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Release of Community Consultation Reports – Development of the Business Plan for the West Nipissing Police Service

By virtue of the *Police Services Act*, the West Nipissing Police Services Board is responsible to ensure the development of a Business Plan for the Police Service to guide both service delivery and program decisions. In the development of the Business Plan, the Board had initiated a process aimed at identifying the policing priorities of the community. In order to establish these priorities, consultation sessions were held with members of the community, the Service and the Board. This consultation is essential to ensuring that the future direction of the Police Service is reflective of the needs of the community.

As a result of these consultation sessions, a number of documents were prepared to provide an overview and analysis of the identified priorities of the community. In keeping with the policies of the Municipality, these documents have been translated in both official languages, English and French.

The following documents are now available on the Municipality of West Nipissing web-site and at all Municipal libraries free of charge.

- 1) “West Nipissing Ouest Police, Business Planning External Scan, Community Consultation, 2008-10-4”

This document provides a summary of the findings from the breakfast Town Hall meeting held on Saturday October 4th, 2008, at the Legion Hall in Sturgeon Falls.

- 2) “Report on the Community Policing Survey Conducted by the West Nipissing Police Service”

A community survey was prepared by the West Nipissing Police Services Board in 2008 and distributed to the members of the community. The survey consisted of 10 items that tapped a variety of domains. The survey asked respondents basic questions about their feelings of safety and vulnerability, their opinions on how the West Nipissing Police Service had performed their duties, as well as how effective they thought various police initiatives had been. Respondents were also asked a number of questions about their personal contact with the police and about their opinions regarding the level of policing.

The survey results were collected by the Police Service and forwarded to Dr. Jane Barker Ph.D., Assistant Professor in the Criminal Justice Program, at Nipissing University in North Bay. A

comprehensive analysis of the results was completed by Dr. Barker, who then forwarded her report to the Police Services Board in mid-January 2009.

- 3) “West Nipissing Ouest Police, Police Services Board, Business Planning Internal Scan, 2008-09-17”

This document provides a summary of findings from the consultation meetings held with the West Nipissing Police Services Board on September 17th, 2008. These findings will also contribute to the foundation of the new Business Plan.

The Board and consultant Charles SEGUIN will utilize the information from these reports, as well as data gathered through a comprehensive analysis of the police and justice related statistics, as well as police operational data, as they continue to develop the Police Services Business Plan.