

SLNA: CPLC-51's Activities/Meetings in March-June 2008

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CPLC-51 held no meetings in July/August 2008. The most recent meeting was 15 September 2008. Approval of its Minutes will occur on 15 October 2008. Following that approval, I will report on September's meeting.

CPLC-51's Regular Meeting for 31 March 2008

The John Innes Community Centre graciously lent its gymnasium as this meeting's venue. Special thanks are due to the Centre's CPLC-51 Delegate — for setting up and subsequently removing tables and chairs for the meeting. CPLC-51 was grateful for the hospitality.

At February 2008's meeting Delegates identified major issues affecting Division 51's residents. Those issues were drugs, street prostitution, and panhandling. At March 2008's meeting, the TPS reported on addressing those issues via Project Revival.

Two community-based factors explained Project Revival's success. First, there was the TPS's response to community input during weekly Crime Management Meetings. Second, there was 24/7 deployment of 20 officers (uniformed and plainclothes), to address the issues that the community had identified. Statistics for Project Revival accompany this report to the SLNA.

Preceding Project Revival, and still ongoing as at 31 March 2008, was Project Round-Up. It occurred via Warrants Identified and/or Outstanding Bench Warrants on Acts and/or Crimes of Violence. Division 51 personnel got 188 people and laid 339 charges. As at 31 March 2008, work was still ongoing on Domestic Violence and "One-on-One Crimes".

Discussion also occurred about the Toronto Drug Strategy (www.toronto.ca/health/drugstrategy). Some Delegates attributed local nuisances to the fact that the Drug Strategy allegedly delivers services in their neighbourhood. The Drug Strategy is a major public policy initiative. Its four so-called "pillars" or components are prevention, harm-reduction, treatment, and enforcement.

The TPS does not make public policy and is responsible only for providing one of the four "pillars". Thus,

Delegates should be questioning the extent to which CPLC-51 can profitably spend time debating the Drug Strategy. Yes, it surely does deserve debate but not necessarily in a forum such as CPLC-51.

The other point is that CPLC-51 is not able to speak with one voice about the Drug Strategy. This divided opinion became painfully evident at the June meeting.

CPLC-51's Regular Meeting for 23 April 2008

The meeting provided the following information and/or allowed discussion of the following items.

- ❖ Division 51 will be developing a maintenance strategy for Project Revival. As at 23 April 2008, crime was down in the subject area.
- ❖ One of the CCTV projects ended on 28 April 2008. A report on results will follow.
- ❖ Division 51's deployment is now about 80% uniformed and 20% investigative.
- ❖ On 14 May 2008, there was a Police Week barbecue to raise funds for Habitat for Humanity. (My wife and I volunteered to manage the cash-desk.)
- ❖ On 21 May 2008, some of CPLC 51's Delegates assisted in welcoming new recruits.
- ❖ Delegates discussed panhandling's deleterious visual impact. Delegates also discussed panhandling cases that courts dismiss on procedural grounds. Finally, a Delegate suggested ameliorating panhandling by creating and distributing a list of places where panhandlers could get food.
- ❖ A Delegate suggested that CPLC-51 and/or Division 51 should work to get a suitable commendation and/or citation for the principal witness in the murder of a homeless person in Moss Park.
- ❖ Sundry Delegates asked Division 51 to facilitate the Parks and Recreation Department's ongoing attendance and/or representation at CPLC-51's meetings.

CPLC-51's Special Meeting for 23 May 2008

This special daytime meeting reflected some delegates' request for a review of CPLC-51's procedures and/or membership criteria. The request was not, in any way, critical of current practices. Rather, it reflected only a desire to ensure that CPLC-51 was fully congruent

with the Community Volunteer Consultation Manual. (www.torontopolice.on.ca/publications). The meeting discussed the following requirements.

- ❖ CPLC-51's membership-composition and membership-criteria reflect requirements of the TPS's Community Volunteer Consultation Manual (for example, as regards participation of/by groups and individuals). Updating of the current CPLC letterhead reflects the necessary changes.
- ❖ Potential members must submit an appropriate application and undergo a background check.
- ❖ CPLC-51 memberships are subject to review after one year of membership — on or before members' anniversary date of joining.
- ❖ CPLC-51 will attempt to recruit reps from local youth ESP Programmes.
- ❖ A membership audit is underway in preparation for CPLC Photo Identification. Appropriate letters and background checks will occur. Arrangements are underway for members to attend the TPS's College Street HQ for the photo-IDs. (All such photo-IDs remain the property of the Toronto Police service.)
- ❖ Members asked if the photo-IDs might possibly indicate CPLC-membership.

CPLC-51's Regular Meeting for 16 June 2008

During this meeting, Delegates received the following information from Division 51's personnel.

- ❖ A/Superintendent John Tanouye advised Delegates that Superintendent Kimberley Greenwood would become Division 51's OC on 23 June 2008.
- ❖ A/Inspector Frank Bergen advised Delegates that the main Delegate for TEDNA would be CPLC-51's delegate to the committee that makes recommendations to/for the Toronto Drug Strategy.
- ❖ A Delegate for the Cabbagetown Preservation Association reported that the orientation session for new recruits was successful and gave new recruits a favourable impression of their assignment. The Delegate went on to say that the orientation session's venue, a local art gallery, deserves thanks for their co-operation. A/Inspector Bergen thanked the Delegate for ongoing support of the orientation sessions.
- ❖ S/Sgt Bruce Kennedy provided a summary of crime statistics to mid-May 2008. Rather than merely re-

citing these figures, I encourage Delegates to visit www.torontopolice.on.ca/statistics/crime_indicators.php?d51 for a current set of statistics for Division 51. (Comprehensive statistics are available to you at www.torontopolice.on.ca/statistics/crime_indicators.php).

- ❖ S/Sgt Steve Pipe of the Community Mobilisation Unit introduced himself to Delegates. He then gave a brief outline of what and whom the Unit represents. (This Unit works from TPS HQ.)
- ❖ After completing his presentation, S/Sgt Pipe responded to a Q/A session encompassing items such as membership vs volunteering, the propriety of volunteers taking photos at community events, etc.

During the New Business portion of the meeting, the following events (first referenced overleaf) occurred.

- ❖ Trefann Court Residents' Association submitted a letter withdrawing the group from CPLC-51.
- ❖ The Treasurer (a Trefann Court Delegate) resigned.

A media item attributed to Trefann Court Residents purports to explain the resignation.

- ❖ Apparent Allegation: CPLC-51 either supports the Toronto Drug Strategy or lacks assertiveness in its stance against drugs. Fact: CPLC-51 has never taken a position on the Drug Strategy — because members have such varied opinions of it. However, support for Project Revival shows that members fully appreciated Division 51's efforts at curtailing dealers.
- ❖ Apparent Allegation: The Minutes of CPLC-51's Meetings inadequately reported members' reports of crime and/or nuisances. Fact: The proper means of complaint is the Community Policing Complaint Form. It facilitates timely resolution of problems. However, if some members still wanted to offer general reports during meetings, CPLC-51 agreed to add such reports to the Minutes — *if members submitted the reports in writing to the Secretary*. That continues to be CPLC-51's position.

Respectfully submitted
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SLNA Delegate to CPLC-51

40 OUT OF 96 ARE WITH NO FIXED ADDRESS

33 OUT OF 96 LIVE OUTSIDE THE DIVISION

23 OUT OF 96 LIVE IN THE DIVISION, SPECIFICALLY IN THE CHURCH /SEATON AREA

95

9 LIVE OUTSIDE THE CITY OF TORONTO

95 BECAUSE ZAFIRIS ARRESTED TWICE #5 & # 67

COMBINED CONVICTIONS

<u>DRUGS</u>	350
<u>FAIL TO COMPLY</u>	351
<u>ASSAULTS</u>	236
<u>FRAUDS</u>	55
<u>FAIL TO APPEAR</u>	224
<u>THEFTS</u>	192
<u>WEAPONS</u>	48
<u>ROBBERY</u>	79
<u>BREAK & ENTERS</u>	145
<u>THREATS</u>	45
<u>AUTO OFFENCES</u>	6
<u>IMPAIRED OFFENCES</u>	11
<u>COMMUNICATES</u>	74
<u>SEXUAL ASSAULTS</u>	8
<u>MISCHIEFS</u>	67
<u>OTHERS</u>	187
<u>PAROLE/STATUTORY VIOLATIONS</u>	10
<u>MANSLAUGHTER</u>	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	2089

NEW COMBINED CHARGES

128
9
3
2
10
1
3
2
1
22
11
192