

CPTED Ontario Newsletter

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President's Letter to the Membership

2012 is now in the books having marked a relatively quiet year for CPTED conferences throughout North America. There are plans for this to change as both CPTED Ontario and the International CPTED Association (ICA) are planning CPTED conferences for 2013. CPTED Ontario is planning a one-day conference in a yet-to-be-announced Toronto location on Oct. 30th, 2013. The ICA is planning a 2-day conference in Calgary on July 4th and 5th.



Wayne Nishihama presents at the 2012 Annual General Meeting



Randy Jamieson from the City of Mississauga presents at the 2012 Annual General Meeting

There are also plans to freshen up our web-site in 2013 and improve the user experience. If you have any comment or suggestions in this regard, we would be happy to hear from you at info@cptedontario.ca.

2012 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held on Dec. 5th, 2012 at the Frank McKechnie Community Center in Mississauga. The meeting was preceded by a PowerPoint presentation on "Designing Mississauga, Canada's Safest City" by Wayne Nishihama, CPTED Ontario Treasurer and Manager of Design for the City of Mississauga,

Randy Jamieson, Senior Landscape Architect, City of Mississauga Community Services Department, and yours truly.

It's renewal time

Some of you will be receiving renewal notices over the next few weeks. You will notice that the individual membership was increased to \$50 for a 2 year period with a corporate membership rising to \$400 (the student membership remains unchanged). The increase is believed to be the first in our history and reflects increased accounting, credit card and higher anticipated insurance costs.

If you receive a renewal notice, please take a moment to fill it out so that your membership will not lapse. For those who did not receive a renewal notice, **no** action is needed as your membership has **not** expired.

Tell us your stories

Working on a CPTED project? Know of a good source of CPTED information? Got an interesting or funny CPTED picture? You can

share your CPTED information and experience by writing an article for our (mostly) quarterly newsletter. Just send us your comments, copy, or pictures to info@cptedontario.ca.



Tom McKay
President,
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When the obvious is not so obvious . . .

Tips for CPTED practitioners

I recently had the occasion to attend a CPTED audit at a city facility with a graduate of my CPTED class. It was apparent that the auditor, who worked for the city's Security Department, was a thorough and highly motivated individual given the amount of work he had already put into what was his first CPTED audit.

The audit involved an ice rink surrounded by a sea of parking, a skate board park and playing fields. It was located on a somewhat awkward and CPTED challenged site, being surrounded by a hydro field, expressway and highway underpass. The building and its landscaping presented further challenges given the general lack of windows owing to the nature of the building and a landscaped roundabout placed directly in front of the actively used entrance. Given that the majority of the problems were occurring within the parking lot, it should come as no surprise that the landscaping including a grade-related berm along the main road would become a CPTED "lightning rod" to a freshly minted practitioner. While these factors were concerning, it is important to remember that a rink is a rink and a grade is a grade and we generally have to live with these factors. What's more, there

was a strong belief that the car thefts were perpetuated by an organized group which would not be easily discouraged by CPTED measures, and there was a lack of evidence that the landscaping was a factor given that the majority of the building was characterized by a lack of windows around its perimeter. So the question now becomes 'how do we best proceed'? Well myself and Senior Landscape Architect Randy Jamieson, from the City of Mississauga's Community Services Department, who was also present, had the following question and comments:

1. Changing the grade is not an option given the presence of the underpass.
2. An attempt should be made to ascertain the specific locations where the cars have been stolen. This would help determine whether the landscaping played a role.
3. CPTED would have a limited impact if an organized car-theft ring was involved.
4. In the event that the landscaping was a factor, there was a high probability of displacement.
5. Did the landscaping have an influence on persons' perception of safety or the safe movement of traffic?



This led us to make the following recommendations. In future, a specific location should be captured when dealing with vehicle crime. We also recommended that some thought should be given to capturing the witness potential presented by users of the rink. This should include providing on-site staff and possibly food court patrons with a video feed. We made these and other comments, which, by the way, included addressing the landscaping within the round-about once the impact of the landscaping was fully known in an effort to achieve a measured response and, in the process, preserve CPTED's credibility as a balanced and effective approach. Finally, I commented on the nature of his report. As I noted that the draft report already consisted of nine type-written pages consisting largely of observations, I suggested that a more succinct report would likely be better received given that the bulk of the recommendations would largely be limited to improved signage, cctv coverage and access control (the closing of gates during off hours).

Tom McKay



Design Centre for CPTED web site well worth the look!

Mary Beth Rondeau, MAIBC, LEED, AP, the Acting City Architect for the City of Surrey, Planning and Development and former CPTED Ontario keynote speaker (Oshawa 2006) has developed a very innovative web-site that draws heavily from her Environmental Criminology background at Simon Fraser University. The web-site features twenty-four innovative

Design Principles including the Jane Jacobs Test, Designing to Reduce "Fear of Crime" versus Actual Risk and Encourage Watching to name a few. The web site can be found at <http://www.designcentreforcpted.org/> and is well worth a look.

Basic Crime Information

Environmental Criminology

CPTED Crime Analysis

Design Principles

Origins of CPTED

Types of Crime



Design Examples

Heirarchy of Crime Determiners

Design Guidelines

Comings and goings ...



In Memorium

Remembering the father of CPTED who spoke at the first CPTED Ontario conference, inspiring many of us. Tim also joined us again at our conference just prior to his death on February 21, 2009. Tim was born in 1949.

Board Resignation

Martin Bass, of The Cooperator's Insurance, Guelph resigned from the Board effective Dec. 5th, 2012 after serving the organization for the past 6 years. Martin was a steadying influence who brought a businessman's acumen to the Board that helped to keep the meetings focused.

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2013/14 CPTED Ontario Membership Application/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.



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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
- ✓ \$25 off the registration costs for our Annual Conference.

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

2013/14 CPTED Ontario Membership Form

I/We wish to become a: (Choose one) New Application Renewal
 Corporate Member \$400.00 Individual Member \$50.00 Student Member \$10.00
 Do you wish your information posted on the web site? Yes No

2013/14 memberships are valid to December 31, 2014

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 Organization: _____
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Credit Issuer: _____ **Expiry:** _____
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