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- Reduction in opportunities for crime
- Identify strengths and weaknesses for safety and crime
- Work to incorporate community safety and crime prevention tools
- Reduces levels of fear through accurate information sharing
- Reduction of isolation through the sharing of experiences
- Builds strong connections between residents, businesses, police, neighbourhood associations, block watches and other agencies

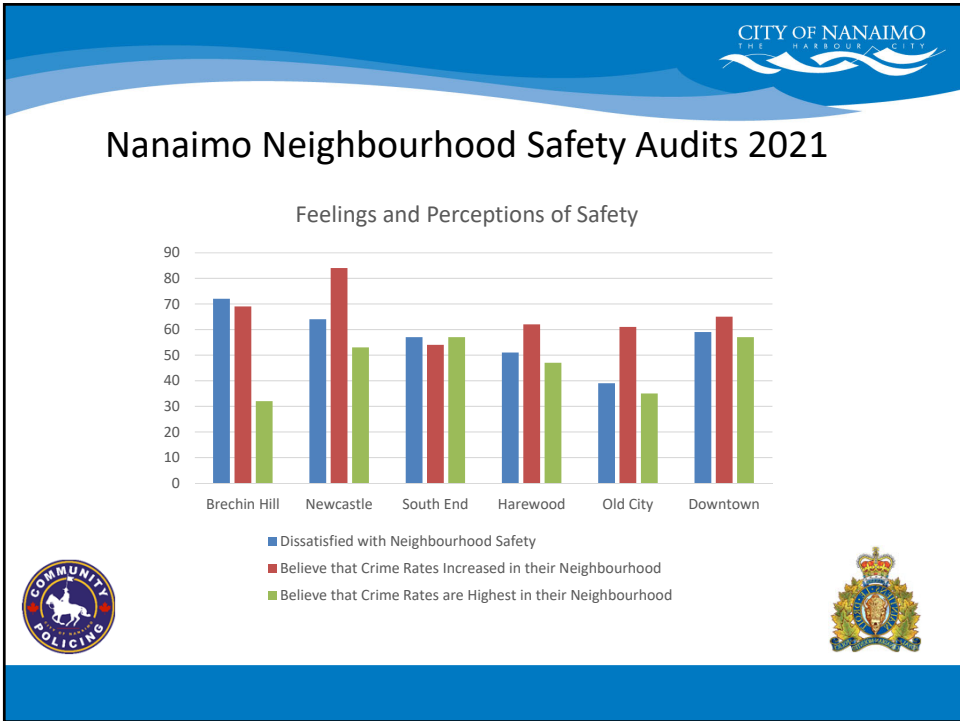


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- Brechin Hill Neighbourhood
- Newcastle Neighbourhood
- South End Neighbourhood
- Harewood Neighbourhood
- Old City Neighbourhood
- Downtown Neighbourhood









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What would help?

Statements by Survey Respondents:

- “A government program to address the CAUSE of drug use instead of addressing the symptoms”
- “A community police officer who we see and know making rounds in the neighbourhood”
- “Less transient traffic and removal of drug houses”
- “It’s heartbreaking to see so many people struggling to survive; finding the right solution to really help these people would change my neighbourhood”
- “Infrastructure such as lighting, sidewalks, clean up, dealing with problem areas that attract crime such as 24 hour stores, dark alleys, vacant lots, etc.”

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Recommendations:

- *Strengthening Neighbourhood Networks and Connections between residents and agencies*
- *Neighbourhood Improvement events*
- *Crime Prevention through Environmental Design*
- *Who to Call and When to Call*
- *Crime Watch*
- *Speed Watch*




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Opportunities for Change

- *Public Disorder associated to the drug, mental health and housing crises*
- *Infrastructure improvements for Traffic Safety*
- *Laneway Safety Improvements*
- *Vacant or Nuisance Properties*
- *Proactive Policing*
- *Neighbourhood Stigma*
- *More upstream approaches to Crime Prevention and Community Safety*





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Next steps....

- *Work with Neighbourhoods on implementation of Crime Prevention Programming*
- *Dissemination of Findings*
- *Measure Long Term Neighbourhood Safety*
- *Engage other Neighbourhoods*

