

## Recommendations Overview

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### Prevent and Deter

#### Improved Service Coordination – High Risk Youth

Based on the success of the Homelessness Intervention Project launched in 2009, it is intended that this project focus on enhancing the integration of services in Prince George in a way that best serves the needs of high risk youth. Through the establishment of collaborative and cooperative teams and the utilization of person-centered care management, individualized plans will be developed to ensure high risk youth have access to necessary supports like stable housing, mental health and addictions services, life skills, community living supports and/or employment supports.

#### Implement a City Watch Program

City Watch is a CUPE BC program. It is designed to prevent and reduce crime by training municipal workers to identify and alert police to suspicious activities they might witness while on the job. City Watch involves the formation of community partnerships to enable municipal employees, who work in virtually every corner of the community, to provide “more eyes on the street”.

### Apprehend and Prosecute

#### Identify and Map Crime “Hot Spots”

The process of identifying, monitoring, apprehending and convicting offenders requires research and analysis. Understanding the process by which each of the crimes is committed and establishing the frequency by location allows police efforts to be focused. City of Prince George resources (Geographic Information System) will be coordinated with RCMP resources (Crime Analyst) to identify and map crime “hot spots”.

#### Target Identified Crime “Hot Spots”

Identified crime “hot spots” will be targeted with an integrated response involving Police, Bylaw Services and Fire Rescues (when appropriate).

### Rehabilitate and Reintegrate

#### Implement a Graffiti Reporting and Removal Program

Bylaw 8425, 2012 sets out the City’s standard for the maintenance of property (land and buildings) and requires property owners to remove graffiti from their properties. In order to assist property owners



with the removal of graffiti, it is proposed that a graffiti reporting and removal program be established in partnership with an agency (or agencies) providing community service opportunities for offenders.

## **Perception and Reality of Crime**

### **Measure Citizens' Perceptions of Crime**

It is important that accurate information be gathered on a regular basis about citizens' perceptions of crime and feelings of safety to ensure that tailored action to address those groups with the most significant fear or vulnerability can be initiated. This data also informs the design and implementation of strategies to combat perceptions of crime that do not align with the reality of facts about crime. The last time an investigation of this nature was undertaken was in 1999 when the Institute for Social Research and Evaluation (ISRE) at UNBC considered perceptions of crime as part of a broader study focused on criminal victimization and the quality of life. It is proposed that the City of Prince George engage a research organization/agency to gather current information, in a statistically valid form, about perceptions of crime and personal safety.

### **Identify and Prioritize Actions to Address Perceptions of Crime**

Information gathered about citizens' perceptions of crime and feelings of safety will enable the development of targeted communication strategies and the mobilization of partnerships to reduce the fear of crime expressed by groups and/or neighbourhoods.

