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What is CPANB?

The Crime Prevention Association of New Brunswick was incorporated as a non-profit organization in October 1994. CPANB includes members of all ages and sectors including teachers, health promoters, community leaders, social development practitioners, police officers, social workers, lawyers and correctional officers who advocate and promote social development and personal safety for all New Brunswickers.

CPANB is a member of New Brunswick's Roundtable on Crime and Public Safety which supports the Provincial Crime Prevention Strategy.

CPANB seeks to help mobilize communities, promote effective crime prevention strategies, encourage collaboration, support Crime Prevention through social development, and reduce crime opportunities through public awareness and education.

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What's Happening Nationally? "Our Calls, Our Actions"

The **Native Women's Association of Canada** is a National Indigenous Organization representing the political voice of Indigenous women, girls and gender diverse people in Canada. **The Native Women's Association of Canada's National Action Plan** was released June 3, 2021. The Plan details how the group, with partners and communities, will carry out the 231 Calls for Justice.

The National Action plan presented the following 7 principles for change:

1. a focus on substantive equality and human and Indigenous rights,
2. a decolonizing approach,
3. the inclusion of families and survivors,
4. self-determined and Indigenous-led solutions and services,
5. recognition of distinctions,
6. cultural safety, and
7. a trauma informed approach.

"Indigenous women in Canada today are seven times more likely than non-Indigenous women to be a victim of murder and three times more likely to be violently or sexually assaulted."
(NWAC National Action Plan, 2021)

What's Happening Provincially?

Review of Rental Housing Landscape in New Brunswick

A **Review of the Rental Landscape in New Brunswick** was completed to identify if there were gaps in adequate access to safe, affordable and quality rental units in New Brunswick.



The review found that there is a gap between what New Brunswickers need and what is available on the rental market; costs of building and maintaining units are rising; lower-cost housing units were inadequate; the housing market is not working for everyone; New Brunswickers are making hard choices to stay housed; New Brunswickers feel unprotected; developing affordable housing is not enticing; and rural communities have unique challenges.

Recommendations for improvements include:

1. Strengthening existing services to help tenants, landlords and developers to better navigate government services.
2. Increasing the supply of rentals to help people stay housed and support landlords in maintaining quality affordable housing stock.
3. Reviewing and revising the **New Brunswick Residential Tenancies Act** to ensure tenants and landlords are protected.
4. Increase future builders so there are human resources available to build.

What's Happening Locally?

Provincial Intimate Partner Violence Team

To increase consistency across the province, Cpl. Kelley McIntyre of the Kennebecasis Regional Police Force and Cst. Brandon Gaynor of the Fredericton Police Force came together to create a Provincial Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Team. The NB IPV Team is comprised of IPV Coordinators/representatives from all municipal police agencies in New Brunswick and the RCMP.



The team plans to standardize police policies, procedures, and responses to IPV and sexual violence across the province, while focusing on trauma-informed practices and improving outcomes for those impacted. Individuals reporting to, or dealing with, police should have a consistent, empathetic, and trauma-informed response, regardless of the organization they visit.



The team plans to meet quarterly, with each policing agency taking turns hosting the group. The meetings will include round table discussions related to challenges, policies, best practices, and successes. Each meeting will also include an opportunity for professional development. The team members will support each other to grow and improve their collective responses to IPV and sexual violence for the benefit of their communities.

On June 9, 2021, the first NB IPV Team meeting was held virtually. The meeting resulted in the identification of organizational, community and resource challenges. The first meeting provided areas to focus efforts for improvement and highlighted a need for systemic changes in policing and other organizations.

Notice:

The Crime Prevention Association of New Brunswick is conducting its annual telephone appeal to the province. Funds are being raised to help publish an informational Family Violence Awareness booklet to help educate and promote the public's role in identifying and reporting potential family violence. Proceeds raised from this special project will be used by the CPANB to support community crime prevention and safety programs.



Are you interested in joining the **Love Shouldn't Hurt** campaign to end intimate partner violence in New Brunswick? **Learn more here.**



Do you have a submission?

Do you have a crime prevention initiative that you'd like to see featured here? Submissions can be emailed to jpsprevention.jspprevention@gnb.ca
