

Donovan area CPTED

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Note:

“The findings and recommendations contained within this report are not binding. Other factors to consider are cost, practicality and impact on service when considering changes to improve safety. Therefore, improvements that can be made with minimal expenditure or disruption to service are readily encouraged.

The recommendations attached are only suggestions based on Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design by the writer.”

Positive Attributes of the Donovan and Kathleen St Area:

The Donovan area has a very diverse array of Cultures within a very small area. Many of the residents that presently live in the area, have lived there for most of their lives, and continue to enjoy the area.



- 2) There are several little businesses that supply the needs of the area residents including restaurants that serve Ukrainian, Polish, Canadian and Italian food. There is also a new restaurant opening up where the old Barber Shop used to be. There is the local grocery store that has been there for at least 30years, as well as the Jem Mart that have been there just as long.



- 3) There are two large churches in the immediate area that local residents attend on a regular basis, as well as the Croatian Centre and the Serbian Club that are all within walking distance of Kathleen St.





- 4) The local Primary School, St David's School is also located within walking distance of Kathleen St., making in very convenient for parents and children to attend the school. Lansdowne Public School is also close by and is used by the local residents.



- 5) There are Hotels located on the main strip on Kathleen St. where many of the locals attend on a regular basis, keeping the business sector of this area very busy.



- 6) Because this area is such a close-knit community, a large number of the incidents that occur within it are known to most of the residents, including crimes that may occur within a particular area where the neighbours know one another. This information can then be forwarded to Police should they be required to investigate any crimes in the area.

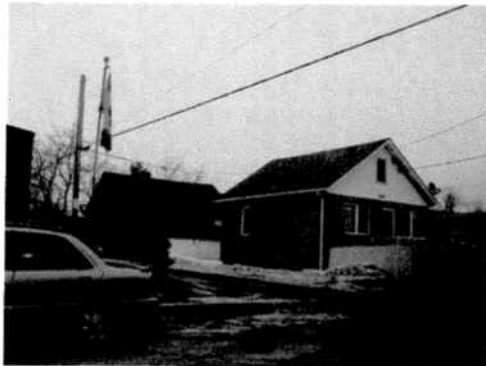


- 7) There is now a CAN Committee for this area which will be beneficial in raising awareness of any incidents of crime in the area, and will also help to get funding for area parks, community centres etc.
- 8) At some point I believe that the COPS program will be implemented in the area, and will assist in making this area more inviting to new families moving into Sudbury, and assist those that have already made the Donovan area their "home".

Safety and Security Deficiencies in the area;

Item #1

When I toured the area to initiate the report I did observe quite a bit of Graffiti that had not been removed from buildings in the Kathleen St. and other areas. This makes the area look less inviting to those that are passing through, as well as those individuals who live there or are thinking of moving to the area. Also, if the graffiti is not removed it acts as a magnet for more graffiti to be added to the area because of the competition between individuals who call themselves “artists”.



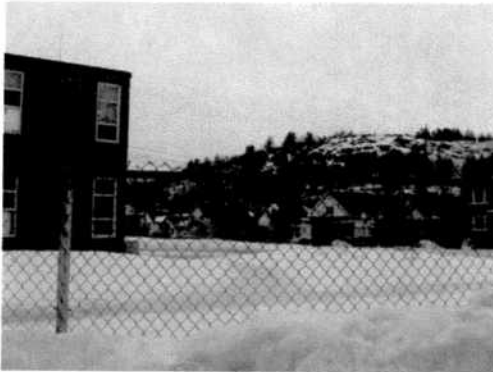
Recommendation:

The graffiti should be removed from the buildings as soon as possible. The weather needs to be a little warmer to do this, so unfortunately winter time is not a good time for graffiti removal. A

pro-active measure to cease any future graffiti (once it is cleaned up), is to copy the idea from Ste. Anne's Rd. by adding Murals to the highly affected areas.

Item #2

The rear of St. David's School has been a problem area for a long time because it is so secluded. This area is also very poorly lit at night, making it the perfect spot for crime to occur. We have had mischief's and thefts from the school because of this lack of lighting.



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Recommendation:

While conducting a tour of the exterior of the school, I noticed that there are no lights whatsoever on one of the back walls of the school. There should be lights installed as soon as possible, and they should be bright enough that they deter anyone who is up to no good to stay away from the area, because they can be seen by the neighbours around the school.

The laneway that runs on the east-side of the school is also not lit and gets very dark at night. This makes it unsafe for children to use this path when the sun goes down. A light standard or some other type of light should be installed in the laneway to illuminate this laneway at all hours. Depending on what type of light is installed, perhaps two lights should be situated in the laneway. Lighting recommendation for behind the school and in the laneway should include motion activated lights and they should be high resolution lights.

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Item #3

The trees and shrubs that run along the laneways in the Kathleen St. area conceal anything that may be occurring within these areas. Presently there are no leaves on the trees, but come Spring and Summer time these trees will be in full bloom making it even harder to see in these laneways.

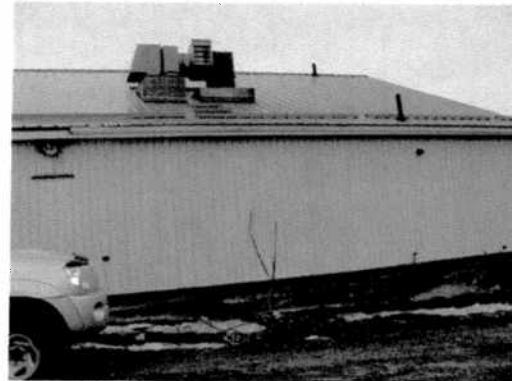
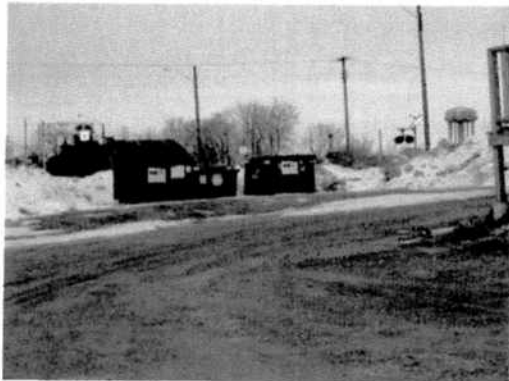


Recommendation:

The trees and shrubbery should be cut back and thinned out allowing the residents to see what is going on in their back yards. Lights would also be an asset in these areas; however this option may not be feasible for all the laneways in the area.

Item #4

Another problem area lately has been the building on the corner of Kathleen St. and Lansdowne Ave. which used to house the old Cortina Pizza. The building is presently being renovated by new owners and the site has been targeted by youth in the area, and damage has been done to the exterior. While checking the exterior, I noticed that the corner where it is located is well lit because of the area street lights, however, the building itself does have some poorly lit areas around the south-side of the restaurant. There are also bushes located on east-side of the building that can be used for concealment by individuals in the vicinity. The area of the garbage boxes is also very secluded and poorly lit making this area unsafe for employees of the restaurant when they take out the garbage.



Recommendation:

Light up the exterior of the building on all sides especially the south side. The shrubbery on the east-side of the building should be cut away, and perhaps flower beds could be placed there instead. The garbage boxes should be moved closer to the restaurant for safety reasons. This recommendation should not interfere with the parking at this location because of the large sized lot that houses this building.

Item #5

One area of concern when checking The Jem Mart convenience store was that the garbage receptacles were hidden from view by wooden fences. This, I would assume is for esthetic purposes, however this area is an ideal spot for someone to hide in the area of the parking lot, and accost someone as they leave the store, or get into their vehicle.

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Recommendation:

Place the garbage boxes in an area away from the parking lot where customers frequent, or remove the fencing so that this area can be observed by people walking by, and officers patrolling the area during night hours. Another suggestion would be to box-in the garbage receptacle with a lockable lid or front, so that nobody could get into the closed unit.

Item #6

There is garbage piled up in the laneways obstructing the path for vehicular traffic, and posing a hazard for people walking down the pathways. Garbage strewn about is also an eyesore for everyone in the area.



Recommendation:

Keep the laneways free and clear of any garbage that children could trip on, or vehicles can run over. Also have the By-Law Department patrol the area more frequently.

Item #7

The overpass that runs over Frood Rd. is obviously an area of concern should someone use it as a “shortcut” to get home. There have been incidents where this has occurred. Some individuals will also climb inside the steel beams for whatever reason.



Recommendation:

Block off the area to pedestrian traffic, both top and bottom. The areas that can be climbed into should be fenced off or barred so that access cannot be gained to these areas.

Item #8:

There is presently no Neighbourhood Watch Program, or anything of the sort in this area. Police patrol the area when time permits, however it would be beneficial for the residents to have something more in place.

Recommendation:

The implementation of a Neighbourhood Group or COPS program for the area would be beneficial. The citizens could take an active part in protecting, and keeping a watchful eye on their neighbourhood and property. The CAN could start looking into this at some point.



Respectfully Submitted,

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