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2023 Conference Report

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2023 Conference, A New Beginning

At our 2023 conference, the Canadian Municipal Network on Crime Prevention announced it would be changing its operating name to the Canadian Centre for Safer Communities (CCFSC). This marks a new chapter for the organization after twenty years, a redefinition that reflects future directions, including new membership services, projects, and areas of focus. We look forward to expanding our projects and member services in the new year and beyond, as well as hosting our 2024 conference.

The following pages reflect upon and celebrate the 2023 conference, its activities, and outcomes.



About Our 2023 Conference



The Canadian Centre for Safer Communities (CCFSC) (formerly known as the Canadian Municipal Network on Crime Prevention) hosted its 2023 conference on Treaty 4 Territory, the homeland of the Metis (Regina, Saskatchewan) from October 23rd to 25th, 2023. Sponsored by the Government of Saskatchewan, the Regina Police Service, the City of Saskatoon, and REACH Edmonton, the theme of the conference was:

‘Community Safety. Together. Igniting Change.’

159
participants

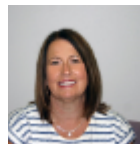
37
speakers/
presenters

3
performances

15
panel
presentations



Marianne Alto
Mayor of Victoria



Lisa Frei
Coordinator of The Regina
Intersectoral Partnership

Elder Albert Robillard
Metis elder from Lebret
Saskatchewan



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Global Coordinator of the
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at UN-Habitat



Tamasha Grant
Lead consultant, Nubian
Rising Consultation
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**Elder Margaret
Rockthunder**
Piapot First Nation
Saskatchewan



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Cadmus Delorme
Former Chief of the
Cowessess First Nation



Audrey Monette
Co-Creator, Canadian Centre
for Safer Communities



Kiana Toto
Jingle dress dancer,
Piapot First Nation



Lance Dudar
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Canadian Centre for Safer
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Coordinator, CSWB, City of
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Napwesak Drum Group
A group of friends from Treaty
Four and Six Territories



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Community-based
researcher, initiative
strategist and evaluator



Steve Woolrich
Crime Prevention and
Community Safety
Practitioner, Rethink Urban

Speakers & Presenters

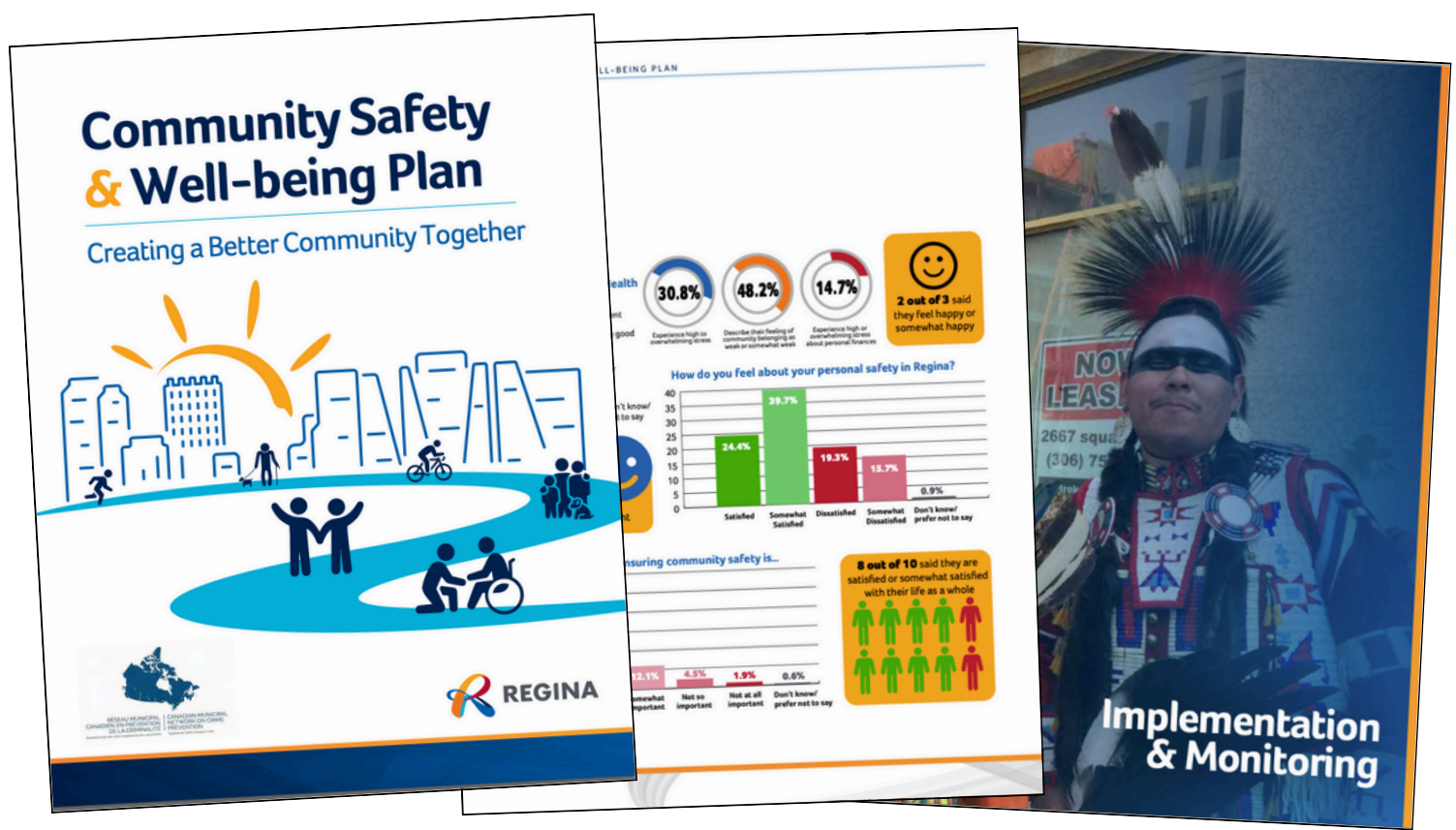
Session Highlight

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Community and Social Impact Regina

Keeping Community at the Forefront: City of Regina's Community Safety & Well-being Plan Journey

In November 2019, Regina City Council brought forward a motion to develop a Community Safety and Well-being (CSWB) Plan. Creating the City of Regina's CSWB Plan was intentional and thoughtfully developed. This session highlighted milestones experienced throughout the process, including the facilitation of work for the development of the CSWB plan; the necessity to authentically engage and consult with the community; the measures utilized to receive City Council's endorsement; the support for and creation of an independent, municipal non-profit corporation, Community Social Impact Regina; utilizing a Collective Impact Framework for the formalization of the strategic direction and learning; and the importance of building relations, authentically engaging, and consulting with the community and local stakeholders throughout the process.



Session Highlight

Reducing and Preventing Violence at the Local Level

Violence continues to challenge many communities across Canada and the globe. Recognizing that coordinated, evidence-based approaches are key to successfully reducing violence, this session focused on evidence for violence prevention and reduction as well as best practices for violence prevention offices and offered an example of a violence prevention and intervention approach with radicalized communities. Presentations and conversations brought together an academic (Emeritus Professor Irvin Waller, University of Ottawa), a representative of Peace in our Cities (Kelsey Paul Shantz), and a community advocate (Tamasha Grant, Y.A.A.C.E) to discuss evidence, challenges and lessons learned.



Session Highlight

Advancing Community Safety and Well-Being Through the Intersections of Different Orders of Government, Organizations, and Local Communities

The advancement and implementation of Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Plans often bring together various orders of government, governmental organizations, as well as local organizations. This panel discussion, moderated by Felix Munger, brought together voices and perspectives from provincial government, provincial RCMP (focused on CSWB), a city Mayor, and local community organizations to discuss challenges, experiences, and ideas.

This session explored the following:

- The importance of collaborating vertically and horizontally to increase interest in and success of CSWB at the local level
- How to improve relationships between the different entities
- How to address data and monitoring challenges
- Socializing the CSWB concept widely - creating one voice
- Ideas on how to include economic actors in the process



Keynote Highlight

Together for Safer Communities: Strengthening Relationships through Truth and Reconciliation

Cadmus Delorme, former Cowessess First Nation Chief, led his community, numerous First Nations, and Canadians during challenging times in 2021 when unmarked graves were validated at former residential schools. In alignment with our conference theme, Community Safety. Together. Igniting Change, Mr. Delorme's keynote address offered a message on truth; what we have inherited; and considerations for long-term, strategic visioning and planning in relation to safer communities, through the implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action.



WE ALL INHERITED THIS, NOBODY TODAY CREATED RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS, NOBODY TODAY CREATED THE INDIAN ACT, NOBODY TODAY CREATED THE SIXTIES SCOOP. WE ALL INHERITED IT AND WE MUST ACKNOWLEDGE THAT PEOPLE ARE HEALING, AND PEOPLE ARE HURTING. LET'S DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

**CADMUS DELORME
FORMER CHIEF OF COWESSESS FIRST NATION**



Attendees

A RANGE OF PERSPECTIVES & EXPERIENCES

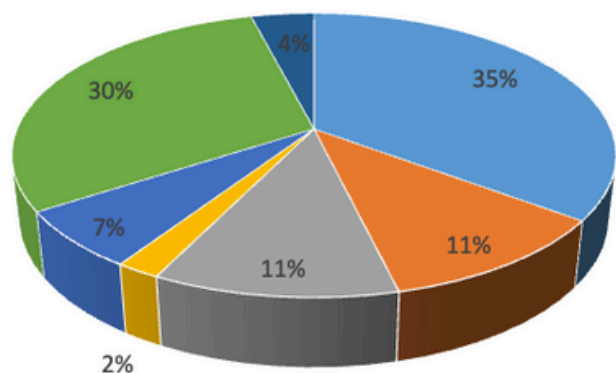
At the end of the conference, participants were encouraged to fill out a feedback survey to share their thoughts and insights about the event and suggest improvements for future conferences.

Most respondents were elected officials from municipal governments (35%) and representatives from non-governmental organizations (NGOs) (30%). Additional sectors represented include provincial and/or territorial governments (11%),

municipal employees (11%), police and law enforcement (7%), people with lived and living experience (4%), and the private sector (2%).

While participants attended from all parts of Canada and elsewhere, roughly one third represented Saskatchewan-based communities, organizations, and governments, providing a critical local perspective and a meaningful connection to the host community.

- Municipal government
- Private sector
- Person with lived experience
- Provincial/Territorial government
- Municipal employee
- Police and law enforcement
- NGO



Attendee Testimonials



What are the truths that we're sharing? How do we build anti oppression into safety and wellbeing? How do we take a whole of community approach so that whole communities are reflected in the plans that we develop as systems?A conference like this is an opportunity to lean into some of that difficult dialogue and learn from each other, and at least ask the difficult questions, even if we don't have the answers today.

Fauzia Baig -Region of Waterloo



I've learned so much about the kind of effort that goes into this field of work, and I've made connections and networks with a lot of people in similar roles across the country. There's been a lot of knowledge and wisdom that I will draw from.

Eric Shih, City of Kenora



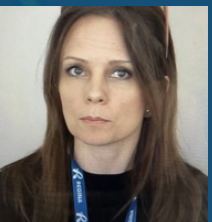
I am absolutely honoured and delighted to be here at this conference. There have been so many learnings. Things like, 'it takes a village, but what is the village?' And, 'What is your contribution to the village?' or 'Without truth, there is no reconciliation.' And what Dr. Irvin Waller for example, talked about - being a dreamer. I too am a dreamer because I have seen change and the impact of change when using evidence-based strategies and solutions, when we focus on crime prevention, and use what actually works.

Dr. Leena Augimeri, University of Toronto



I think this event is a great opportunity for municipalities to become engaged in the conversation around what role they can play in community safety and well-being. I think it's really important for communities to share that perspective and experience because this really is a whole new paradigm for Canada and it's important to be part of the conversation.

Dr. Chad Nilson



The highlight has definitely been sharing in some of the enthusiasm, and the passion, that my colleagues from other cities and municipalities, bring to this work. Sharing some of their best practices, and hearing about that has been exceptionally uplifting, and I've really enjoyed it so far.

Dawn Virginillo, City of Burnaby



I'm really excited to be here because I think it gives us an opportunity as practitioners to come together, to learn how we have each created platforms for community change. To share how we work with community based organizations, with law-enforcement, and how we work with people with lived and living experience to come together and create solutions to some of the most complex problems around community safety and well-being.

Nathan Stern, Regional Municipality of York



Main Takeaways and Learnings

Participants were asked to share their main takeaways or learnings from the conference. Responses are organized into general categories and themes below.

Monitoring & Evaluation

- Need to improve CSWB data collection, evaluation measures and metrics
- Evaluation is important; not an after-thought

Governance

- Many governance approaches possible
- Collaborative decision-making is important
- Indigenous leadership and governance are important

Community Engagement

- Listening to under-represented voices
- Appreciate presence of Indigenous teachings/approaches (eg. 2-eyed seeing)
- Reminder that marginalized populations are often over-consulted
- Value different approaches to engagement

Evidence-Based Practices

- It takes a village to raise a child
- Hospital room interventions are interesting

Community of Practice

- Coming together to share experiences is valuable
- We are all facing similar challenges
- We are not alone
- Great things are happening in Canada

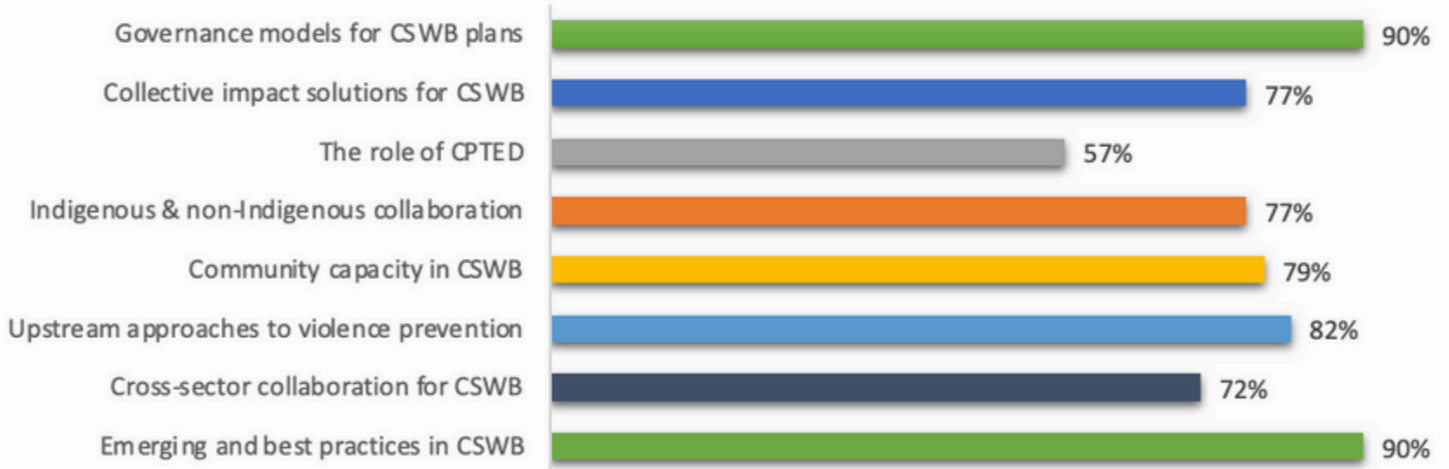
CSWB Planning Process

- No cookie cutter approach to CSWB planning
- We can't solve all problems at once
- Importance of identifying local challenges
- Different perspectives on role of police
- Giving power back to the community

Conference Evaluation Survey

To what extent did your knowledge of the following topics increase as a result of attending the conference?

Increased or Slightly Increased



Overall, the results indicate a positive impact on participants' knowledge across a range of CSWB topics, providing valuable insights for future programming and educational efforts.





Additional Insights and Observations

Additional insights and observations on the conference, collected by CCFSC staff, board members, and participant conversations, provided valuable anecdotal feedback. The following statements from attendees will inform planning and delivery of future conferences:

- Keep the sustainable approach (i.e. paperless, no swag, etc.)
- Valued the strong presence, participation and respectful engagement of individuals with lived experience
- Suitable diversity of topics and presenters
- Respectful to provide an onsite reflection room for smudging, quiet and contemplation
- Meaningful inclusivity to see local youth from Scott Police Academy participating in the opening Flag Walk ceremony and standing proudly beside LGBT2QS+, Black Lives Matter, Every Child Matters, among other flags
- Moving performances, particularly by Teagan Littlechief, Kiana Toto and Napwesak Drum Group
- Incorporation of Indigenous culture, the participation of Elders, and the exceptional key note presentation by Cadmus Delorme on opening night greatly enhanced this conference experience

Sincere thanks to the people of Regina, Saskatchewan for hosting the 2023 Conference.

We would like to acknowledge everyone whose hard work and dedication made this conference possible. Particular thanks to the 2023 Conference Planning Committee: Chairperson Wendy Stone (Regina Police Service), Colleen Cornock (City of Kelowna), Elisabeth Miller (City of Saskatoon), Dave Slater (City of Regina), Kelly Husack (REACH Edmonton), conference emcee Christiane Sadeler, and CCFSC staff Felix Munger, Audrey Monette, Katie Cook, and Jade Brazil.



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