community throughout 2024 and early 2025 to develop the plan. The project brought together key partners, organizations, and residents to co-design a shared vision and coordinated approach to addressing community safety challenges. Guided by a Project Advisory Team, a comprehensive community safety assessment, and extensive engagement, the plan focuses on addressing the root causes and protective factors related to crime, vulnerability, and harm in Campbell River.





COMPLETED PROJECTS

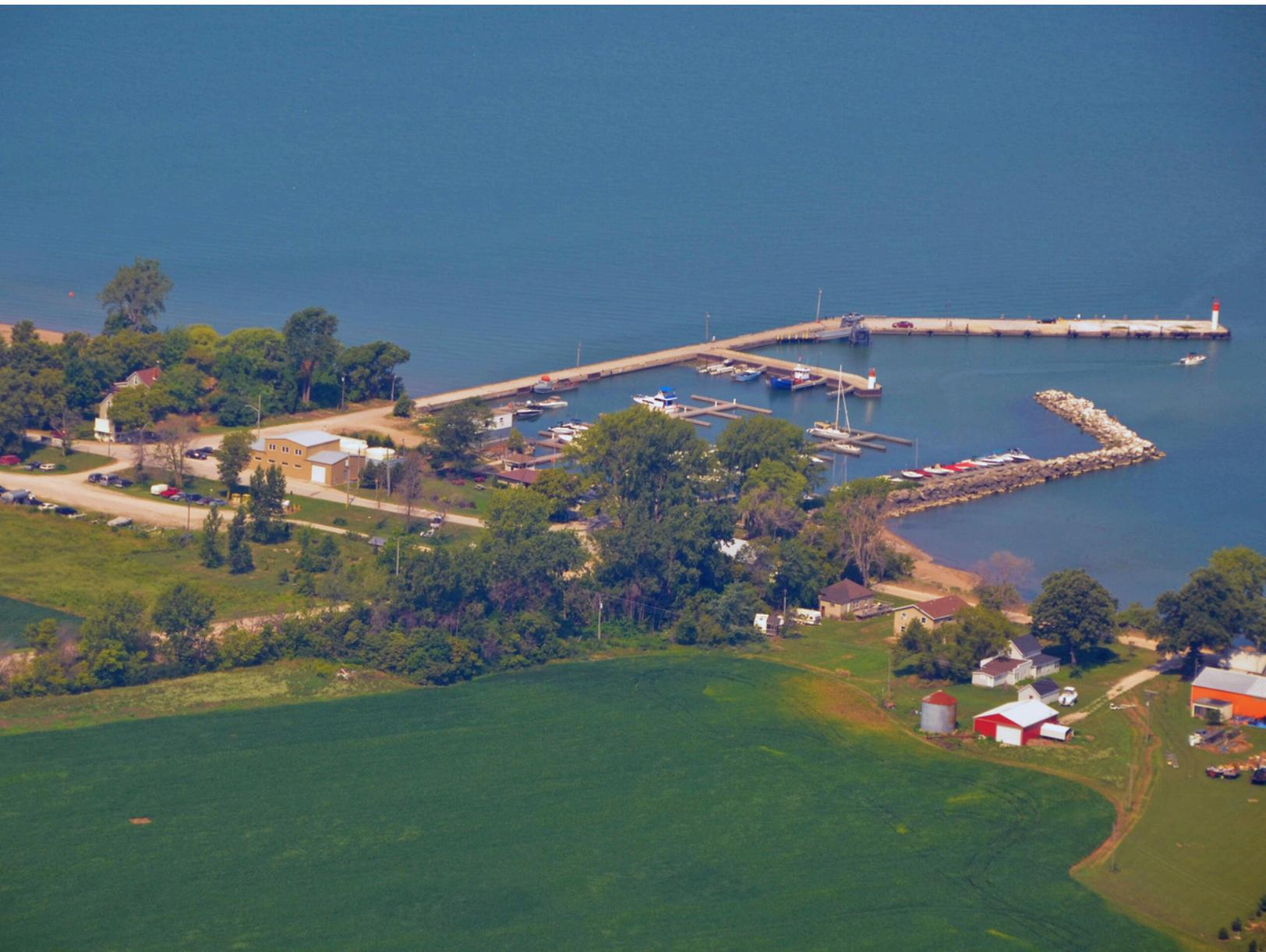
CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT COMMUNITY SAFETY & WELL- BEING RESEARCH PROJECT

In 2025, CCFSC continued working with the Capital Region District (CRD) in British Columbia to explore options for the potential creation of a Regional Community Safety & Well-Being Plan. The CRD is comprised of thirteen municipalities, as well as three unincorporated areas, and as such, presents unique opportunities for the creation of a CSWB Plan. CCFSC's work with the CRD involved the creation of an Advisory Committee to guide the work, research into best practices for regional planning, and data collection to better understand the important work already underway across the Region. Based on this research, CCFSC presented options for consideration to the CRD Board of Directors, to help inform their next steps.

COMPLETED PROJECTS

PELEE ISLAND COMMUNITY SAFETY & WELL-BEING PLAN

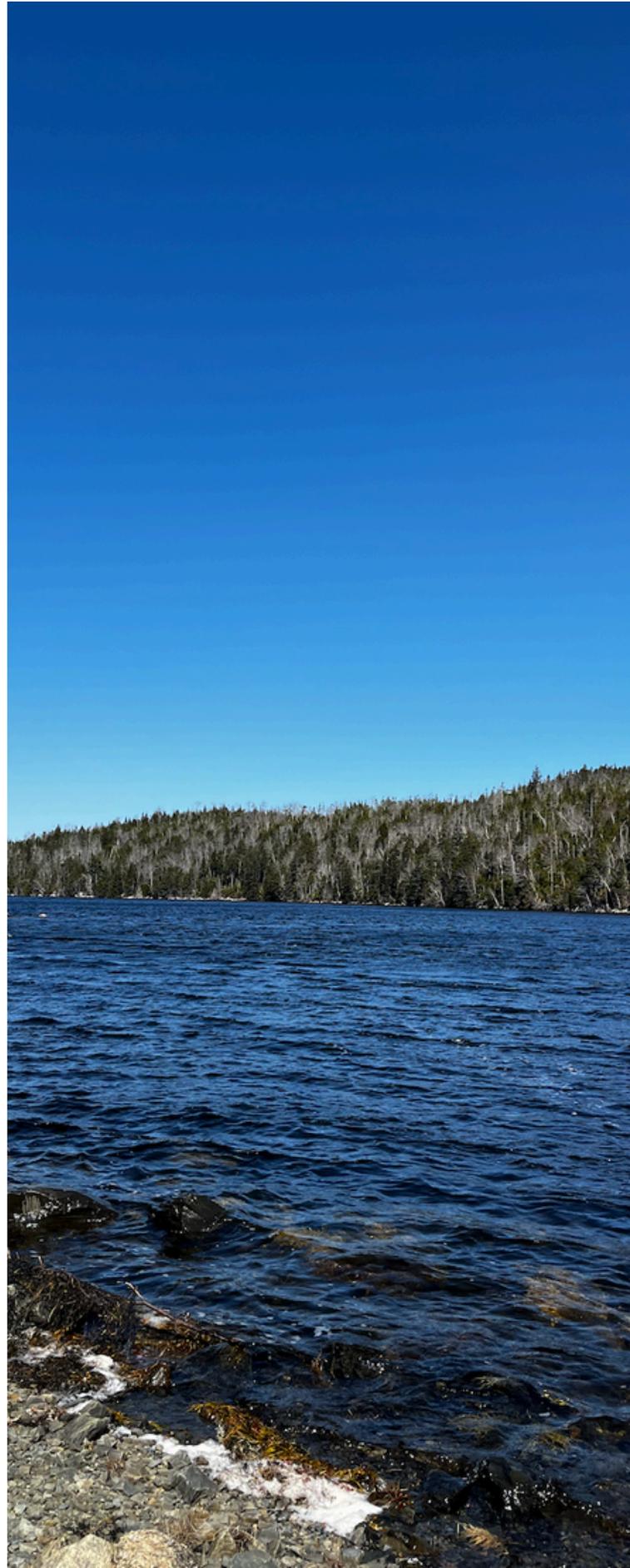
In 2025, CCFSC completed a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan for the Township of Pelee. Located in Ontario, Pelee Island is the smallest community CCFSC has worked with – a population of just over 200 full-time residents – resulting in a unique CSWB plan focused largely on accessing necessities, transportation, and supporting its close-knit community. In Summer 2025, Township Council officially adopted the CSWB plan, and implementation efforts are already underway.



COMPLETED PROJECTS

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

In the fall of 2024, CCFSC began collaborating with the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) to explore safety issues affecting seniors and older adults. Through primary data collection, a literature review, and a jurisdictional scan, the project aimed to better understand the safety challenges faced by seniors in the HRM, their root causes, and effective strategies for addressing them. In April 2025, CCFSC visited Halifax and the Eastern Shore to meet with local seniors and hear directly about their experiences. The project will culminate in a final report that combines these firsthand insights with academic research and best practices. The project is scheduled to conclude in October 2025.



COMPLETED PROJECTS

GBA+ PROJECT

In partnership with the Canadian Women's Foundation and funded by Public Safety Canada, CCFSC completed a project that involved the development of an online toolkit to support emergency planners, community leaders, and decision-makers in creating disaster response strategies that incorporate an intersectional gender analysis to ensure the needs of everyone in the community are addressed when these incidents occur. The toolkit is available in both English and French and can be found on CCFSC's website. It includes step-by-step guidance on assessing risks through an intersectional lens, tools and resources to identify vulnerabilities and strengthen community resilience, and real-world examples to help integrate intersectional gender analysis into emergency planning.





COMMUNICATIONS

This year, CCFSC continued expanding its marketing and social media presence, to ensure our work reaches our target audience:

- Our members!
- Canadian communities and municipalities who might be interested in becoming members;
- Experts and organizations in the field of community safety and well-being;
- The general public.

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OF CCFSC
MENTIONS IN NEWS
MEDIA, SINCE JULY



In the spring of 2025, we created an Instagram account with the intention of reaching a broader audience. We also remain quite active LinkedIn, and have a bimonthly newsletter where we send community safety updates, promote our events, highlight job postings, and more.

Since July, we have also been tracking mentions of CCFSC, our staff, and our board of directors within news and media.

COMMUNICATIONS



YEAR-TO-DATE METRICS



LinkedIn

+500

NEW FOLLOWERS

1,530

TOTAL FOLLOWERS

59,500

OF TIMES OUR CONTENT WAS SEEN

1,355

OF TIMES OUR CONTENT WAS ENGAGED WITH



Instagram

+160

TOTAL FOLLOWERS

67

POSTS SINCE SPRING

4,200

OF TIMES OUR BEST PERFORMING POST WAS SEEN

90

OF TIMES OUR BEST PERFORMING POST WAS ENGAGED WITH



Newsletter

+115

NEW SUBSCRIBERS

1,140

TOTAL SUBSCRIBERS

46

OF MESSAGES SENT

40,000

OF MESSAGES DELIVERED

18,600

OF MESSAGES OPENED

MEMBERSHIP IN 2025

Welcome to our new members who joined CCFSC this year!

New General Members:

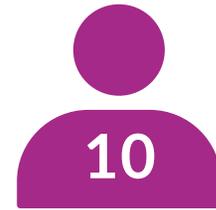
- City of Hamilton
- City of London
- City of Mount Pearl
- City of Penticton
- City of Pickering
- City of Timmins
- County of Brant
- Municipality of Chatham-Kent
- Town of Happy Valley - Goose Bay
- Town of Ponoka
- Ville de Laval
- Ville de Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu

New Associate Members:

- Calgary Municipal Land Corporation
- Spence Neighbourhood, Winnipeg
- The International Board of Ethics in AI



NEW MEMBERS



FRANCOPHONE MEMBERS



TOTAL MEMBERS

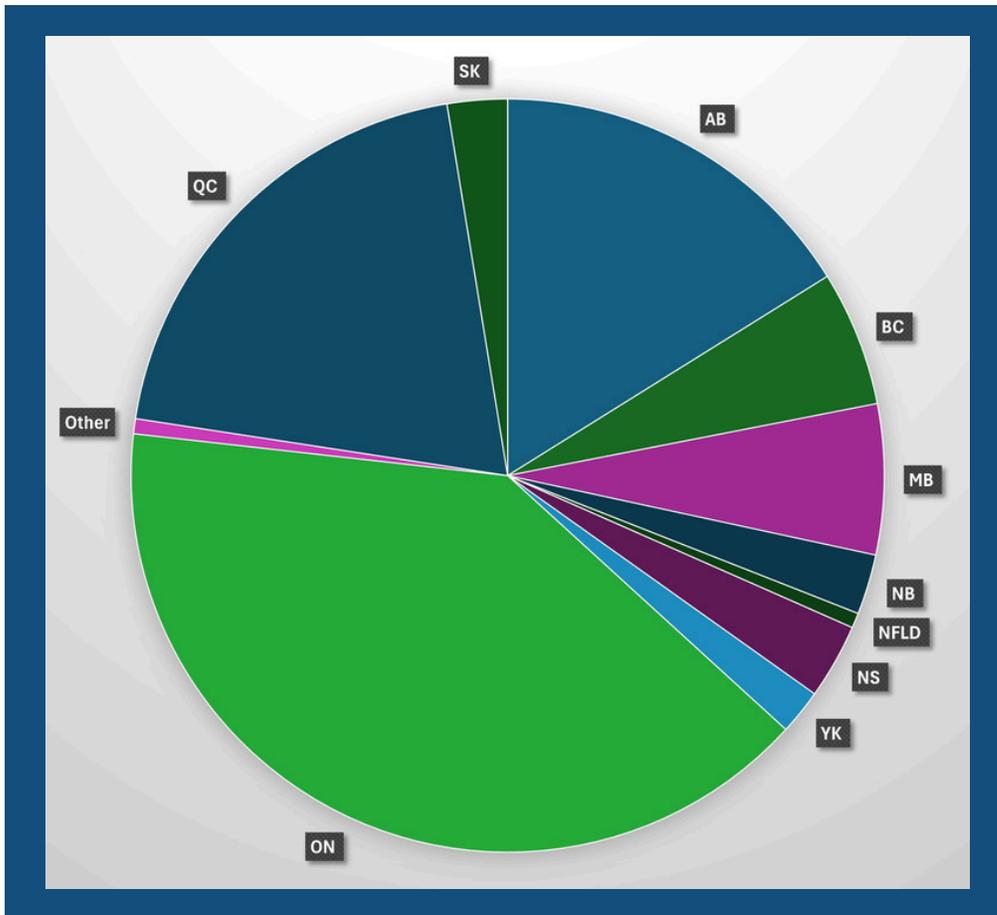


OF COMMUNITIES
REPRESENTED



MEMBERSHIP IN 2025

MEMBER REPRESENTATION BY PROVINCE



MEMBER PORTAL

We launched our internal site last year and quickly realized there was potential to make it even better - more intuitive and engaging for our members. We're now in the process of revamping and updating this portal, with plans to relaunch in January 2026.



THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS

- Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association
- Calgary Municipal Land Corporation
- Canadian Women's Foundation
- Center For Trauma Informed Practices (CTIP)
- City of Brampton
- City of Brandon
- City of Brantford
- City of Burnaby
- City of Calgary
- City of Campbell River
- City of Dauphin
- City of Greater Sudbury
- City of Hamilton
- City of Kelowna
- City of Kenora
- City of London
- City of Morinville
- City of Mount Pearl
- City of Nanaimo
- City of Ottawa
- City of Penticton
- City of Pickering
- City of Regina
- City of Salmon Arm
- City of Saskatoon
- City of Selkirk
- City of Steinbach
- City of Thunder Bay
- City of Timmins
- City of Toronto
- City of Vernon
- City of Wetaskiwin
- City of Williams Lake
- City of Winnipeg
- Civida
- Codiac RCMP
- County of Brant
- County of Grande Prairie
- County of Haliburton
- Downtown Yonge Business Improvement Area
- Gordon Mack Scott
- Government of Yukon
- Halifax Regional Municipality
- Halton Region
- Kent Regional Service Commission
- Lac La Biche County
- Municipality of Chatham-Kent
- Niagara Region
- Portage la Prairie
- RCMP Alberta
- REACH Edmonton
- Region of Waterloo
- Regional Municipality of Durham
- Regional Municipality of Peel
- Regional Municipality of York
- Saskatchewan Economic Development Alliance (SEDA)
- Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association
- Spence Neighbourhood, Winnipeg
- Strathcona County
- The International Board of Ethics in AI
- Town of Ajax
- Town of Happy Valley - Goose Bay
- Town of Ponoka
- Town of Sackville
- Town of Swan River
- Town of the Pas
- Ville de Gatineau
- Ville de Laval
- Ville de Lévis
- Ville de Longueuil
- Ville de Montreal
- Ville de Québec
- Ville de Saguenay
- Ville de Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu
- Ville de Sherbrooke
- Ville de Terrebonne
- West Region Treaty 2 & 4 Health Services

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