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President's Letter to the Membership

The summer of 2016 will be remembered for its hot, dry weather in the coming months. The fall promises to bring some relief to anyone who prefers more temperate climate as we look forward to this year's conference.

This year's conference is quickly taking shape with the theme of community revitalization having been announced on the web-site. The conference will begin on Tuesday, October 17th, running one day later than previously announced. The confer-

ence will feature speakers from Toronto Community Housing, Daniel's Corporation and the City of Mississauga amongst others with the keynote address being delivered by Greg Spearn, Toronto Community Housing's Acting C.E.O.

You can expect to receive an electronic copy of the registration form sent directly to you in the near future. In the meantime, we invite you to check the Upcoming Events section of the web-site for all the latest details.

CPTED Ontario is now inviting nominations to its Award of Excellence. The Award of Excellence is presented for projects that exemplify the implementation of the principles of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED), and in the process have led to a reduction in the fear of crime and an improvement in the quality of life in the community. Eligibility is open to projects that have been built or renovated during the last three years.

If you know of a project that you think deserves recognition, please be sure to visit our web-site and follow the instructions on how to prepare a nomination package.



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CPTED Ontario CPTED Awards of Excellence

Nominations are Now Open

Nominations for the CPTED ONTARIO Awards of Excellence are now open. If you know of a project that exemplifies the application of CPTED principles resulting in a reduction in the fear and incidence of crime as well as an improvement in the quality of life, we want to hear from you!



If you have been involved in a new build or renovation within the last three years, your project may be eligible for this award. Visit the CPTED Ontario website at www.cptedontario.ca for further details about the award.

Save the Date!

Who??	Police Officers, Planners, Designers, Security Professionals, Non-Profit Housing professionals, Neighbourhood Watch/Crime Prevention practitioners, Government Agencies, Politicians, Academics, area residents.
What??	2016 CPTED Ontario Conference
When??	Tuesday October, 18th to Wednesday October, 19th, 2016
Where??	246 Sackville Street in the new Regent Park in downtown Toronto
Why??	Learn about the largest redevelopment plan on the continent.

Do LED Lights Have You Feeling a Little Blue?

The American Medical Association (AMA) recently issued a warning about the “harmful human and environmental effects of high intensity (light emitting diode/LED) street lighting” at its annual meeting held this past June and the need to mitigate these effects when converting to LED street lighting. The warning helps to explain and validate a long held criticism commonly associated

with LED lighting that its diode produces glare.

According to the AMA, the glare can “decrease visual acuity and safety, resulting in concerns and creating a road hazard¹”. In addition, the AMA says that the blue-rich LED streetlights operate at a wavelength that “most adversely²” suppresses the production of melatonin which

results in a five-fold greater impact on circadian (sleep) rhythms as compared to conventional street lamps.

This finding is supported by recent surveys that have linked brighter residential nighttime lighting with “reduced sleep times, dissatisfaction with sleep quality, excessive sleepiness, impaired daytime functioning and obesity³”.

¹. AMA Adopts Community Guidance to Reduce the Harmful Human and Environmental Effects of High Intensity Street Lighting; AMA News Room, June 14th, 2016.

². Ibid.

³. Ibid.

Are You “Looking” At Me?



We all know the problems associated with load thefts at trucking yards, so can you imagine a would-be thief being confronted by this? You might recognize these trailers as belonging to Philburn Inc., a trucking/logistics company with terminals in Moncton and Mississauga. While there is no proof that Philburn terminals experience fewer problems, I would not be surprised to find that they were favourably predisposed.

By Tom McKay



How predictable is your behaviour?

As a long-time student of Environmental criminology and originator of a concept that I refer to as Behavioural Based Design, I believe that people, and not just criminals, make predictable choices when moving about their environment. I was therefore not surprised to see people acting in what I thought would be a predictable manner one Sunday morning when I was forced to detour from the westbound QEW lanes while at Fruitland Rd. as a result of a fatal, wrong way collision that had happened in the wee hours of the morning.

I correctly anticipated that most people would be inclined to exit the highway off-ramp to their right, as this is the easiest turn to make and carries them closest to the lanes that they were just forced to exit. It also coincided with a natural inclination that I attribute to most people. Such was the case when I approached the first traffic light control-

led intersection off the highway. Northbound Fruitland Rd. traffic was jammed to South Service Rd. from the vehicles turning right while the left turn lanes held approximately six vehicles.

Why would the majority of people want to continue in this way? Well the answers might surprise you. Aside from the well-studied and documented behaviour known as “herd mentality”, the answer may be attributed to what has been described as “right handedness”. It seems that the majority of (American) people have a preference for turning right, something that I always suspected.

In a study entitled “Right-handers and Americans Favor Turning to the Right”¹, authors Angelique A. Scharine and Michael K. McBeath tested a finding by E. S. Robinson (1933) that people “have a bias to turn right upon entering a building”. The authors “hypothesized that this bias is attributable to learning derived from traffic rules that specify

driving on the right side of the road and it also could be related to handedness”² having tested participants from both the United States and England. The researchers found that right “handedness was the best predictor of participants’ directional preference” however “U.S. participants were statistically more likely to turn right than English participants”³.

What is the significance of this? Well, the better we understand and therefore anticipate predictable behaviour, the better we can design our environments and put CPTED into practice. This includes capturing natural surveillance/witness potential and placing safe activities in vulnerable areas.

And what did I do, when I came to that intersection? I went left despite my own right-handedness and quickly rejoined the highway managing to avoid what was a significant traffic jam on the South Service Road.

by Tom McKay

¹ *Right-Handers and Americans Favour Turning to the Right*, Scharine, Angelique A., McBeath, Michael K., abstract

² *ibid*

³ *ibid*

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On the other hand, this behaviour may have nothing to do with handedness. Taking the easy way out - ie: making a right turn - is a way of life for many people.

But it could also be a result of my personal favourite: the Zen Meth-

od of Navigation. That’s where you follow someone who looks like they know where they’re going and you hope that it will land you somewhere close to where you wish to be.

On the other other hand, it could

also be the result of the seductive voice of the GPS lady: “In 100 m, turn right.” Married men seem particularly susceptible to taking orders from a woman.

*Best regards,
Barbara Spyropoulos*

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2016/17 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.

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
- ✓ \$25.00 off registration costs for the annual CPTED Ontario Conference .

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

2016/17 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



2015/16 memberships are valid to December 31, 2017

Please Print

Name: _____

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