

Meeting Summary & Action Items
Community Safety for the Present & Future
22 March; Overbrook Community Stakeholders

Part I – Present:

Introduction and Welcome remarks by Rawlson King from the Overbrook Community Association and Councillor Tobi Nussbaum.

Presentation from Constable Vianney Calixte on the role of Community Police Officers and the importance, and the how to, of reporting.

Presentation from Francine Vachon from Ottawa Community Housing regarding the different steps that OCH is taking in order to create safe and livable communities.

Presentation from Laurent Touchant from the Rideau-Rockcliffe Community Resource Center regarding the role of the Center and the Services they offer to assist residents as well as the work of the Community Safety Committee

The Presentations were followed by a Question & Answer session.

Part II – Future:

Presentation by Danika Frappier (RRCRC) & Tobi Nussbaum on the Youth Strategy for Rideau-Rockcliffe, established to provide Youth with positive ways to engage and offer them opportunities in the areas of education, recreation, employment and health support.

The Break Out Session allowed participants to meet in groups to address the following questions: What steps can community members take - individually or collectively – to increase social cohesion and public safety in Overbrook? What support from the organizations present tonight would be needed to implement those ideas?

Ideas and potential Actions

- Set a regular, recurring time and date for the Community Safety Committee and distribute notice of meetings widely
- Look into the possibility to install Community Notice Boards to announce community events
- Create a flyer with a list of community resources
 - Include contact info & if applicable social media accounts & newsletters of main resources (OCA; RRCRC; Councilors office; Community Police Officer etc.)
 - Get volunteers to flyer door-to-door and collect email addresses for potential List-serve to increase connectivity

- Promote benefits of, and encourage residents to participate in, community led Neighbourhood Watches in the Ward
- Possibility of creating Block Captains in OCH Communities which would:
 - be another contact for the community
 - participate in the Community Safety Committee
 - have direct communication channels with community resources
- Encourage OCH to review and strengthen the screening process of new tenants, adding rigorous background checks

Next Steps

These items will be considered and reviewed during the next meeting of the Community Safety Committee.

Upcoming Meetings & events:

- CEPTED of Lilas Pvt at 7.15pm on April 3rd led by OCH in partnership with OPS
- Police Week open house on May 17 at the Overbrook Community Center
- Mural in the neighborhood - Paint it up