

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM19.11	ACTION			Ward: All
---------	--------	--	--	-----------

Strengthening and Improving the City-Wide Approach to Youth Violence Interventions - by Councillor Vincent Crisanti, seconded by Councillor Nick Mantas

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Economic and Community Development Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Vincent Crisanti, seconded by Councillor Nick Mantas, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration to include in the SafeTO report an update on multi-sector community and youth violence prevention and intervention efforts in addition to providing an update on steps to improve current community and youth outreach methods and explore new strategies.
2. City Council request the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration to include within SafeTO's multi-sector gun violence reduction work planning and work groups, the engagement of community outreach organizations City-wide to exchange best practices, discuss areas of improvement, and devise innovative solutions aimed to serve diverse community needs and prevent violence.

Summary

There has been a troubling increase in gun violence in Toronto and it is deeply impacting neighbourhoods in Ward 1 and other communities around the city.

The City, through the SafeTO Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan, is undertaking several initiatives aimed at bringing together institutional partners, community organizations and residents to collectively address these issues. Gun violence reduction requires leveraging investments, tools and mandates across sectors and governments and working with communities to enhance violence prevention, intervention, response and recovery. The City of Toronto is working with community partners and other levels of government to steward integration of actions and services across sectors using a trauma informed public health approach.

There is more work to be done to ensure we address this challenge. In the upcoming SafeTO update report, City staff should include an update on youth violence prevention and intervention efforts in addition to exploring improved outreach mechanisms.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM19.11

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-246781.pdf>)