



Violence Reduction Program Update – Q2 2022

Item 8C

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Board of Directors

Report: TCHC:2022-64

To: Board of Directors (the “Board”)

From: Tenant Services Committee (“TSC”)

Date: September 20, 2022

PURPOSE:

This report provides an update on the progress and performance of the Violence Reduction Program for the second quarter of 2022.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the Board receive this report for information.

CSAC AND TSC:

This report was received by the CSAC on September 12, 2022 and by the TSC on September 20, 2022.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

On June 27, 2019, Toronto Community Housing's Board of Directors directed staff to operationalize the Violence Reduction Program ("VRP") at its meeting. This report provides an update on activities and performance.

BACKGROUND:

The VRP is focused on improving safety and security for tenants. It is a response to the disproportionate frequency of violence on Toronto

- June 11, 2022 VRP officers attended the Toronto Police 31 Division Open house, meeting with residents, community stakeholders and specialized police members.
- In June 2022 four members of CSU's VRP program were trained and qualified as "Stop the Bleed" instructors, allowing them to teach members of the Falstaff Community these life-saving skills in a community session on June 18th. Further sessions are expected in the future.
- June 25th, 2022 saw the second annual Edgeley Village "Safeplay" celebration organized by members of the VRP and with local business owners/operators contributing volunteers, food and entertainment. \$1800 was also raised by the VRP for the Driftwood Boys and Girls club.

CSU PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT AND ANALYSIS

CSU activity in the high needs communities (including broader Dan Harrison) *Refer to Table 3, 3a, b, c & d for statistical data.*

1. CSU Calls for Service

CSU's volume of calls for Service at VRP sites has increased by 274 calls compared to Q2 2021. The 6% increase can be attributed to an increase in calls for service primarily in the Lawrence and Falstaff communities. There were increased calls for Parking Violations, Trespass, Cause Disturbance and Neighbour Disputes in these communities. Table 3a below further shows calls for Service by the VRP community.

2. Crime on TCHC Property and CSU's intervention

In Q2 2022, there was a decrease of twenty eight (28) incidents (38%) of crimes against persons compared to Q2 2021. The decrease is primarily due to a decrease in assaults and assaults with a weapon.

For crimes against property, we saw four (4) less incidents when compared to Q2 2021.

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