

DATE: JANUARY 25, 2017**MEETING NO. 01-2017****TIME:** 4:00 P.M.**PLACE:** MCNAUGHTON ROOM, 3RD FLOOR, CITY HALL**CHAIR:** J. UPTON**PRESENT:**

Mayor K. Hobbs, *City of Thunder Bay*
Deputy Police Chief S. Hauth, Inspector S. Komar,
Thunder Bay Police Service
Staff Sgt. J. Graham, *Ontario Provincial Police –*
Northwest Region
Deputy Grand Chief A. B. Achneepineskum, S. Feletto,
Nishnawbe Aski Nation
P. Robitaille, *Métis Nation of Ontario*
Dr. J. DeMille, *Medical Officer of Health*
Councillor A. Ruberto, *City Councillor*
L. Bruins, *Citizen*
C. Petit, *Youth Representative*
P. Capon, *Matawa First Nation*
C. Legarde, *Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Centre*
C. Wesley, *Urban Aboriginal Advisory Committee*
J. Upton, *Lakehead District School Board*
M. Thompson, *Thunder Bay Catholic District School*
Board
K. Baskin, *Youth Services*
L. Kallies, *Kairos Community Resource Centre*
J. Boucher, *Elizabeth Fry Society*
G. Rusnak, *Dilico Anishinabek Family Care*
C. Robinson, *Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce*
B. Hamilton, *BIAs & Business Areas of Thunder Bay*
D. Walker, *Children's Centre Thunder Bay*
J. Sillman, *St. Joseph's Care Group*
D. Dika, *Thunder Bay Sexual Abuse Centre*
S. L. Fata, *Thunder Bay Counselling Centre*

OFFICIALS:

K. Lewis, Director - Corporate Strategic Services
L. Chevette, Coordinator – Crime Prevention Council
C. Olsen, Drug Strategy Coordinator
L. Douglas, Committee Coordinator – Office of the
City Clerk

REGRETS:

Inspector P. Guerard, *Nishnawbe Aski Police Service*
É. St-Arnaud, *Conseil scolaire de district catholique*
des Aurores boréales
P. Vranesich, *Age Friendly Thunder Bay*
G. Mack, *Shelter House*
K. Haynen, *John Howard Society*
Councillor R. Johnson, A. Bellavance, *Thunder Bay*
Drug Strategy
S. Peremesko, *Thunder Bay District Crime Stoppers*

ABSENT:

Chief P. Collin, *Fort William First Nation*
NS Regional Grand Chief P. Pelletier, *Ontario Union*
of Indians
D. Mitchell, *Crown Attorney*
Councillor S. Ch'ng, *City Councillor*
M. Villella, *Citizen*
A. Garro, *Youth Representative*
A. Tyance, *Ontario Native Women's Association*
Northern Nishnawbe Education Council
B. Cryderman, *William W. Creighton Youth Services*
I. Gill, *Thunder Bay Parole Office (Correctional*
Service of Canada)
W. MacArthur, *Children's Aid Society of the District of*
Thunder Bay
B. Krysowaty, *Lakehead Social Planning Council*
G. O'Reilly, *Thunder Bay and District Coordinating*
Committee to End Women Abuse

1.0 WELCOME

The Chair, J. Upton, called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. The Communication Process was explained.

2.0 APPROVAL

With regard to the January 25, 2017 meeting of the Crime Prevention Council, it was the consensus of the members present that the agenda, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Bear Clan Patrol

Deputy Grand Chief Anna-Betty Achneepineskum and Stephanie Feletto, Nishnawbe Aski Nation, provided a presentation and responded to questions on the Bear Clan Patrol Inc.

Deputy Grand Chief Achneepineskum brought greetings from the Nishnawbe Aski Nation Executive Council, including Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler.

The unfortunate circumstances leading up to the deaths of several Indigenous youth who came to Thunder Bay to obtain an education have prompted the development of this community safety initiative in Thunder Bay. James Favel, from Winnipeg, is one of the co-founders of this initiative, and has provided training in Thunder Bay. L. Chevrette, Coordinator - Crime Prevention Council, provided a brief overview of her meeting with Mr. Favel. Respect for one another is an important part of being a Bear Clan Patrol volunteer; it was noted that they have turned away a number of prospective volunteers due to attitude or characteristics that are not appropriate for this program. It was noted that the Patrol does not go out unless women are present among the volunteers.

The Bear Clan Patrol is made up of volunteers who will commit approximately 6 hours per week. The Patrol will be guided on traditional values; a council of grandmothers and mothers set up in Thunder Bay will provide guidance.

Volunteers will patrol the riverfronts where students tend to gather, to ensure the safety of students and vulnerable people. They will travel in groups, and will be instructed to avoid confrontation whenever possible. The volunteers will be available to assist with the search when Indigenous youth go missing.

The Thunder Bay Police Service will be asked for assistance when needed.

Deputy Grand Chief Achneepineskum is looking for community support of this initiative, including the donation of supplies, such as:

- Patrol Vests
- Attendance / Record Keeping forms
- First Aid Kits
- Water Bottles
- Sunscreen
- Rubber gloves
- Hand Sanitizer
- Mosquito Repellant
- Notebooks, pens/pencils
- Business cards for local resources
- Flashlights

The supplies will be stored at Dennis Franklin Cromarty High School.

Volunteers will be trained on the safe handling of needles and on how to treat a crime scene.

L. Chevrette noted that one of the priorities in the CPC's Community Safety & Well-being Strategy is Empowered Youth.

Councillor A. Ruberto suggested that Deputy Grand Chief Achneepineskum make a presentation on the Bear Clan Patrol to the Thunder Bay District Health Unit's Board of Health.

At 4:36 p.m. Deputy Grand Chief Anna-Betty Achneepineskum and Stephanie Feletto were thanked for sharing information on this initiative.

The meeting recessed for a dinner break. Brian Hamilton, owner of the Bean Fiend Café, provided coffee with the meal. The meeting reconvened at 4:54 p.m.

3.2 CPC Implementation Plan

L. Chevrette, Coordinator - Crime Prevention Council, presented the Crime Prevention Council's Implementation Plan and responded to questions.

Final copies of the *Safer Thunder Bay 2017 – 2020 Community Safety & Well-Being Strategy* were distributed separately on desks at the meeting. This document will guide the work of the Crime Prevention Council for the next four (4) years.

The Strategy will be posted on the CPC website. CPC members were encouraged to share the Strategy with their respective organizations. Everyone was thanked for their contributions towards this document.

Copies of the Implementation Plan will be forwarded electronically to CPC members for their review.

A high level review of the Implementation Plan and related actions was presented.

Going forward, progress on the Implementation Plan will be included in each Annual Report to City Council. L. Chevrette will also provide regular updates at CPC meetings.

K. Lewis, Director - Corporate Strategic Services, noted that one of the priorities for the Civic Pride Task Force is to engage neighbourhoods. They will be collaborating with the Crime Prevention Council in this regard.

As part of Strategic Priority 3: Safe Women & Children, Ms. Chevrette advised that she will be working closely with the Thunder Bay and District Coordinating Committee to End Woman Abuse.

Discussion was held relative to Strategic Priority 4: Empowered Youth. L. Chevrette will be reaching out to a number of organizations around the table for letters of support for her Letter of Intent to the Federal Government.

Regarding the action for a safety audit of the river areas frequented by Indigenous students and youth, Ms. Chevrette advised that Barry Horrobin will be conducting safety audits at three (3) river locations that have been identified by the organizations named on Recommendation 115 of the Inquest Report when he is in Thunder Bay in May. He will also be providing CPTED and Target Hardening Training to the Fort William BIA.

4.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting No. 06-2016 of the Crime Prevention Council, held on November 30, 2016, to be confirmed.

It was the consensus of the CPC members present that the Minutes of Meeting No. 06-2016 of the Crime Prevention Council, held on November 30, 2016, be confirmed.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES – None.

6.0 STRATEGIC PLAN

Update presented under Agenda Item 3.2.

7.0 SOUTH CORE PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE

Ms. L. Chevrette, Coordinator - Crime Prevention Council, reported that there is a meeting of the Task Force scheduled tomorrow (January 26, 2017).

Highlights of the work being addressed by the Task Force were provided by Ms. Chevrette and Ms. K. Lewis.

- The Task Force is currently evaluating a public washroom as well as other options for the South Core.
- They will be meeting with Administration on the Alleyway Project (directly across from City Hall).
- They are working on the 2017 goals and objectives on the Work Plan.
- They are improving the built environment in the area.

Ms. Chevrette will be contacting Deputy Grand Chief Anna-Betty Achneepineskum to determine if there are any synergies with the Bear Patrol Inc. Safety Task Force.

8.0 WORKING GROUP UPDATES

8.1 Support Strong Neighbourhoods

L. Bruins and L. Chevrette attended a meeting for youth services providers at the Kinsmen Centre. A lot of issues emerging City-wide were covered. L. Bruins noted that there are now several youth centres in the City.

Thunder Bay Police Service is creating a database for missing youth.

Deputy Grand Chief Anna-Betty Achneepineskum spoke about the human trafficking problem in Thunder Bay. She has heard many stories; many young girls are being exploited.

L. Chevrette confirmed that the matter is included in actions in the CPC Strategy.

C. Legarde, Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Centre, reported that gangs from the Toronto and Ottawa areas are now in Thunder Bay, and are targeting vulnerable people.

8.2 Public Education

C. Petit noted that more people are needed in the Public Education Working Group.

Friends of Crime Prevention will be launched in May, 2017.

Zone Watch will collaborating with the Public Education Working Group.

8.3 Respect

L. Chevrette reported that Alison Bortolon, the Respect Intern, has completed her contract with the City and has returned to Alberta for other opportunities.

Ms. Bortolon produced some excellent videos which can be viewed on the CPC website. She also created a short video on the White Ribbon Campaign Workshop held on December 5, 2017. The workshop was held in collaboration with Lakehead Public Schools, and included boys from Grades 7 to 9. More information on this event can be found in Ms.

Chevrette's Coordinator's Update for January, 2017. A link to the video will be sent out to CPC members.

It was the consensus of the CPC members present to send a letter from the Chair thanking Ms. Bortolon for her work and contributions towards respect and crime prevention.

Corporate Orientation on the Respect module for new City hires is ongoing.

A Respect presentation was provided in December, 2016 to the senior team at the Lakehead District School Board. They are exploring the adoption of the Respect initiative.

9.0 ROUNDTABLE OF UPDATES

Due to time constraints, CPC members were asked to provide any announcements and/or updates to Ms. L. Douglas, Committee Coordinator, for inclusion in the minutes.

Deputy Police Chief S. Hauth provided an overview of gang activity in Thunder Bay. She noted that illicit drugs are a lucrative market for gangs, and prices for drugs are typically higher in northern communities. Gangs have an opportunity to make more money in Thunder Bay, and are taking advantage of vulnerable people in certain areas of our community. The TB Police Service is cognizant of gangs and is putting their resources toward enforcement. The TBPS is working on an education piece and initiatives in the targeted neighbourhoods. Police are sending a message that gangs are not welcome here.

Ms. C. Olsen, Drug Strategy Coordinator, reported that there have been confirmed cases of fentanyl overdoses in Thunder Bay. CPC members can contact Ms. Olsen if they need more information in this regard.

Deputy Grand Chief Anna-Betty Achneepineskum reported that she will be introducing a violence prevention strategy at next week's meeting of the NAN Winter Chiefs Assembly in Thunder Bay.

Mr. P. Capon advised that Matawa needs a speaker (with life experience) for their upcoming workshop on human trafficking. If any CPC members know of an appropriate speaker, please contact him.

10.0 CRIME PREVENTION OFFICE UPDATE

Copies of the update from L. Chevrette, Coordinator for the Crime Prevention Council, relative to the activities of the Crime Prevention Office, were provided for information.

11.0 NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business presented.

12.0 NEXT MEETING

Discussion was held relative to an additional meeting date for 2017 – either April 26th or June 28th. It was the consensus of the CPC members present that a meeting of the Crime Prevention Council be held on June 28, 2017.

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

- Wednesday, March 29, 2017;
- Wednesday, May 31, 2017;
- Wednesday, June 28, 2017;
- Wednesday, September 27, 2017; and
- Wednesday, November 29, 2017.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.