



WINNIPEG SAFE CITY ACHIEVEMENTS AND SUPPORTED INTERVENTIONS

December 2013	City of Winnipeg and the Province of Manitoba jointly sign on to <i>UN Women's Safe Cities and Safe Public Spaces Global Program</i> [first city in Canada, second city in North America, to sign on]. Link to News Release .
January 2014	City of Winnipeg/Province of Manitoba established the <i>Winnipeg Safe City Steering Committee</i> with representatives from the provincial and municipal government, health and law enforcement, and organizations and institutions committed to women's rights, public safety and security and women's health.
2014	Winnipeg Police Service redesigns website to clarify resources available for sexual violence survivors. Winnipeg Police Service - Division 41
January 2014 – September 2014	Steering committee meets frequently to build relationships, determine guiding principles/objectives and plan for the initiative (initial focus: site selection and planning the research process for the Scoping Study).
September 2014 - March 2015	Winnipeg Safe City stakeholders held focus groups with women from diverse backgrounds who shared their experiences and perceptions of safety, public spaces and sexual violence against women.
2014-2016	Steering committee members support the research and development of the Scoping Study. As part of their commitment to the initiative, Winnipeg Police Service agreed to undertake and share detailed analysis of sexual violence in the intervention area.
October 2014	Steering committee strikes a transportation subcommittee, chaired by the City of Winnipeg
December 2014	Province of Manitoba partnered with Ka Ni Kanichihk to develop the first Indigenous-led program in Canada – <i>Heart Medicine Lodge</i> – for women who have experienced sexual violence. Service delivery commenced in Spring 2016. http://www.kanikanichihk.ca/programs/heart-medicine-lodge/
February 2015	University of Winnipeg Students' Association hosted a Forum on Sexual

	Violence where students shared their experiences and perceptions of safety and gender-based violence, and the importance of developing a culture of consent on campus.
June 2015	Province of Manitoba hosted the <i>Sexual Violence Knowledge Exchange</i> . The event was attended by approximately 200 people from across Canada.
June 2015	Manitoba Status of Women and others from the Winnipeg Safe City steering committee met with Mayor Brian Bowman to share ongoing work, including the relevance of strategic partnerships for addressing sexual violence against women, the utility of human rights and gender-based analysis frameworks.
June 2015	Manitoba Status of Women and Winnipeg Police Service attended the 2015 UN Women's Global Forum in New Delhi, India, on behalf of the Steering Committee. The forum included more than 120 Safe Cities participants from 24 countries and provided an opportunity to share experiences and learn from other participating cities.
September 2015	University of Winnipeg launched their <i>Sexual Misconduct Protocol</i> which includes a 24-hour Helpline, Sexual Misconduct Response Team, workshops about sexual consent and an awareness campaign - <i>Sex: Ask First, Ask Always</i> University of Winnipeg Sexual Misconduct Protocol
November 2015	Province of Manitoba ran the <i>Who Will You Help</i> public service advertisements about sexual assault and harassment.
December 2015	Manitoba Status of Women partnered with young women to host a panel discussion at the Legislative building about sexual violence on post-secondary campuses
December 2015	Winnipeg Police Service released its 2016 Business Plan - <i>A Culture of Safety for All</i> - which includes support for the Winnipeg Safe City program. Actions to support the program include data collection and the development of new strategies for reducing and preventing sexual violence against women in public spaces. Link to Business Plan (PDF) .
December 2015	Winnipeg Safe City stakeholders released the first Winnipeg Safe City brief which highlights the purpose of the initiative, the partners involved, and early achievements and supported interventions. The brief filled a void in public knowledge about this collaborative work. Link to Winnipeg Safe City brief (PDF) .
January 2016	Ka Ni Kanichihk hosted the <i>Ending Violence Core Training</i> session(s) for individuals and organizations to learn about gender-based violence, colonization and the importance of culturally-appropriate services for survivors of sexual violence.
January 2016	Province of Manitoba released a website on sexual violence - <i>You Are Not</i>

	<i>Alone</i> - which contains information and resources, including links to available services and supports for survivors of sexual violence. Link to You Are Not Alone website.
September 2016	Winnipeg Safe City Steering Committee announced the release of the Winnipeg Safe City Scoping Study – a comprehensive report on the prevalence of sexual violence in Winnipeg. This study was co-led by the City of Winnipeg and Manitoba Status of Women. Link to Scoping Study (PDF).
September 2016	Province of Manitoba partnered with the Southern Chiefs’ Organization and released <i>Taxicab Safety</i> brochures, available in English, French, Cree, Ojibwe, Tagalog and Arabic. Link to Taxicab Safety brochures (available for download).
September 2016	Winnipeg Transit re-launched the <i>Request Stop Service</i> which allows transit riders to request to be let off at any street along the designated route after 7:00 pm. This will allow women to get off the bus closer to their home or desired location. Link to information about the Request Stop Service (Winnipeg Transit).
September 2016	City of Winnipeg in partnership with the Winnipeg Committee for Safety launched the Winnipeg Safe City website and twitter account (@WpgSafeCity) on behalf of the Steering Committee. Link to website.
September 2016	The Winnipeg Safe City Steering Committee held a Women’s Safety Gathering focused on transportation safety for newcomer, immigrant and Indigenous women at Ka Ni Kanichihk. The gathering was facilitated by Southern Chiefs’ Organization. Winnipeg Transit participated and shared information about Winnipeg Transit safety initiatives, including the Request Stop program
November 2016	Province of Manitoba and Ka Ni Kanichihk participated in UN Women’s GLOBAL Exchange on <i>Addressing Challenges Related to Implementing Safe City and Safe Public Spaces Initiatives</i> on behalf of the steering committee.
January 2017	Ka Ni Kanichihk hosted <i>Ending Violence Core Training</i> which focused on the structural links among different forms of violence and the importance of utilizing an anti-oppression approach when working with individuals who have experienced gender-based violence.
January 2017	Winnipeg Safe City participates in the Femifesto’s <i>Use the Right Words Campaign: Media Reporting on Sexual Violence in Canada</i> . The steering committee nominates journalists who report stories about sexual violence through a survivor-centered and trauma-informed lens.
February 2017	Minister Squires and Mayor Bowman provided video greetings on behalf of Winnipeg Safe City to UN Women for the Global Meeting of Mayors on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (held in Mexico City).

	Mayor Bowman and Honourable Rochelle Squires Address Global Meeting of Mayors on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment
March 2017	City of Winnipeg presented the <i>Winnipeg Safe City Initiative</i> to the Canadian Municipal Network on Crime Prevention on behalf of the Steering Committee. Canadian Municipal Network on Crime Prevention
April 2017	Manitoba Status of Women presented to the <i>Downtown Safety Strategy</i> on behalf of the Steering Committee
April 2017	Winnipeg Committee for Safety ran a social media campaign on behalf of the steering committee as part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month (Twitter Handle: @WpgSafeCity)
April 2017	JustTV partnered with Winnipeg Safe City to record five videos with male leaders from the community on the topic of consent. Link to videos.
April 2017	Winnipeg Safe City steering committee members partnered with community members to host the first of a series of workshops with men and boys on the topic of consent.
April 2017	Province of Manitoba updated the You Are Not Alone website.
April 2017	Province of Manitoba held two panel discussions as part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month: (1) <i>Supporting Survivors of Sexual Violence – What You Need to Know</i> [Winnipeg]; (2) <i>Creating a Culture of Consent: Experiences from Working with Kids, Youth and Adults</i> [Brandon]. In total, over 130 people attended these two events.
June 2017	Councillor Gilroy forms City of Winnipeg subcommittee which meets to review how respective City of Winnipeg departments can work to reduce and prevent sexual violence in public spaces.
September 2017	On behalf of Winnipeg Safe City Steering Committee, the Winnipeg Committee for Safety participated in a focus group and submitted recommendations to City of Winnipeg as they embark on assuming responsibility for Vehicles-for-Hire Industry.
October 2017	October 4 th marked the inaugural <i>Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Honouring and Awareness Day</i> in Manitoba. Events, ceremonies and feasts were held across Manitoba.

October 2017	Steering Committee hosts Laura Capabianco, (Global Advisor - Safe Public Spaces - UN Women). Ms. Capabianco also meets with Mayor Bowman to discuss City of Winnipeg's participation in Winnipeg Safe City and UN Women's Sustainable Development Goals
November 2017	Winnipeg Committee for Safety, Citizen Equity Committee and Winnipeg Safe City Initiative host Lunch & Learn: <i>Harassment: What It Is, What It Isn't and How to Tell the Difference</i> presented by Gaz Black, counter-violence educator and advocate.
November 2017	Mayor Bowman creates video message for UN Women's <i>16 Days of Activism</i> , calling upon community members to speak out against harassment and violence and for men to model healthy masculinity.
November 2017	Councillor Gilroy rises at Council and calls upon Council colleagues and the public to challenge victim-blaming and promote and support women's safety resources throughout the City.
March 2018	Ka Ni Kanichihk hosts the 5 th Annual Heart Medicine Lodge gathering – Women Standing Together Against Violence – including keynote speakers and mini-workshops.
April 2018	<p>Mayor Bowman lights the WINNIPEG sign in purple, in honour of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.</p> <p>Councillor Gilroy speaks at council about the prevalence of sexual violence, local resources and ways to assist those affected in honour of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.</p> <p><i>Independent Living Resource Center</i> hosts roundtable for women with disabilities to share their experiences of sexual violence and offer recommendations for change.</p> <p>Victim Services (Province of MB) hosts numerous workshops across Manitoba about sexual assault reporting options in conjunction with the release of their guide: <i>You Have Options: Help After Sexual Assault</i></p> <p>Ka Ni Kanichihk continues recruiting participants for next sessions of <i>Heart Medicine Lodge</i> program and expands program to include women who are currently incarcerated.</p> <p>Winnipeg Safe City amps up Twitter campaign (@WpgSafeCity) and features local resources, support services, myth-busting, JustTV video messages and more!</p> <p>In partnership with community organizations and the Winnipeg Police Service and the RCMP, <i>Third Party Reporting</i> is introduced in Manitoba.</p>

	<p>This approach offers survivors of sexual assault the option of reporting the details of their case anonymously to the WPS or RCMP through a third-party community organization that is specially trained to work with a survivor-centered lens. Community organizations include Klinik Community Health Centre, Heart Medicine Lodge (Ka Ni Kanichihk), Pluri-Elles and Sage House (Mount Carmel Clinic). Training will be extended to rural organizations.</p>
September 2018	<p>The Manitoba chapter of Business and Professional Women Canada (BPW) recognized and awarded the City of Winnipeg and the Province of Manitoba for their ongoing efforts to end sexual violence against all women and girls. Councillor Gilroy and Minister Squires were honoured to accept the award on behalf of the municipal and provincial government collaboration.</p>
October 2018	<p>Winnipeg Safe Cities Steering Committee members attend the UN Women's Global Leaders Forum in Edmonton, AB. 250 delegates from across the globe gathered to connect and share information about locally-owned prevention and intervention techniques. Presentations related to the Winnipeg Safe City Initiative were each given by Winnipeg delegates Beth Ulrich (MB Status of Women), Dinae Robinson (Heart Medicine Lodge, Ka Ni Kanichihk) and Randy Tonnellier (Winnipeg Transit).</p>
November 2018	<p>In honour of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, Winnipeg Safe City, in partnership with the Province of MB, released two posters aimed at raising public awareness of victim-blaming and consent. Posters can be downloaded here: https://www.winnipeg.ca/clerks/boards/WpgSafeCity/News.stm</p>
December 2018	<p>Councillor Gilroy speaks at Council to speak about 16 Days of Activism, encouraging Council colleagues and the public to lead by example and speak out about violence against women.</p>
February 2019	<p>Minister Squires hosted a roundtable for Deaf women to discuss sexual violence against Deaf women.</p>
April 2019	<p>In partnership with the Winnipeg Committee for Safety (WCFS), Winnipeg Safe City releases <i>You Too?</i> resource cards for those affected by sexual violence. https://winnipeg.ca/clerks/boards/WpgSafeCity/News.stm</p> <p>Winnipeg Committee for Safety (WCFS) collaborates with Klinik Community Health Center and City of Winnipeg's 311 Department to train 311 Operators in Klinik's <i>Sexual Assault Awareness: Compassionately Responding to Disclosures</i> Training. For more info, please see: http://klinik.mb.ca/sexual-assault-awareness/</p>

May 2019	UN Women releases the <i>UN Women International Compendium of Practice</i> , referencing Ka Ni Kanichihk's <i>Heart Medicine Lodge</i> and Manitoba's launch of Third Party Reporting https://tinyurl.com/y32zm49b
June 2019	Minister Squires delivers video greetings to the 2019 <i>Women Deliver Conference</i> in Vancouver, BC - the world's largest conference on gender equality and the health, wellbeing, and rights of girls and women globally.
September 2019	Representation from the Winnipeg Committee for Safety (WCFS) joins the Vehicle for Hire Advisory Committee, tasked with reviewing existing policies and procedures within Winnipeg's Taxicab Industry; in collaboration with other key stakeholders, revises the Taxicab Driver Refresher Training and adds components related to sexual violence (i.e.: sexual harassment, Criminal Code definition of sexual assault, and information about Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls).
October 2019	Representation from WCFS joins the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Program Award Selection Committee.
December 2019	On behalf of the Winnipeg Safe City Initiative, WCFS awarded the West End 24/7 Safe Space (WE24) a community grant for their ongoing efforts to provide safety for youth at risk/experiencing homelessness and/or sexual exploitation.
January 2020	WCFS met with Indigenous Relations Division to review the Winnipeg Safe City contributions to the MMIWG Calls for Justice and City of Winnipeg's ongoing commitment to Reconciliation.
February 2020	MB Status of Women and WCFS participate in conference with partner Safe City 'sister' cities across Canada to share knowledge, updates on ongoing projects, challenges and opportunities.
March 2020	The Winnipeg Safe City Initiative presents to the Transit Advisory Committee (TAC) and joins the committee in an ongoing advisory capacity, bringing the issue of women's safety on Winnipeg Transit to the forefront.

June 2020	Joins the City of Winnipeg's Reconciliation Leadership Team - an interdepartmental response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the MMIWG Calls for Justice.
Ongoing	Steering committee meets approximately 5-6 times per year; Committee membership is fluid (new members are added as gaps are identified, etc) Ad hoc subcommittees are created as needed.