

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PEEL CPTED ADVISORY COMMITTEE

On February 16, 1994, Planning Committee of The Regional Municipality of Peel approved the following recommendations:

“IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT Regional Council approve the establishment of a Committee which would provide a forum for problem identification and an interdisciplinary solution by different departments/agencies to become sensitized to CPTED.

AND FURTHER THAT seminar(s) be conducted to train/educate municipal and agency staff in principles of CPTED and implementation techniques on development applications.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of the report of the Commissioner of Planning entitled “Committee to Implement Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED)” be forwarded to Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon

Background Report: “Committee to Implement Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED)”

Regional
Municipality
of Peel

February 16, 1994

CHAIR AND MEMBERS
PLANNING COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO IMPLEMENT CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (CPTED)

I OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this report is to recommend the establishment of a Committee which would provide a forum for problem identification as it relates to crime, and an interdisciplinary solution by different departments/agencies who are sensitized to Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED).

II DISCUSSION

a. Background

CPTED is one of several mechanisms for preventing crime. It is based on the premise that proper design and effective use of the built environment can to the reduction in the incidence and fear of crime, and improve the quality of life. It requires the anticipation, recognition and appraisal of a crime risk and the initiation of some action to remove or reduce it.

Since January 1992, Constable Tom McKay, a trained officer in CPTED techniques, has been a member of the Region's Impact Committee, and advised on CPTED principles and techniques as they apply to development proposals.

In June 1993, Regional Council Resolution 93-255-89, authorized the training of a development review staff member in CPTED principles. In addition, Council directed the preparation of a report outlining proposed policies for the Region of Peel with respect to CPTED, and further, that seminar(s) be conducted to train Regional and area municipal planning staff in this regard. It was intended that after a period of time, the role of Constable McKay at Impact meetings would be phased out.

As directed by Regional Council Resolution 93-225-59, design guidelines have been prepared for the Region of Peel by Planning staff and Peel Police, which will assist in implementing CPTED principles. Copies of the proposed guidelines (see Appendix I) have been forwarded to the area municipalities for comment.

b. Comments

During preparation of the guidelines and in reviewing the success stories of other cities, it has become evident that focusing solely on the Planning Departments as the primary implementing agency of CPTED would not maximize its effectiveness. The full potential of CPTED is dependent upon its application becoming an expected and routine practice in a multitude of disciplines. Using the successful evolution of fire and accident prevention as models, the routine application of CPTED principles can only be achieved when:

- i. There is a trained application by diverse disciplines.
- ii. Key decision makers are convinced of its utility.
- iii. CPTED has been institutionalized into curricula, policies, zoning by-laws,

building codes and statutes.

- iv. The loss control/underwriting process of the insurance industry is applied to crime prevention as it has been to fire prevention accident prevention.

In addition to the current exercise of developing Regional CPTED Guidelines for implementation by the Regional Planning Department in its daily dealing with new development applications, Regional Councillor Saito requested staff also review and consider alternative means of implementing CPTED principles on a more effective broader basis. In this regard, a meeting was held on January 17, 1994 with staff from the City of Mississauga, Peel Police and the Region of Peel to discuss this matter. There was consensus that the local municipal staff must identify safety as a major issue and become proactive in adopting and applying CPTED. Further, it was agreed that Planning staff, at both the local and Regional levels do not have the required training and sensitivity to crime to appraise crime risk to the extent deemed appropriate. In light of the above, additional action would have to be taken to ensure that CPTED could be used to its full potential. The establishment of a Committee was viewed as the best mechanism to address the above.

A Committee would provide a forum for problem identification and an interdisciplinary solution by different departments/agencies who are sensitized to CPTED (i.e. building and fire departments). Participation in this Committee would include local and Regional councillors, police, departmental representation from the four municipalities, and personnel from the local crime prevention offices and utility companies. In addition, subcommittees could be set up to address specific issues as they relate to the school boards, local business communities and residential groups.

The objective for the Committee is twofold:

- i) to provide a mechanism for front line personnel such as police and local crime prevention officials to identify problems;
- ii) to provide an interdisciplinary solution by involving various departmental/agency perspectives. Reaching the full potential of CPTED will involve the efforts of diverse professions, all levels of government and extensive involvement from the community.

In addition to the on CPTED, it is necessary to develop a mechanism to educate and train municipal and agency staff in the principles of CPTED and implementation techniques on development proposals. This would initially be carried out through training seminar(s), conducted by Peel Police with the assistance of the Regional

Planning staff.”