

Neighbourhood Safety



Westmount Neighbourhood Community Safety Meeting

Westmount Community School

June 16, 2009

Community Safety Meeting



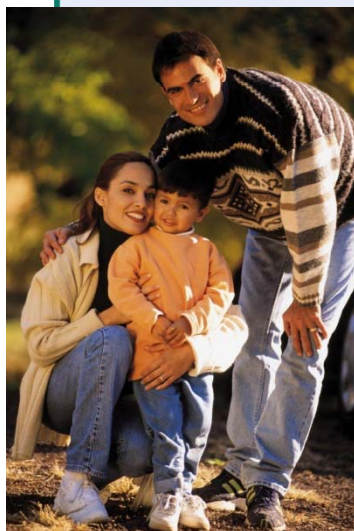
1. Welcome & Introductions (7:00 – 7:10 pm)
2. Agenda & Ground Rules (7:10 – 7:20 pm)
3. Neighbourhood Safety Presentation (7:20 - 7:50 pm)
4. Perceptions of Safety Survey (7:50-8:00pm)
5. Break – finish survey and coffee (8:00-8:10pm)
6. Small Group Breakouts (8:10 – 9:05 pm)
7. Reporting Back (9:05 – 9:20 pm)
8. Participation Survey (9:20 – 9:25 pm)
9. Closing Remarks (9:25 – 9:30 pm)

Foundations for Success



- Information Sharing & Gathering
- Respect & Understanding
- Integrity
- Fair & Equal Representation
- Collaborative Decision Making
- Comments Remain Anonymous

Neighbourhood Safety



Through the Local Area Planning process and regular contact with other neighbourhoods, safety is often identified as a high priority.

Initially the City established a Neighbourhood Safety Capital Budget Project to address safety recommendations out of completed Local Area Plans (LAPs).

Currently the City applies the principles of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) to help communities reduce the opportunities for crime and fear of crime while the LAP is active.

What is Neighbourhood Safety?

A healthy and safe neighbourhood is:

- a neighbourhood that is able to help itself solve its own problems;
- a neighbourhood that has the carrying capacity to deal with problems, to generate appropriate solutions, to analyze those solutions; and
- a neighbourhood that can, in partnership with stakeholders, choose an effective solution, and implement and monitor that initiative.



What is CPTED?

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) is:



- A tool available to the City of Saskatoon that addresses crime prevention and citizen's perceptions of their safety in a holistic manner.
- Engaging residents of the neighbourhood in processes, such as Risk Assessments and Safety Audits often leads to practical solutions for problems in neighbourhoods, parks, and business districts.

What is CPTED?

CPTED principles are evolving as a key strategy to address neighbourhood safety using:

- issue identification;
- problem solving;
- solution generation; and
- partnerships involving the community, Police Services, other civic departments, Business Improvement Districts (BIDs), and external stakeholders.



These partnerships are crucial to attaining a sustainable and effective solution to safety issues in an area.

HOW?

The application of CPTED principles can take a number of forms, such as:



- Risk Assessments of the neighbourhood/area;
- Safety Audits of specific areas in a neighbourhood;
- Safety issue identification;
- Community participation; and
- Implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of CPTED recommendations.

Why Westmount?



Neighbourhood Safety is now an integral part of the LAP process

Considering SafeGrowth and CPTED throughout the entire process, ensures that the growth and development of the neighbourhood will not create other issues.

What are the Steps?

1. Westmount Local Area Plan
2. *Community Safety Meeting (June 16, 2009)*
3. *Forming a Plan*
4. *Collecting background information*
5. *Safety Activities and meetings*
6. *Writing the LAP report (includes a Safety Section)*
7. Circulating the report through administration
8. Circulating the report to the community
9. Final report to MPC and City Council
10. Monitoring and Evaluating

Background Information

- Looking at the occurrences of crime, perceptions of crime, mapping, land use, and other activities helps build a picture of what is in the neighbourhood.
- Adding the information from tonight and subsequent meetings will help complete the Westmount picture.



Writing the Safety Section of the LAP Report

- The Neighbourhood Safety Planner will work with the LAP Planner to write the Neighbourhood Safety section of the LAP Report.
- The neighbourhood safety section is now part of the LAP report and will go through the regular process of being reviewed by Administration, the community, the Municipal Planning Commission, and City Council.



Implementing Recommendations

- To successfully achieve neighbourhood safety goals, it is essential that all stakeholders not only participate in the creation of the plan, but also in implementing the plan.
- The timeline for implementing the recommendations will depend on the nature of the neighbourhood as some may be longer term than others.



Small Group Breakouts

The format for the facilitated small group sessions is:

1. Match the meeting area with the colour on your nametag;
2. Each group will undertake 4 activities designed to gather information on the park and green space;
 - identify safe/unsafe areas exercise;
 - Identify safe/unsafe sites exercise;
 - pathway identification exercise;
 - Additional comments



report highlights back to the larger group by the facilitator

Role of the Facilitator

The role of the facilitator is to help each group move through the exercises to identify the issues in the Westmount neighbourhood
Specifically, they will be:



1. Time Keeper;
2. Content Neutral;
3. Keep the group on Task; and
4. Report highlights back to the larger group.

Our facilitators tonight are:

Courtneyblue

Brian...green

Melissa.....yellow

Elisabeth & Danae.....red

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Report Back and Questions

Report from each of the facilitated groups.....



Are there any issues or concerns that have not been brought forward that you feel need to be mentioned here?

Want to become Involved?

**Fill out the Participation Survey
and
Participate in the Westmount
Safety activities**

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Next Step

Westmount Safety Sub-Committee Meeting

Is the Westmount Safety Sub-Committee interested in meeting throughout the summer?

Next meeting....TBD

Thank You



**For taking the time and effort to make
Westmount a better and safer community for
you and your neighbours.**