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President's Letter to the Membership

Are you an early bird?

We've all heard the expression that the early bird catches the worm and this sentiment is especially true given that the early bird deadline for this year's 2018 CPTED Ontario Conference is April 6th! The early bird rate offers great value for what is sure to be a great conference.

The conference will feature a keynote address by John Manconi, General Manager of the City of Ottawa's Transportation Department. It will be followed by tours of the OC Transpo's stations and LRT Facilities and Communications Centre with all transportation provided by OC Transpo.

The afternoon will feature breakout sessions that cover a variety of topics. Transit oriented speakers include Colleen Connelly, Manager of Service Planning for OC Transpo and William Van Ryswyk, President of Security Through Safe Design Inc. and former Vice President of CPTED Ontario.

General interest sessions will be offered by Elsy David, Program Director for the Women's Initiatives for Safer Communities (WISE), Ahmad Luqman representing Crime Prevention Ottawa and yours truly who will be speaking on CPTED's payback period.

If you are planning to register, I urge you to do it now. You will not only save some money but guarantee yourself a seat at what is shaping up to be a 'can't miss' event!

In other news, CPTED Ontario Treasurer Wayne Nishihama and I attended a CPTED for Business Owners workshop on January 22nd, 2018 in the town of Tecumseh. The workshop was jointly organized by Cst. Karen Sinnaeve of the O.P.P. Tecumseh Detachment and the Town of Tecumseh and attracted 22 people. Karen, Wayne and I gave our perspectives on CPTED and how it related to businesses.

Finally, I am saddened to report the passing of long term CPTED Ontario member **Darrell Kington** on January 31st at the London Health Science Centre-University Hospital. Darrell served on the Thames Centre Police Services Board at the time of his passing and was a founding member of the Thames Centre- Dorchester Citizens on Patrol and the Thames Centre-Dorchester Community Policing Committee. Darrell was the type of person that you were always happy to see and I will truly miss his support and presence over the years to come.



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New Vision Statement update

Our new "Promoting Safer Community Design" Vision Statement was developed and adopted at our July 25th board meeting and will soon be appearing on our web-site and written material. Our vision statement conveys a succinct message which serves to guide our organization.

CPTED for Business Owners Workshop - Tecumseh January 22nd, 2018



Cst. Karen Sinnaeve O.P.P. Tecumseh Detachment



Right this way, Ladies and Gentlemen . . .



Tom tries to sell discount CPTED Ontario memberships



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Perhaps it's just me or the fact that I am enjoying my first year of 'retirement', however I am seeing signs of Spring everywhere — from the very early tear drop flowers blooming in the back garden to the multitude of squirrels (count 'em - nine) in the front yard. I don't remember when we had such an early taste of what is perhaps our greatest motivation for enduring those cold winter months!

It is at times like these that we should remind ourselves that the CPTED message is easily lost when we are soaking up the sun/running off to the cottage, but it is precisely at this time of year when most of the heavy CPTED lifting is done.

For those of you in security or law enforcement, it is the spring months when people are most inclined to be working in the garden and therefore be most attuned to messages about the importance of addressing/maintaining sightlines. It is also those early spring and



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summer months when most people will be making those crucial decisions around plant selection and the equally if not more critical decisions around the type of fencing, and by extension neighbourhood, that they will have to live with, for better or worse, in the years to come.

I feel so strongly about the latter matter that I wrote a blog for Frankie Flower's web-site on fencing a couple of years ago. The article has been reproduced elsewhere in this newsletter so that you can (hopefully) take up the cause.

For those living in homes with yards and gardens, I urge you to take a fresh look at your property from a CPTED perspective. What advice would you give a homeowner if presented with a home such as yours? Are there outstanding CPTED related issues you are aware of but have been putting off?

Summer is a short and incredibly busy time of year, especially as it relates to CPTED. What you don't address or get done in the coming months may very well define you for the rest of the year.



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When It Comes To Fences, Be Careful What You Wish For!

We've all heard the old adage, good fences make good neighbours, but what needs to be considered to make a fence truly 'good'? Well, from my gardening and police experience, I can tell you that if you approach the fence selection process from the perspective of doing

what is best for my garden, you will eliminate two common home security pitfalls which you might otherwise overlook. I am referring to what I believe is the single biggest mistake that people make when fencing their yard: that is the tendency of people to over fence

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The tendency to overfence
The tendency of people to over fence their yard, can be traced to the popularity of the privacy fences. The privacy

fence is a board on board fence that is commonly topped off with a lattice. Like its name implies, the fence offers significant privacy. Unfortunately, this privacy comes at a price in a number of other important ways.

Firstly, the fence can have a severe impact on the amount of sunlight that reaches the garden. This can limit not only the growth but the selection of plants that can be expected to do well in its presence. Sun-loving plants such as roses, tomatoes or petunias can all be significantly impaired.

Second, the fence can severely impair your ability, and in some cases desire, to get to know your neighbours. The benefits of a good neighbour cannot be understated. It can make the difference between having a person who will look out for you or one who is indifferent or possibly worse. The potential benefits far outweigh the reality of any perceived 'privacy' loss given that most yards are surrounded by houses.

Finally, the fence severely curtails sightlines both into and out of the property which can result in a small, boxy look while attracting unwanted attention from criminals. Such was the case for a Brampton home which was located next to a walkway. The home distinguished itself from the neighbouring house located on the other side of the walkway by the addition of a rear privacy fence. This worked against the homeowner and was used to the criminal's advantage when a

burglar was attracted by the cover presented by the fence who then used it to his advantage to successfully defeat a set of security bars that protected a basement window. The role of the fence cannot be understated given the only thing between the burglar and the basement window of the other home was a three foot chain link fence. What is the takeaway from this story? Criminals will take advantage when presented with a lack of sightlines.



Fencing According to Need

The idea of a one size fits all fence is generally simplistic at best and problematic at worst. Given the problems that can develop from over-fencing and the fact that most fencing decisions are costly and not readily reversed, I strongly recommend that you avoid thinking about your fence as a one-dimensional, all or nothing proposition and fence according to need. Achieving a balanced approach to fencing needn't be hard if you rely on your gardening knowledge and instincts. Your gardening knowledge will help to ensure that critical sightlines are maintained if you choose a fence that allows sunlight to reach those sun-loving plants.

Your gardening knowledge can also be used to develop better, yet practical alternatives to the board-on-board fence. 'Living' fences such as cedar, euonymus or privet can provide a magnificent green and/or variegated backdrop that can support a variety of birds while providing an effective three-dimensional barrier that delivers privacy to where it's needed.

In this regard, I have two living fences in my backyard. The first is an eight-foot tall euonymus hedge which creates a magnificent backdrop for my patio and birdfeeder and is supported by a less-than-magnificent privacy fence which would otherwise help to define this space. I also have a cedar hedge which serves to screen the back of a neighbour's garage while giving me some structure that I can form. The result? Two magnificent hedges and all the privacy I need.

The remainder of my yard features a three foot chain link fence that allows for oblique views of my neighbouring yards and the occasional conversation with my neighbours. It is the opportunity presented by a socially compatible fence that allows me to know my 'backdoor' neighbour. This reminds me of a favourite quote from U.S.A. Today that said "when you think about the America we love in our nostalgic minds... what was different? It wasn't that people had more locks, they had more community." It is for reasons such as these that "when it comes to fences, be careful what you wish for".



by Tom McKay

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2018/19 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:

2018/19 CPTED Ontario Membership Form

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

Corporate Member \$450.00

Individual Member \$60.00

Student Member \$10.00

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



2018/19 memberships are valid to December 31, 2019

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2018 CPTED ONTARIO CONFERENCE
"CPTED and Public Transit"
REGISTRATION FORM

Thursday, May 10, 2018

*Richelieu Vanier Community Centre
 300 Des Peres Blancs Avenue
 Ottawa (Vanier), Ontario, K1L 7L5*

"CPTED and Public Transit" As the need for fast, clean and reliable public transit has never been greater in our communities, so too is the need for safety as it relates to transit system users. Learn and experience how OC Transpo, has incorporated CPTED principles into its facilities as it transforms an existing busway into a light rail transit system and learn how CPTED is influencing the delivery of crime prevention programs by local agencies in the nation's capital. For further details about the conference program, please refer to our website: www.cptedontario.ca

REGISTRATION FEES:		
CPTED Ontario Members	\$100.00	\$ 80.00
Non Members	\$120.00	\$100.00
Students	\$ 25.00	
<i>Registration Deadline: May 3, 2018</i>		

Payment Options: Cash, cheque or money order payable to CPTED Ontario in Canadian Dollars







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 Ottawa, ON, K1J 7T4
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CPTED Ontario Rate: \$139.00/night (bookings must be made, prior to April 9, 2018 for this rate)

For further information, check our web-site at www.cptedontario.ca