

8 strategies for Cities and Municipalities to consider:

1. Learn about the issue at www.beamazingcampaign.org. Follow Human trafficking expert in Canada former Manitoba MP Joy Smith at www.joysmithfoundation.com. and her **National Human Trafficking Education Centre**. Have staff take the BC OCTIP (Office to Combat Trafficking in Persons) **free online course**. Encourage police to take HT course on the **Police Knowledge Network**.
2. Incorporate the United Nations 4 Pillars in a local strategy to stop Human trafficking/sexual exploitation: **Prevention, Protection, Prosecution, Partnerships**.
3. **Prevention**: raise awareness in community. **Children of the Street** (Plea) does school and community programs. Encourage “Men End Exploitation” movements: Moosehide Campaign, Westcoast Boys Club Network. Support porn addiction services for youth; “Fightthenewdrug” program recognizing the public health effects to youth of viewing violent sexual material. Use communications to raise awareness: Candian Centre to End Human Trafficking has FREE posters, wallet cards. Calgary has “Not in My City” campaign, Ontario has “Saving the girl next door program”, the RCMP has the “I’m Not for Sale” campaign.
4. **Protection**: help victims, have exit strategies in place, consider 24-7 “wrap-around programs” Salvation Army “Deborah’s Gate”, Covenant House, Servants Anonymous, Union Gospel Mission.
5. **Prosecution**: increase policing budget, training and priorities. Have “buyer” deterrents in place, enforce the law; **“Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act”** which addresses **“demand”**- the profiteers, facilitators, buyers of commercially paid sex.
6. **Partnerships**: Train community stakeholders: Health care workers, fire department, municipal business licensing managers, educators, businesses to recognize human trafficking/sexual exploitation. **Fraser Health Authority** has a human trafficking protocol, Surrey Fire department is trained to recognize HT indicators. Train judges/Crown Counsel/criminal justice system.
7. **Partnerships**: Collaboration: with other cities and municipalities at local government associations, Police agencies and RCMP, 3 levels of government (civic, provincial, federal); UBCM, FCM with Resolutions.
8. Do not accept or support the full decriminalization of prostitution because the vulnerable (Indigenous women and girls, new migrants) in our communities are the targets being lured, groomed and exploited for the sex industry. **Goal**: safe, healthy, vibrant communities that are fit for families, youth, children and all vulnerable populations.

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