

**DATE:** JUNE 25, 2014

**MEETING NO. 04-2014**

**TIME:** 4:12 P.M.

**PLACE:** MCNAUGHTON ROOM, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, CITY HALL

**CHAIR:** T. WALTERS

**PRESENT:** *(by community sectors)*

T. Walters (**Chair**), *Child Welfare*  
N. Sponchia (**Vice Chair**), *Addictions*  
Councillor A. Ruberto, *City of Thunder Bay*  
L. Bruins, *Citizen*  
M. Woods, *Citizen*  
E. Coates, *Youth*  
L. Turner, *Youth*  
R. Fenton, *Aboriginal Political Organizations*  
Dr. J. DeMille, *Public Health*  
Constable J. Tilbury, *Police*  
Det. Sgt. J. Reppard & Staff Sgt. J.S. Graham), *Police*  
J. Lible, *Social Services*  
L. Leskowski, *Community-Based Justice*  
L. Robinson, *Community-Based Justice*  
B. Cryderman & L. Kallies, *Community-Based Justice*  
L. Skaarup, *Business*  
B. Hamilton, *Business*  
Councillor R. Johnson, *Acting Mayor*  
J. Sillman, *Mental Health Services*  
S.L. Fata, *Victim Services*

**GUESTS:**

P. Hajdu, Executive Director – Shelter House  
A. Magiskan, Office of the Aboriginal Liaison

**REGRETS:**

Mayor K. Hobbs, (Ex-Officio)  
Councillor T. Giertuga, *City of Thunder Bay*  
Chief G. Morriveau, *Aboriginal Political Organizations*  
B.J. Chenier, *Aboriginal Political Organizations*  
C. Siemieniuk, *Education*  
L. Allaire, *Education*  
J. Kakegamic, *Education*  
Constable C. Carson, *Police*  
F. Wesley, *Aboriginal Services*  
B. Ball, *Youth Services*  
R. Richardson, *Child Welfare*  
M. Klassen, *Community Social Planning*

**OFFICIALS:**

K. Lewis, Director of Corporate Communications and Strategic Initiatives  
L. Chevette, Acting Coordinator – Crime Prevention Council  
A. Ostrom, Acting Coordinator - Thunder Bay Drug Strategy  
S. Nelson, **respect.** Initiative Intern  
L. Douglas, Committee Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk

1.0 WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 4:12 p.m. A roundtable of introductions followed.

2.0 AGENDA APPROVAL

With regard to the June 25, 2014 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

#### SOS (Street Outreach Services) Program

P. Hajdu, Executive Director of Shelter House Thunder Bay, provided an overview and responded to questions about the Cold Weather Plan and the Pilot SOS (Street Outreach Services) Program that concluded on April 27, 2014.

- The SOS Program helped close to 1,000 people get to services in times of extreme need during our very brutal winter.
- Program was in collaboration with the Salvation Army and the City's Emergency Services.
- The number of transports by the SOS Program allowed the diversion of Emergency Services resources to more pressing emergencies.
- Funding partners included the TBDSSAB and the City of Thunder Bay.
- Program provided within city limits.
- The number of incarcerations increased when the SOS Program concluded.
- The TBRHSC's Emergency Department was supportive of the program.
- Costs for a year-round program are estimated at \$215,000 - \$225,000.
- A cost benefit analysis would be expensive and difficult to determine.

A report on the SOS Program, which was presented to Committee of the Whole on June 23, 2014, included a recommendation for a permanent, comprehensive Cold Weather Plan that is supported by relevant agencies and the City of Thunder Bay.

Ms. Hajdu was thanked for her presentation as well as her ongoing leadership in the community for addressing social issues. Ms. Hajdu left the meeting at 4:42 p.m.

Discussion was held relative to the cost of the program and the impact on taxpayers. Members of the CPC suggested that the North West LHIN (Local Health Integration Network) be contacted for funding opportunities.

Discussion was held relative to the need for a long term plan for the homeless.

It was the consensus of the Crime Prevention Council to confirm the following resolution:

WITH respect to the presentation made to the Crime Prevention Council on June 25, 2014 by Ms. Patty Hajdu, Executive Director of Shelter House Thunder Bay, relative to the SOS (Street Outreach Services) Program;

AND with respect to the Mission Statement of the City of Thunder Bay Crime Prevention Council: We will engage the community in the task of preventing crime, increasing safety and security, and fostering the well-being of everyone in Thunder Bay;

AND with respect to moving the City of Thunder Bay closer to meeting its goals and objectives under the 2011-2014 Strategic Plan, including Strategic Direction 3.1: Support and facilitate the work of the community-led Thunder Bay Crime Prevention Council and Goal 5: A caring, welcoming, inclusive City;

AND with respect to Action 3.2(b) of the City's 2011-2014 Strategic Plan: Support the provision of transitional and crisis housing related to persons affected by substance use, working closely with community partners;

THAT the Crime Prevention Council is supportive of implementing the SOS Program year-round in Thunder Bay, and that this resolution be shared with City Council.

CONFIRMED

4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Federal Inquiry Subcommittee

At the May 28, 2014 meeting of the Crime Prevention Council, copies of a Memorandum to John Hannam, City Clerk, from Lee-Ann Chevrette, Acting Coordinator on behalf of the Thunder Bay Crime Prevention Council, dated May 28, 2014, relative to Support for a National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women, were distributed separately on desks at the meeting.

Due to lack of quorum, the resolution could not be voted on for support.

Copies of Memorandum to John Hannam, City Clerk, from Lee-Ann Chevrette, Coordinator (Acting) on behalf of the Thunder Bay Crime Prevention Council, dated June 23, 2014, relative to Support for a National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women, were provided for information in the agenda package for the June 25, 2014 CPC meeting.

Discussion was held relative to support of a federal inquiry. It was the consensus of the Crime Prevention Council to confirm the following resolution:

With respect to the recent RCMP report which revealed that police have recorded nearly 1,200 cases of missing and murdered Aboriginal women over the past three decades in Canada – more than double the number that was previously believed to be true, we endorse the need for a comprehensive national inquiry;

AND THAT this matter be referred to the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee for further advocacy;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Minister of Justice, the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, and local Members of Parliament.

CONFIRMED

5.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting No. 03-2014 of the Crime Prevention Council, held on May 28, 2014, to be confirmed.

It was the consensus of the Council that the Minutes of Meeting No. 03-2014 of the Crime Prevention Council, held on May 28, 2014, be confirmed.

6.0 NEXT MEETING DATE

Discussion was held relative to holding a meeting of the Crime Prevention Council in September, without the support of the Office of the Clerk (due to the 2014 Municipal Elections).

It was the consensus of the Crime Prevention Council to schedule a meeting on Wednesday, September 24, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

At 5:20 p.m., J. Sillman, N. Sponchia, and L. Turner left the meeting.

7.0 Walk a Mile Film Project

A. Magiskan, Aboriginal Liaison – Office of the City Clerk, introduced Part 3 of the Walk a Mile Film Project: “A Legacy of Struggle”, which the CPC collectively screened.

Ms. Magiskan advised that curriculum is being developed for the education system from this series of videos.

Copies of a handout outlining the Historical Trauma of the Residential School Experience and Canada’s Aboriginals were distributed separately on desks at the meeting after the viewing of the video.

The CPC was in consensus that there was value in watching the videos as a group, and that the CPC would watch the remaining two videos at upcoming meetings.

T. Walters thanked Ms. Magiskan for the presentation and for the work being done through the Office of the Aboriginal Liaison.

A. Magiskan and J. Lible left the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

A brief discussion followed on how drug addiction is impacting society and the work being done to combat drug addiction.

B. Cryderman suggested that interested members of the CPC read *Two Families: Treaties and Government*, an account of the relationship between First Nations, governments and society in general.

## 8.0 WORKING GROUP UPDATE

### 8.1 Support Strong Neighbourhoods

L. Bruins provided an update on the activities of the Strong Neighbourhoods Working Group at Evergreen – A United Neighbourhood, at the Windsor/Blucher/Picton Neighbourhood, and at Limbrick.

A restorative practice retreat is being planned in the fall for several community members. Trainers have been arranged for the retreat.

Ms. Bruins encouraged CPC members to attend neighbourhood events being held this summer.

### 8.2 Communications and Education - No Update

### 8.3 Support for Aboriginal Populations - No Update

### 8.4 Violence Against Women

L. Chevrette reported that the VAW Working Group met last week to review their Terms of Reference, and to work on their Factsheet, which will be posted on the website upon completion.

### 8.5 Respect.

It was noted that June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 was the last day for S. Nelson, **respect.** Initiative Intern. The **respect.** Working Group, comprised of members of the Anti-Racism Advisory Committee, Diversity Thunder Bay, and the Crime Prevention Council, will continue with the work of the Initiative.

It was noted that the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre and Lakehead University are interested in participating in the **respect.** Initiative.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee is also interested in developing a **respect.** campaign through an accessibility lens. Their campaign is tentatively scheduled to be launched on December 3, 2014, to coincide with the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

S. Nelson reported that priority areas still need to be identified, and a chair needs to be confirmed. She and L. Chevrette have been working with Human Resources & Corporate Safety to ensure the brand and message are provided to new City staff during orientation.

Ms. Nelson noted that she attended National Aboriginal Day and had a display for the **respect.** Initiative.

On behalf of the Crime Prevention Council, T. Walters thanked Ms. Nelson for her work with the CPC and for the good public relations she has launched in the community with the **respect.**

Initiative.

A final report on the **respect.** Initiative will be forwarded to the Anti-Racism Advisory Committee and the Crime Prevention Council in due course.

## 9.0 ROUNDTABLE OF UPDATES

L. Leskowski, Executive Director – John Howard Society, provided an overview of last week's meeting, where Joan Black was recognized for her long-time support. The women's transitional housing at the JHS was named Joan's Place, in honour of Ms. Black.

E. Coates, Youth Centres Thunder Bay, reported that she will be attending a youth conference, and will be bringing two students from the Youth Centre. Ms. Coates advised that this will be her last CPC meeting, as she is moving out of town to attend school.

Dr. J. DeMille, TB District Health Unit, spoke about supporting people to get out into their neighbourhoods, the importance of social cohesion, and the benefits of walking. The recent workshop on Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) supports walking and being more active in neighbourhoods by designing the built environment in a way that will reduce incidences of crime. Dr. DeMille provided a brief overview of the work of the Walkability Committee, which is currently mapping out neighbourhoods where injuries can potentially occur.

L. Kallies, KAIROS Community Resource Centre, provided a brief overview of their day treatment. KAIROS will also be recognizing their donors. The Thunder Bay Office has been in contact with their counterparts in Duluth to share ideas and best practices.

S. Fata, Thunder Bay Counselling Centre, reported that they now have one support worker for youth in transition, to help them with accessing education, housing, life skills, etc. with the goal of gaining independence.

L. Robinson, Elizabeth Fry Society of Northwestern Ontario, reported that they continue to contact women in the correctional centre, and are helping with the sweat lodge.

A. Ostrom, Acting Coordinator - Thunder Bay Drug Strategy, provided an overview of the *Recovery in Focus* program for local organizations that are interested in the presentation. She advised that the first Recovery Day is being planned for November in Marina Park. She noted that additional copies of the May 2014 Thunder Bay Drug Strategy Community Report, *Travelling the Road to Change*, were available at the meeting. Ms. Ostrom provided an overview of last week's meeting of the TB Housing and Homelessness Coalition. Councillor A. Ruberto advised that the City is looking for another Liquor Control Officer for the area.

B. Cryderman, Director of Services – William W. Creighton Youth Services, reported that CCUCPY - Community Coalition Unified for the Protection of our Children and Youth, is

starting preparations for the Fall Harvest. She noted that Mark Sault is leaving the community, and that CCUPCY would welcome more members.

Councillor R. Johnson, Chair – Thunder Bay Drug Strategy Implementation Panel, noted that the lack of counselling for adults needs to be addressed.

S. Nelson provided an overview of her new job and hoped to work again with the CPC in the future.

B. Hamilton reported that the Bay and Algoma BIA will be applying some of the principles learned at the Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) workshop. The BIA is developing an elderly-friendly designation for the neighbourhood, and they are cleaning up graffiti.

Constable J. Tilbury reported that the new Zone Policing Model has been launched. The TB Police Service has implemented the Alternate Response model, which identifies the appropriate response to citizen complaints and re-routes them to applicable non-police agencies, if necessary. The goal is to get the Police Service back to dealing with issues that fall into the Core Policing Functions.

Zone Watch officers have been assigned to the program and are currently engaging citizens.

In June, TB District Crime Stoppers won three provincial awards at the AGM for the Ontario Association of Crime Stoppers:

- Best Special Project - Hate Crime Campaign;
- Best Short Video - Hate Hurts – the Safe School entry from Dennis Franklin Cromarty High School;
- Best Print Media - Translated Posters, an initiative with NAPS, into cree / oji-cree / ojibway.

Dr. J. DeMille reminded the CPC that the next Community Town Hall Meeting was scheduled for tomorrow, Thursday, June 26, 2014 at the Finlandia Club. The top is “It’s About Health”, why housing is a foundation of health.

R. Fenton advised that Fort William First Nation will be holding their Annual Mount McKay Traditional Pow Wow this weekend, June 27, 28 and 29<sup>th</sup>.

L. Leskowski also noted that the John Howard Society is planning its first black-tie masquerade ball, The Howard Ball, on Saturday, October 18, 2014.

## 10.0 CRIME PREVENTION OFFICE

L. Chevrette, Acting Coordinator for the Crime Prevention Council, provided an overview of the work of the Crime Prevention Office. Key community safety and crime prevention initiatives that she is involved with include:

- City Hall Sounds, being presented by the Strong Neighbourhoods Working Group every Thursday in August;
- Restorative Practice Training for certification; 3 neighbourhoods will be involved, and 3 individuals from each neighbourhood will be encouraged to attend the training.
- Pilot Neighbourhood Safety Audits to be conducted in 3 Thunder Bay neighbourhoods to evaluate community safety and to make recommendations to enhance safety.

An overview of this year's Mayor's Community Safety Awards was provided. Ms. Chevrette encouraged CPC members to start thinking about nominations for the 2014 awards. The June 2014 CPC Communiqué will be distributed tomorrow by email. It will include a link for further information on the 2014 awards.

#### 11.0 NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business presented.

#### 12.0 2014 MEETING DATES

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

- September 24, 2014
- November 26, 2014

#### 13.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.