

**DATE:** JANUARY 27, 2016**MEETING NO. 01-2016****TIME:** 4:08 P.M.**PLACE:** MCNAUGHTON ROOM, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, CITY HALL**CHAIR: MR. J. UPTON****MEMBERS:** *(by community sectors)*

Mayor K. Hobbs (Ex-Officio), *City of Thunder Bay*  
Councillor A. Ruberto, *City of Thunder Bay*  
L. Bruins, *Citizen*  
M. Villella, *Citizen*  
A. Garro, *Youth Representative*  
C. Petit, *Youth Representative*  
B. Scott, *Aboriginal Political Organizations*  
J. Upton, *Education*  
A. Debruyne, *Education*  
Dr. J. DeMille, *Public Health*  
Insp. S. Hauth, Constable J. Tilbury, *Police*  
Det. Sgt. J. Reppard, M. Hutchinson, *Police*  
M. Kleynendorst, *Youth Services*  
J. Lible, *Social Services*  
C. Legarde, *Community-Based Justice*  
J. Boucher, *Community-Based Justice*  
B. Cryderman, *Community-Based Justice*  
D. Walker, *Child Welfare*  
E. Pelletier, *Child Welfare*  
Councillor R. Johnson, A. Bellavance, *Addictions*  
J. Sillman, *Mental Health Services*  
S.L. Fata, *Victim Services*

**OFFICIALS:**

K. Lewis, Director - Corporate Strategic Services  
L. Douglas, Committee Coordinator – Office of the  
City Clerk

**GUESTS:**

S. Sawela, Manager of Healthy Living - Thunder Bay  
District Health Unit  
V. Holla, Public Health Nutritionist - Thunder Bay  
District Health Unit  
M. Stewart, Coordinator – Healthy Kids Community  
Challenge  
D. Niemi - Manager of Engagement, Planning and  
Quality, Children's Centre, Thunder Bay  
M. Quick, Lakehead University Student Union (LUSU)

**REGRETS/ABSENT:**

Councillor S. Ch'ng, *City of Thunder Bay*  
J. Kakegamic, *Education*  
Constable S. Sherlock, *Police*  
R. Richardson, *Child Welfare*  
C. Robinson, *Business*  
B. Hamilton, *Business*  
B. Krysowaty, *Community Social Planning*  
D. Boucher, *Victim Services*

**1.0 WELCOME**

The Chair, J. Upton, called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. The Communication Process and Speakers List were explained, and a roundtable of introductions followed.

**2.0 APPROVAL**

The Chair added correspondence from Councillor J. Virdiramo under New Business.

With regard to the January 27, 2016 meeting of the Crime Prevention Council, it was the consensus of the Council that the agenda, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

### 3.0 PRESENTATIONS

#### 3.1 Child and Youth Mental Health

Diane Walker, CEO of the Children's Centre Thunder Bay, provided an overview and responded to questions about Ontario's Child and Youth Mental Health Strategy for System Transformation.

Darlene Niemi, Manager of Engagement, Planning and Quality at the Children's Centre Thunder Bay, assisted with the presentation and responded to questions.

A brief overview of the services provided by the Children's Centre was provided.

The agency has been tasked with the development of a Child and Youth Mental Health system that is coordinated, responsive and easy to navigate for people living within their service area, the District of Thunder Bay. Funding has been received, and a person has been hired to coordinate and implement the work plans.

Anxiety to the world around them and the inability to function are the biggest issues for children today. Social anxiety for children and youth is increasing.

A brief discussion was held relative to the number of child psychologists in town. Based on our population, there should be at least 4; however, there currently is only one.

The Children's Centre would like other service organizations to take a look at the Mental Health system to identify mental health needs and gaps. Representatives from the Children's Centre can go to organizations to speak to them about what is working well and about what is not working, barriers, prioritizing what needs to be fixed, are the services provided by the Children's Centre helpful, etc.

Members of the Crime Prevention Council were asked to help the Children's Centre implement changes, and then at a later date, evaluate the changes that will be implemented.

A. Debruyne, Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Aurores boréales, advised that their schools need access to services in French for children and their parents; the LHIN also needs to be advised about the need for French services.

D. Walker acknowledged the need to respect language and culture.

B. Cryderman, Creighton Youth Services, noted that many youth are taking advantage of the tele-psychiatry service, because it is less intimidating.

In closing, D. Walker invited anyone interested in continuing this conversation to contact her.

At 4:41 p.m., Ms. Walker and Ms. Niemi were thanked for their presentation.

### 3.2 Healthy Kids Community Challenge

Maryann Kleynendorst – Supervisor, Support Services / Children and Youth, Recreation & Culture Division, Silva Sawela – Manager of Healthy Living, Thunder Bay District Health Unit, Victoria Holla, Public Health Nutritionist, Thunder Bay District Health Unit, and Marianne Steward - Coordinator, Healthy Kids Community Challenge, provided a presentation and responded to questions about the Healthy Kids Community Challenge.

Copies of a slideshow presentation were distributed separately on desks at the meeting.

With the use of a slideshow, S. Sawela began the presentation with some background information on the 2014 Healthy Kids Forum and on events leading up to the current activities.

The Healthy Kids Thunder Bay Group is comprised of 27 members from a broad range of organizations. The Terms of Reference have been created, as well as a sustainable strategy that can be used after the initiative is finished.

The focus is on the Picton/Blucher/Windsor neighbourhood. The first deliverable was a Community Needs Assessment, which determined the assets for this project. An overview of the assets and barriers was provided.

It was noted that a new theme will be introduced every 9 months. The first theme is Run.Jump.Play.Every Day. A skill-building speaker series on raising healthy kids has been created. Copies of the poster “Building Super Kids” were distributed separately on desks at the meeting. More information can be found on the [www.healthykidstbay.ca](http://www.healthykidstbay.ca) website.

An overview of components in the social risk index was provided. Five (5) neighbourhoods are being assessed and mapped for social risk and EDI (Early Development Instrument) vulnerability.

Current activities include:

- Meeting with the Board and Community;
- A Needs Assessment survey has been sent out;
- A Walking Club has been formed;
- A Play Box will be introduced;
- They are looking at Food Programs, including a cooking program with dieticians and support for their community kitchen. They are hoping to collaborate with the Food Strategy Committee.
- Seeking partnerships to deliver the programming within the current neighbourhood area;
- Evaluating the program so that it can be moved into other areas of the City.

CPC members and their sector organizations were asked to consider partnering with the Healthy Kids Community Challenge.

J. Sillman, St. Joseph's Care Group (SJCG), reported that on-line gaming problems with children are increasing, and SJCG would like to connect in some way to this program. Ms. Sillman provided an overview of the Mood Walks program at SJCG, which connects youth to our local parks and community centres; St. Joe's would like to collaborate with the Health Unit on this program.

Discussion was held relative to the current focus on outdoor play and changes in attitude to encourage outdoor play.

S. Sawela noted that the next theme will focus on foods that are high in sugar and fat.

Discussion followed about evaluating the program in order to determine its effectiveness.

At 5:20 p.m., the presentation ended and representatives from the Healthy Kids Thunder Bay Group were thanked.

#### 4.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting No. 05-2015 of the Crime Prevention Council, held on November 25, 2015, to be confirmed.

It was the consensus of the Council that the Minutes of Meeting No. 05-2015 of the Crime Prevention Council, held on November 25, 2015, be confirmed.

#### 5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

There was no business arising from the previous minutes.

#### 6.0 ANNUAL REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

On behalf of L. Chevrette, Coordinator - Crime Prevention Council, J. Upton reported that the ad-hoc committee continues to work on updating the Terms of Reference. They would like to meet one more time to finalize a few outstanding items. They anticipate bringing the updated document to the March meeting.

Members were reminded to attend the March meeting. Quorum will need to be present in order to vote on the revised Terms of Reference. Once the revised Terms of Reference are approved, they will be presented to City Council for acceptance.

Moving forward, the Terms of Reference will be reviewed annually at the January meeting.

#### 7.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

A strategic planning session was held on Tuesday, December 8, 2015.

On behalf of L. Chevrette, Coordinator - Crime Prevention Council, J. Upton reported that L. Chevrette would like to thank everyone who attended the December Strategic Planning Session. There was a great turnout and very productive/lively discussions.

L. Chevrette would like to thank Sheelagh Hendrick for facilitating the session and compiling the notes. Over the next few months, we will be working to update our strategy and work plan, and to produce a new document which will guide us over the next four years. CPC members will have an opportunity to review the draft and to provide input. Once we have this document in place, we will have some discussions about creating new working groups to implement the strategy.

The meeting recessed for a dinner break at 5:25 p.m.; the meeting reconvened at 5:46 p.m.

## 8.0 WORKING GROUP UPDATES

### 8.1 Support Strong Neighbourhoods

L. Bruins provided some history on Evergreen A United Neighbourhood. She continues to be busy with neighbourhood activities.

### 8.2 Public Education

A. Garro reported that the monthly communiqués continue to include member profiles. L. Chevrette will send out a reminder about sending in profiles.

The Working Group would like to partner with LUSU and SUCCI on some form of youth engagement. Matt Quick, representing the Lakehead University Student Union (LUSU), provided an overview of the support centers that LUSU runs at the Lakehead University campus.

M. Vilella reported that the Working Group is looking at ways to engage the students at Confederation College.

### 8.3 Support for Aboriginal Populations

On behalf of L. Chevrette, Coordinator - Crime Prevention Council, J. Upton reported that there was no formal update, as there is currently no formal Working Group; however, work is being done to support the Aboriginal Populations.

We are part of the planning committee for the Valentine's Day Memorial Walk for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. This event will take place on Valentine's Day, and a poster will be sent to members with more information.

### 8.4 Respect.

- The City is in the process of hiring a new respect. intern, with the support of the

Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation, with a mid-February start date. The respect. intern will be supporting the work of the Crime Prevention Council and the Anti-Racism and Respect Advisory Committee, and will help develop and implement a respect. work plan, which will guide the respect initiative over the next 3 years. There will also be a strong focus on helping to develop a Welcoming Strategy for all newcomers to Thunder Bay.

- J. Upton reported that L. Chevrette gave a respect. presentation to the Lakehead Public School Board's Equity Committee.
- L. Chevrette also met with Lakehead University's security department last week, who have expressed an interest in developing a respect. initiative for their department. L. Chevrette has offered the support of the Crime Prevention Council, and she will be working with them moving forward. There have been expressions of interest from LUSU and Ms. Chevrette will follow up with them once we get this department's initiative going.
- The respect. pilot project for Customer Service desks on the main floor of City Hall continues to receive very positive feedback, and we are receiving requests from other departments to develop similar initiatives.
- Respect. training continues monthly through the City's Human Resources department for new City staff hires.
- This year's respect. award will once again be handed out at Diversity Thunder Bay's Annual Celebration Breakfast, which recognizes the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. This will take place on March 22, 2016. This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this event, and their keynote speaker is Stephen Lewis. CPC members are encouraged to attend the breakfast. More details will follow as they become available.

## 9.0 CRIME PREVENTION OFFICE UPDATE

### Snapshot in Time Document

On behalf of L. Chevrette, Coordinator - Crime Prevention Council, K. Lewis reported that a draft copy of the Snapshot in Time document was delivered electronically to CPC members on January 26, 2016. Members were asked to review the document for content, and provide suggestions/edits by Monday, February 1. L. Chevrette has sent her comments/edits back to the graphic designer, and will review and forward member comments upon receipt. She is excited about this document, and looks forward to being able to share it with the broader community. She would like to have a final version of this document ready for print by the end of March. We will also be producing fact sheets that will correspond with many of the individual sections in the report. These will be excellent public education resources.

### South Core Public Safety Task Force

The task force met again in December and continues to work to implement the recommendations of the South Core Safety and Security Audit. There is one major development to report. Over the next few days, there will be lighting upgrades in the south core alleys to improve safety.

### Annual Planning

L. Chevette is in the process of putting together her work plan for 2016, which includes all Crime Prevention Council events, as well as other events or initiatives that the CPC participates in, helps support, or helps to plan with other community partners. Some of these include:

- Valentine's Day Memorial Walk for missing and murdered indigenous women and girls
- The annual respect. Award
- WE day
- Weed out Hate Event
- Victims of Crime Awareness Walk
- Jane's Walk
- City Hall Sounds
- Welcome Students Campaign
- Full Moon Memory Walk for missing and murdered indigenous women and girls
- Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week
- The annual Mayor's Community Safety Awards (during crime prevention week)

L. Chevette will provide more information as each of these events approach. She will be looking for support from our Council members to help plan and attend some of these events. These events help raise the profile and reach of the Crime Prevention Council, and CPC members are all encouraged to participate.

- L. Chevette is also working with Zone Watch, and participating in one of three new community safety campaigns. The one she is involved with is a property crime prevention campaign.

Constable J. Tilbury provided an overview of the meeting with Zone Watch members, and the three community safety campaigns. Zone Watch is working with Confederation College film students to create a Public Service Announcement (PSA) stating that people need to be responsible for themselves – for their homes, vehicles, for their own safety, etc. L. Chevette will provide another update at the March meeting.

Councillor A. Ruberto would like to see an awareness campaign about citizens locking the doors to their homes and vehicles.

- L. Chevette is also exploring a partnership on a research project with the Thunder Bay District Health Unit to investigate different forms of violence in our community. She will provide an update at our March meeting.

- L. Chevrette participated in the City's first ever Homelessness Point in Time Count last week. She would like to thank the Thunder Bay Indian Friendship, Lakehead Social Planning Council, Drug Strategy, City of Thunder Bay and all volunteers for helping make this event a success.

## 10.0 ROUNDTABLE OF UPDATES

Members provided the following updates on their respective organizations and agencies:

B. Scott, Métis Nation of Ontario, reported that the Stand Up to Racism/We are One walk is being planned for the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of April, 2016. Due to the great response last year, the walk is tentatively being planned at the Marina this year.

Councillor A. Ruberto led a discussion relative to the murder rate in Thunder Bay. He noted that there was only one murder in Thunder Bay in 2015 and commented that Thunder Bay should be promoted as a safe place to live (as opposed to when Thunder Bay was being reported as the Murder Capital of Canada).

C. Legarde, Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Centre, participated in the Homelessness Point in Time Count, and felt it was a tremendous success.

J. Sillman, St. Joseph's Care Group, provided an overview of a video she watched at a Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) conference she attended in Toronto. The video is approximately 10 minutes long and is about providing primary care services for homeless people in Ottawa. Ms. Sillman would like to share the video with the CPC and suggested that the CPC watch it collectively at a future meeting. The link to the video will be sent to Karen Lewis.

Councillor A. Ruberto led a discussion relative to the closing of Dawson Court and Grandview Lodge; both properties have been declared surplus properties by the City. Councillor Ruberto asked if there was any interest in the community for these properties in terms of solving the homeless and poverty issues.

C. Petit advised that she participates in Zone Watch and is involved with a distracted driver campaign. A 30-second video is being developed for the campaign, and will be shown to the CPC when it is finished.

S. Fata, Thunder Bay Counselling Centre, provided an overview of a new cross-over program for youth in the criminal justice system. The program is bringing all sectors of the justice system together, and is about systemic change in order to improve outcomes in the criminal justice system. Creighton Youth Services is the lead agency for this program.

D. Walker, Children's Centre, provided an overview of the work being done on youth engagement.

A. Bellavance was also involved with the Homelessness Point in Time Count, where over 300

people were interviewed. She noted that discussions have started with the Mayor and the City Manager relative to Grandview Lodge housing long term clients of the managed alcohol program. Ms. Bellavance has met with the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee about the Grandview Lodge building. She reported that the LHIN has approved funding for BISNO for street outreach.

M. Vilella reminded members to fill out the profile forms for the monthly communiqué.

A. Debruyne, Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Aurores boréales, provided an overview of a good news story in the Globe and Mail, “Wonder of Thunder Bay: Look inside a gallery of overlooked books”. A link to the story will be electronically forwarded to CPC member.

J. Upton, Lakehead Public Schools, referred CPC members back to the website [www.lakeheadschoools.ca](http://www.lakeheadschoools.ca) for information on activities and for their weekly newsletter.

#### 11.0 NEW BUSINESS

##### Thunder Bay District Jail

Mr. Jeff Upton, Chair of the Thunder Bay Crime Prevention Council, was copied on correspondence to The Honourable Yasir Naqvi, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, from Councillor J. Virdiramo, Chair of the City of Thunder Bay Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee, dated December 17, 2015, relative to an urgent request for the construction of a new district jail.

#### 12.0 2016 MEETING DATES

Meetings of the CPC are scheduled on the last Wednesday of every second month, from 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. in McNaughton Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of City Hall (unless otherwise notified) as follows:

- Wednesday, March 30, 2016
- Wednesday, May 25, 2016
- Wednesday, June 22, 2016 (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of June)
- Wednesday, September 28, 2016
- Wednesday, November 30, 2016

#### 13.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.