UBCM CRIME PREVENTION CONFERENCE

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City of Nanaimo
"Managing Public Disorder"
“Safer Downtown is about effective partnering between police, bylaws, various city departments and the community.”
“Executive Will”
Street Level Partnerships

• RCMP
• Bylaws
• Downtown BIA
• Planning/Social Planner
• VIHA/Crisis Response
• Parks
• Public Works
Enforcement & Social Services
Working Together

• Developing trust & working cooperatively

• Sharing ideologies & strategies to assist the homeless

• Identify “New people on the street”

• Getting people off the street when they are ready

• Identifying available treatment options
Toolkit for Managing Public Disorder

Provincial Statutes:
• Safe Streets Act
• Trespass Act
  • Agent agreements

Bylaws:
• Aggressive Soliciting
• Chattels
• Public Nuisances
• Use of Parkades
• Controlled Substances
• Nuisance Abatement
• Property Maintenance
• Red Zone Area
• CPTED
• Good Neighbour Agreements
Red Zone Strategy

• Breaking up the downtown “Open Drug Market”

• Targeting Traffickers & Chronic Offenders

• Removing the “Skid Row” Environment

• Diluting the concentration of problem groups out of one neighbourhood
Social Service Providers
Good Neighbour Agreements
South End Revitalization Project

- Closure of Drug Houses
  - Nuisance Properties
- Drug – noise issues at local bar
  - GNA
- Problem rooming houses
  - Nuisance Properties
- Park – Open drug market
  - CPTED redesign – Parks
  - Maintenance – City Works
- Drug / Homeless Squats on private & industrial properties
  - Trespass Act
  - Agent Agreements
  - CPTED target hardening
- Hot spots addressed one by one
- Public meetings & consultation
- Support of Neighborhood Association
- Collaboration with area Social Services
- Police target enforcement
What’s in the Future?

- Social Housing
- Addictions / Mental Illness Treatment
- How to engage Provincial & Federal Government
- Strong Partnerships
  - Health Authority
  - CMHC/B.C. Housing/MEIA
  - Local Gov’t/Solutions & Senior Gov’t/Resourcing
- Working with Provincial Crown
- Following displacement wherever it goes
- How will history judge us?
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