14TH DIVISION TORONTO POLICE

# **CPLC ANNUAL REPORT 2022**





# WHAT'S INSIDE:

A YEAR IN REVIEW

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### **Message from Superintendent Domenic Sinopoli**



I am so fortunate to be the Unit Commander of 14 Division...I started my career here 35 years ago, and to be back in my role, is a badge of honour. For decades, 14 Division has long been recognized by members in all ranks, as the flagship of the Toronto Police. Not because we are any better than our colleagues, but because it has been steadfast and true. I don't think there has ever been a year, in decades, that 14 Division wasn't in the top three busiest divisions. Our community is diverse, in all aspects, and has deep roots...still firmly attached when I arrived here thirty-five years later. There is a little of everything...truly a minestrone. Love it!

I am thankful to my executive and the extended CPLC. We are thankful to our community partners - so engaged and so invested in making our neighbourhoods better...remember those deep roots? It is they who raised the money to support

two student scholarships and supported the first post-Covid open house at 14 Division in September. It was a tremendous day with approximately 300 people coming to our event to learn more about what we do and strengthen our sense of community, and of course - enjoy the activities and delicious snacks.

We look forward to 2023 with excitement and a view to further building trust within our community. Together, we need to promote the CPLC brand, as the voice of our community – a true partnership between the community and police...so that everyone can be heard.

I look forward to working with our new executive and to building a stronger and safer community. Thank you for your continued support.



## A few words from Civilian Co-Chair, Miranda Kamal

PC Mark Borsboom, CPLC Civilian Co-Chair, Miranda Kamal, and South Parkdale Youth, Kuthula Mzungwana We had an action-packed year in the 14th Division. We had some lofty goals, like supporting marginalized youth in the vulnerable Alexandra Park, South Parkdale & Kensington neighbourhoods.

We collectively saw the need to try and reduce traffic-related deaths and injuries at a grassroots level within the 14th division. Supporting the City of Toronto's Vision Zero plan in 2022 only made sense for us. Our last goal for the year was to support Respite Centres and people experiencing housing insecurity. We care about our citizens struggling with housing and wanted to find ways to help.

As Helen Keller once said, "alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much. "On behalf of the CPLC team, I am proud to share that we made some headway in all three categories. We worked as a community to create positive change in our small part of Toronto. The following few pages will give you insight into what we accomplished.



Inspector Scott Purches, CPLC Civilian Co-Chair Miranda Kamal, Scholarship Winner Sanaa Shinwari and CPLC Scholarship lead, Brian Burchell.

#### Goal No. 1

Support at risk youth in the identified vulnerable neighbourhoods Alexandra Park, South Parkdale, and Kensington Market with Integrated Guns & Gangs Prevention Task Force #engage416

Supporting youth in the 14 Division has always been a priority. This year we had two significant initiatives, a youth scholarship, and the annual family open house at the station, along with multiple smaller support projects.

We are proud to share that we gave away two community safety scholarships to local youth Sanaa Shinwari and Aaliyah Black. Winners were selected based on their academics and efforts to make the 14 Division safer. These \$3,000 will support their post-secondary education.



For the first time since the pandemic, we opened the doors to the station and hosted a family-friendly event. There was a BBQ, DJ, bouncy castle, face painting, henna tattoos, Blinky, traffic safety, Saint John's Ambulance Therapy Dogs, TPS Recruitment Officers, Mounted Unit, Victims Services, free children's books, and an introduction to a non-contact boxing station. The event was well attended, with over 300 visitors.



We want to thank the following groups for supporting the open house with inkind donations or volunteering: Bryan Green of The Aries Group, Loblaws Bathurst and Lakeshore, Carmelite Day Care Nursery, Fort York Neighbourhood Assoc, Friends of Dufferin Grove Park, Liberty Village Residents Association, The Waterfront Community Centre, Dovercourt Boys and Girls Clubs, MJKO, Hershey, ASP Security, and the whole team at 14 Division.







TPS Family Members at TPS Open House





#### Goal No. 2

*Reduce traffic-related deaths and injuries to help achieve the City of Toronto's Vision Zero initiative.* 



Due to our dense population base, traffic is familiar to the 14 Division. We have many apartment buildings, schools, transitional housing units and rooming homes for people with mental illnesses and addiction challenges.

We did a few things to try and make residents feel safer during their day-to-day life, whether heading to work, walking their kids to schools, or visiting friends. We sought ways to support the City's Vision Zero initiative to reduce traffic-related deaths and injuries. The most obvious way was to use the data collected by Toronto Police Services to have local citizens request "Watch Your Speed" signs in hopes that people would slow down in problematic intersections throughout the division. Multiple CPLC members submitted these requests to the city.

In addition to the road signs, we circulated <u>Bill 54 - Protecting Vulnerable Road</u> <u>Users petition</u>. "The Bill amends the *Highway Traffic Act*. It is about the legal consequences of a collision that seriously injures or kills a pedestrian, a cyclist, a mobility device user, a roadway worker, an emergency responder outside their motor vehicle or another individual listed in the Bill." We had many CPLC members sign and share the petition.

We had one CPLC Executive member Sarah Miller share an array of vital road safety resources like the below:

Reporting dangerous drivers online (requires license plate + vehicle details): <a href="https://www.torontopolice.on.ca/core/driving\_complaint.php">https://www.torontopolice.on.ca/core/driving\_complaint.php</a>

Reporting neighbourhood traffic concerns online (ex. ongoing speeding, disregarding stop signs) https://www.torontopolice.on.ca/core/neighbourhood traffic concern.php

Reporting parking complaints online: https://www.torontopolice.on.ca/core/immediate\_parking\_complaint.php

Requesting a Watch Your Speed monitor installed on your street: <a href="https://secure.toronto.ca/webapps/watchyourspeed/">https://secure.toronto.ca/webapps/watchyourspeed/</a>

Reporting concerns about snow clearing, icy road conditions, debris, or obstructed/damaged road signs online:

https://www.toronto.ca/home/311-toronto-at-your-service/create-a-servicerequest/

Identifying your local councillor so you can email them to request free 'Slow Down' signs for your lawn:

https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/council/members-of-council/

But that is not all. The 14 Division Community Police Liaison supported the Annual Bike with Mike, a free, family-friendly, green event that encourages safe cycling in the City. CPLC Members Moneca Yardley, Kathryn Money and Natasha Gromoff-Kramer, supported by Auxiliary Officer Rod, had a bike safety booth set up. The event was well attended and a huge community success.



Auxiliary Officer Rod, CPLC Members Moneca Yardley and Natasha Gromoff-Kramer at Bike with Mike

#### Goal No. 3

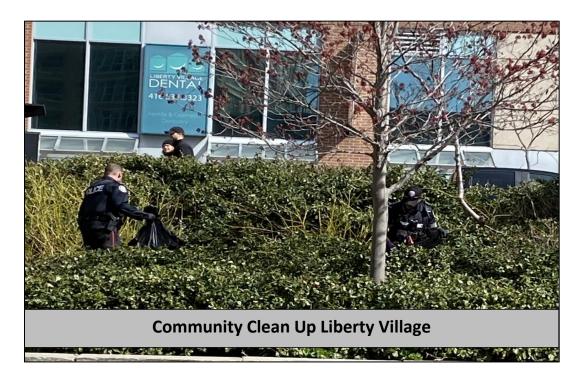
*Provide support to Respite Centres and to those who reside or regularly visit these Respite Centres and Encampments.* 

Our last goal is somewhat of a cross-over goal, as many individuals using respite centres and encampments are affected by traffic-related deaths and injuries, and we wanted to help. With the support of David Blumenthal of The Corporate Clothier, 100 visibility armbands and safety whistles were distributed to three community groups that support people facing housing insecurity: Waterfront Neighbourhood Centre, Fred Victor (1A Strachan Ave) and Fatima House for women. These were such a big success that community groups called and requested more armbands.



PC Geoff Graham Giving Out Visibility Armbands with Community Members from Fred Victor Respite Centre.

In addition to our three primary goals, the CPLC and the Division supported a community clean up in Fort York, a food drive with Loblaws Bathurst and Lakeshore, a community presentation for recently hired TPS police constables and the distribution of meals throughout the community with Share a Meal. We have had a great year and look forward to continuing our success in 2023.





#### **Community Police Liaison Executive Committee 2022**

Co-Chair Superintendent Dominic Sinopoli Civilian Co-Chair, Miranda Kamal, Mentoring Juniors Kids Organization (MJKO) Treasurer, Sarah Miller, ASP Integrated Secretary, Kathryn Money, Liberty Village Residents Association

#### **Community Members/ Organizations**

Kerr, Randall J - Beaconsfield Village Residents Association Burns, Angela - Christie Pits Residents Association Ganon, Erella - Friends of Dufferin Grove Park Motta, Gabby - Waterfront Neighbourhood Centre Francis, Angela - Waterfront Neighbourhood Centre Frenkel, Vera - Beaconsfield Village Residents Association Dilemma, Selima - West Neighbourhood House Lowry, Doug - Palmerston Area Residents Association D'Elia, Emanuela (Mannie) - Dovercourt Boys and Girls Club Quinton, Catherine - Little Portugal on Dundas BIA Fragedakis, Maria - City Place Fort York BIA Feng, Shulin - Chinatown BIA Rego, Henry - Ossington Community Association Burchell, Brian - Annex BIA President Marshall, Meg - Ossington, Bloorcourt, College Promenade, and Queen St W BIA's Medycky, Christine - BIA Queen St. W Roger, Agnes (Sister Agnes) - Carmelite Day Care Nursery Borrelli, Michael - Harbord Village Residents Association Butler, Brenda - Fort York Neighbourhood Association Gromoff-Kramer, Natasha - Annex Residents Association Bathija, Hans - T.S.C.C. # 1596 Wellington Square Yardley, Moneca - Bill Bolton Arena/Sojourn House Nikolaou, Lambrina - West Neighbourhood House

#### **14 Division Staff**

Purches, Scott - Inspector, 14 Division Bernardo, Israel - 14 CRU, Staff Sergeant Heitzner, Robert - 14 Detective Sergeant Cornelius, Courtney - 14 Division CRU Clerk Reid, Gordon – 14 Crime Prevention Officer

