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Chair's Letter to the Membership

May has come and gone and with it the 2008 CPTED Ontario workshop held in Lindsay, Ontario on the 27th. This year's half-day workshop featured the theme Main Streets for People and was attended by approximately 35 people (see workshop photos for a complete overview). On behalf of the Board, I wish to extend our appreciation to Cst. Deb Hagarty of the Kawartha Lakes Police Service. Deb took a lead role in promoting and organizing the event.

With this year's workshop over early, the Board can now concentrate on a number of matters the most pressing of which is the establishment of core curriculum for basic CPTED courses. The establishment of a standard will provide some direction with respect to depth and breadth of content. It will also help to establish some consistency

and confidence in courses that adopt this standard.

The Board is also moving ahead with a revamping of the website. The website has remained largely static and can be described as tired. Our goal is to provide a visually appealing, easier to navigate website that offers greater flexibility at a cost savings. The new website is expected to become a reality by the end of September.

Tom McKay
Peel Regional Police



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Comings ...

Sgt. **David J. Thomas** is a 23-year veteran of the Ontario Provincial Police where he oversees the research, development and provincial coordination and facilitation of problem oriented crime prevention and community mobilizations strategies/programs as the Provincial Coordinator of Community Issues. David is the recipient of many prestigious awards who also developed the "Reducing Crime by Design" program.

Cst. **Melody Tourigny** is a 20-year veteran of the Ontario Provincial Police where she is posted at the Nottawasaga Detachment as a Community Service and Media Relations officer. Melody's duties include CPTED reviews and audits.

Terrence Glover CPT, MCIP, RPP is a Senior Planner for the City of Brantford who has worked in the Urban Planning field for approximately 12 years.

Robert Metail is a Senior Physical Security Advisor with the RCMP's Technical Security Branch where he provides advice and guidance on security related issues to various federal government departments. Prior to joining the RCMP, Robert spent seven years as a Professor at Algonquin College in the Security Management program, developing and teaching security related courses.

Robert has a background in architecture and worked on a number of government projects involving the integration of security solutions.

... and goings

Cst. **Caroline Kennedy** tendered her resignation after receiving a new assignment from the Ontario Provincial Police. Caroline served on the Board for approximately two years and was based in London, Ontario.

Promotions

Mike Fenton has assumed the role of Vice-Chair. Mike's wealth of knowledge and experience in security matters make him a natural choice for this position. Mike has authored numerous papers and articles and is well respected in his field. Mike is known to be exceptionally approachable and selfless in the sharing of information.

Whatever happened to “if it looks bad, it must be bad”? Is it too late to stop the deterioration of the public realm?

A recent story filed by CFTO News in Toronto highlighted a growing problem in Toronto (and other Ontario communities) that is Toronto’s burgeoning weed problem. I have personally been frustrated by this and other assaults on the public realm. For a number of years, having watched untended weeds replace well-tended lawns and boulevards in the Toronto neighbourhood where I grew up as is illustrated by this photo of my childhood school.



Add to this the proliferation of, and now to make matters worse, the nationally reported promotion of graffiti as a “community-building strategy” in Toronto and the situation quickly worsens from a CPTED point of view.

While I am not for herbicides or even against (limited) legal walls, I do believe that we should never lose sight of a simple truism as taught to me by Timothy Crowe. That is “if it looks bad, it must be bad” – that’s how people



think. So make no mistake, there is a price to pay every time a maintenance budget is cut, a piece of graffiti is not removed and/or accepted and a principal means of weed control is banned without a viable alternative in place. People tend to feel less safe and avoid these areas and reputations have and will suffer.

It has been years, for instance, since I heard a tourist refer to Toronto as a clean city, once a staple on local newscasts. As a concerned and lifelong resident of Toronto, I see examples of this deterioration on a daily basis. I urge everyone to remember Tim’s remark and heed the lessons from the Broken Window theory regardless of where they live. All communities are faced with these challenges and none of us are immune.

So the next time the public realm takes a hit, regardless of how noble the cause i.e. the environment, naturalization, you name it, always remember to ask this simple question, against which I test all

my CPTED recommendations: what problems might you create when you try to solve another. The visible quality of life in our communities is at stake and so too our crime rates.

Tom McKay



This naturalized area in front of a Toronto school creates its own set of challenges.

From the inbox

Over lunch the other day we got in to the conversation of why Tim Horton's never gets robbed?

Is it due to ...

1. Good CPTED design: store windows always face main streets. 2. Its always busy: wit-

nesses everywhere at all hours. 3. Cash-handling practices (but this would not be commonly known by the public). 4. CCTV placement in the stores. 5. Media block? They do get robbed - are we just not aware of it?

... one response:

“I have no idea that this is actually the case. It’s true you don’t hear about it, but I would want to

see the stats. The CPTED factors that you mentioned are no doubt a factor as well as the reputation of Police for enjoying a donut.”

... and reply:

“Forgot about their best customers, thanks for laugh, but I am sure that is the main factor.”

If you got a minute, what are your thoughts?

Snapshots from the Workshop – Lindsay, Ontario Tuesday May 27th, 2008



Mike Fenton speaks to an attentive crowd.



Wayne Nishihama provides a planner's perspective.



Who, me? Martin Wind demonstrates the effectiveness of window laminates.

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CPTED Ontario 2008/9 MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL FORM

CPTED Ontario is dedicated to reducing the fear and incidence crime as well as improving the quality of life by promoting the implementation of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles in Canada. CPTED Ontario was conceived and developed to provide a venue for like-minded people to meet, regularly interact and share their CPTED and professional experience. CPTED Ontario members come from a variety of disciplines including law enforcement, government, the planning and design professions, the security industry and the academic world.

Benefits of becoming a CPTED Ontario member included:

- ✓ access to our web site and password protection to internal directory of practitioners,
- ✓ regular zone meetings,
- ✓ quarterly newsletters,
- ✓ networking with other professions that share common needs and concerns, and
- ✓ bi-annual Conference where you can learn about the latest CPTED developments and reduced registration costs for taking an introductory session.

To become a member of CPTED Ontario simply fill out the membership form below:

2008 — 2009 CPTED Ontario Membership Form

I/We wish to become a: (Choose one) New Application Renewal

Corporate Member \$350.00 _____

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Do you wish your information posted on the web site? Yes No

2008—2009 memberships are valid to December 31, 2009

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