

City ranked high on safety study

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Port Colborne is ranked as one of 18 communities from across Canada to get a perfect score on a national safety report card.

A new study released by Safe Communities Canada shows that community leaders who use seven or more social determinants of health to plan programs at the local level are far more likely to be successful. Port Colborne is one those successful communities.

Results reported in this year's Safe Communities Canada National Report Card provide a clear direction of how communities across Canada, including Safe Communities Port Colborne, are executing community-specific and community-driven strategies where the difference will be most effective – in workplaces, neighbourhoods, playgrounds, back yards and homes.

Safe Communities Port Colborne is one of 18 Safe Communities across the country to score 20/20 on the National Report Card.

The strength of Port Colborne include: the completion of the Community Priority Setting Exercise, which has provided a specific focus on addressing the top injury prevention issues identified in our community, by our community; establishing a diverse community partners and volunteers on its board, leadership table, and four working groups, who contributed over 1800 hours to activities in the past year; and the development of annual action plans by its road safety, intentional harm, and falls prevention working groups, which include evaluation and sustainability components.

“The results of this year's report card clearly demonstrate that we have a vibrant, engaged and passionate organization with volunteers and injury prevention practitioners right across the network dedicated to making our communities safer places to live,” Safe Communities President Paul Kells said in a media release. “The results speak for themselves, such as in Port Colborne, where effective programmes have been introduced to address local and community-specific priority causes of injury.”

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