



**Community Relations Group**  
**Information Presentation**

# What is the G20?



- Established in 1999, the G20 convened annual meetings of finance ministers and central bank governors from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States and the European Union.
- In 2008, G20 leaders met for the first time in Washington to develop a coordinated response to the global economic crisis. The Washington Summit was followed by summits in London (April 2009) and in Pittsburgh (September 2009), where leaders designated the G20 as the premier forum for international economic cooperation.
- On June 26-27, 2010, the G20 will convene at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre in Toronto.

# Security



- The Integrated Security Unit is a joint forces team led by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) in full partnership with the Toronto Police Service, Peel Regional Police, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and the Canadian Forces.
- Our mandate is to ensure the safety of the International Protected Persons (IPPs), VIPs, demonstrators and those who live and work in the community.
- To the extent possible, we are working to minimize the potential of impact of police security operations on the city of Toronto and surrounding areas.

# What is the CRG?



- The Community Relations Group (CRG) is a team comprised of members of the Toronto Police Service, RCMP and Peel Regional Police.
- Our mandate is to be the central bridge between the community and the security environment.
- Communications is a key factor to the success of the G20, and the CRG is the link to providing an open, two-way dialogue.
- Because many of the details are security-sensitive, it is impossible to share everything. However, we will share as much as we can to ensure a safe and secure Summit for all involved.

# What is the CRG?



- Three groups:
  - Businesses/Residents
  - Protestors/Activists
  - Entertainment
- Partnerships with City agencies:
  - Shelter, Support & Housing Administration
  - Traffic Management
  - Strategic Communications
- CRG and Communications outreach is a strategic approach considering a number of factors – it is balancing the public’s right to know with protecting the integrity of our security planning

# Security Zones & Fencing



- There will be a number of security zones surrounding the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Levels of security and accessibility will get increasingly stringent as you near the venue.
- There will be a fence securing the outer perimeter of the security zones.
- Construction of this fence will begin in the weeks leading up to the Summit but it is anticipated that security measures will not be implemented until the days leading up to the Summit.

# Accreditation



- Various levels of accreditation will be required to gain access to the different security zones.
- The RCMP and the Summits Management Office will be working closely with the Summit venue and other secure sites to provide access to those individuals who work at or service these locations.
- Once details have been finalized, the Community Relations Group will be visiting businesses and residents inside the fenced area to encourage individuals to participate in an accreditation process.
- This is a voluntary process. It is intended to help people move quickly through the various access points.
- Access for emergency services personnel (police, fire, EMS) will be allowed, if required.

# Traffic



- Vehicular traffic in downtown Toronto and surrounding areas will be impacted by the Summits.
- Highways including the Gardiner Expressway will not be closed, however there will be times when traffic is temporarily restricted due to motorcade travel.
- Some roads inside the security zones may be closed. These closures and alternate routes will be communicated to those directly affected and to the community at large as soon as possible.
- Members of the public are encouraged to listen to their local media for the latest traffic updates however, if you are travelling by car to the downtown area you can expect significant delays leading up to and including the Summit.

# Demonstrators



- The Integrated Security Unit recognizes and supports the guaranteed rights and freedoms as stated in the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* including the freedoms of opinion, expression and peaceful assembly.
- We believe most groups will want to express themselves in a peaceful and responsible manner.
- However, we are preparing for any eventuality. Any interaction police have with demonstrators will be measured, balanced and appropriate to the circumstances at hand.
- Specific charges will be applicable to anyone breaching a security perimeter or committing criminal offences.

# Ex gratia Payments



- The Integrated Security Unit is not responsible for the ex gratia payments process.
- Eligibility and applications are overseen by the Summits Management Office in partnership with Audit Service Canada, an agency of Public Works & Government Services Canada.
- Information can be obtained by visiting [www.g20.gc.ca](http://www.g20.gc.ca) or by calling 1-877-750-6042

# Questions



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