



# CITY OF PRINCE GEORGE POLICY

## Crime Prevention through Social Development (CPSD)

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Social Development - Safe Environment

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### **Purpose:**

Crime Prevention through Social Development (CPSD) is an approach to preventing crime and victimization that recognizes the complex social, economic, and cultural processes that contribute to crime and victimization. CPSD seeks to strengthen the “bridge” between criminal justice policies and programs and the safe, secure, and pro-social development of individuals, families, and communities.

CPSD does not function in isolation from traditional crime prevention and crime control measures. A comprehensive crime prevention approach for a safer community includes measures to address the immediate objective of protecting the public through the efforts of the police, courts, and corrections. At the same time, it also directs resources to reduce the availability and attractiveness of opportunities for criminal activity. CPSD strategies form the third component of this comprehensive approach to crime prevention/community and can be characterized as:

- Proactive;
- Long-term;
- Guided by social and economic factors that give rise to crime;
- Targeted at those who are at high risk for future offending;
- Coordinated with other crime prevention initiatives and programs that are already available in the community;
- Accessible to individuals and families.

The purpose of this policy is to guide the design of comprehensive solutions to public safety issues.

### **Policy:**

The City of Prince George recognizes that many of the key elements of CPSD strategies are found within the responsibilities of local governments including policing, transportation, housing, recreation, urban planning, economic development and community health.

As such, the City of Prince George supports initiatives utilizing a CPSD approach as part of its comprehensive community safety strategy.