

DATE: JUNE 22, 2016

MEETING NO. 04-2016

TIME: 4:00 P.M.

PLACE: MCNAUGHTON ROOM, 3RD FLOOR, CITY HALL

CHAIR: J. UPTON

PRESENT:

Inspector D. Lewis, *Thunder Bay Police Service*
Staff Sgt. J. Graham, *Ontario Provincial Police – Northwest Region*
J. Camirand, *Métis Nation of Ontario*
Dr. J. DeMille, *Medical Officer of Health*
Councillor S. Ch'ng, *City Councillor*
Councillor A. Ruberto, *City Councillor*
L. Bruins, *Citizen*
M. Villella, *Citizen*
C. Petit, *Youth Representative*
J. Upton, *Lakehead District School Board*
M. Kleynendorst, *Youth Services*
G. Mack, *Shelter House*
B. Cryderman, *William W. Creighton Youth Services*
L. Kallies, *Kairos Community Resource Centre*
J. Boucher, *Elizabeth Fry Society*
Councillor R. Johnson, A. Bellavance, *Thunder Bay Drug Strategy*
B. Krysowaty, *Lakehead Social Planning Council*
D. Boucher, *Thunder Bay Sexual Abuse Centre*
S. L. Fata, *Thunder Bay Counselling Centre*
J. Sillman, *St. Joseph's Care Group*

OFFICIALS:

L. Chevrette, *Coordinator – Crime Prevention Council*
C. Olsen, *Drug Strategy Coordinator*
L. Douglas, *Committee Coordinator – Office of the City Clerk*
A. Bortolon, *Respect Intern – Corporate Strategic Services*
D. Hutchinson & S. Fiddler, *Community Ambassadors*

REGRETS:

Matawa First Nation
Mayor K. Hobbs, *City of Thunder Bay*
D. Mitchell, *Crown Attorney*
A. Garro, *Youth Representative*
I. Gill, *Thunder Bay Parole Office (Correctional Service of Canada)*
Age Friendly Thunder Bay, *Older Adult Services*
K. Haynen, *John Howard Society*
W. MacArthur, *Children's Aid Society of the District of Thunder Bay*
C. Robinson, *Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce Thunder Bay and District Coordinating Committee to End Woman Abuse*
S. Peremesko, *Thunder Bay District Crime Stoppers*
B. Hamilton, *BIAs & Business Areas of Thunder Bay*
D. Walker, *Children's Centre Thunder Bay*

ABSENT:

Chief P. Collin, *Fort William First Nation*
Deputy Grand Chief A. B. Achneepineskum, *Nishnawbe Aski Nation*
NS Regional Grand Chief P. Pelletier, *Ontario Union of Indians*
Constable S. Sherlock, *Nishnawbe Aski Police Service*
C. Legarde, *Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Centre Urban Aboriginal Advisory Committee*
M. Thompson, *Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board*
C. van Rassel, *Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Aurores boréales Northern Nishnawbe Education Council*
G. Rusnak, *Dilico Anishinabek Family Care*

GUEST :

A. Abu-Bakare, *Office of Aboriginal Initiatives - Lakehead University*

1.0 WELCOME

The Chair, J. Upton, called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. The Communication Process was explained.

2.0 APPROVAL

Councillor S. Ch'ng added predatory financing under New Business. Also under New Business, Ms. L. Chevrette, Coordinator - Crime Prevention Council, added an update on Community Mobilization - Thunder Bay and presentation of two (2) videos, one about Friends of Crime Prevention and the other about the Evergreen sports program.

With regard to the June 22, 2016 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 CLAN Initiative

Copies of the Coordinated Learning Access Network (CLAN) poster, CLAN profile sheet, backgrounder on Magnet, and a Magnet postcard were distributed separately on desks at the meeting.

Amal Abu-Bakare, Ambassador for the Coordinated Learning Access Network (CLAN) in the Office of Aboriginal Initiatives at Lakehead University, provided a presentation on the CLAN initiative, an education-to-employment pathway between job-seekers and employers in Northwestern Ontario. The initiative addresses unemployment and underemployment for youth, new immigrants, Aboriginal peoples and persons with disabilities. It is not a co-op program.

The Office of Aboriginal Initiatives at Lakehead University launched CLAN in 2015. They joined an existing database called MAGNET, which is already accessed by 31 universities, over 70,000 students and 5,000+ employers. CLAN has over 50 community partners in the Northwest Region, including the Lakehead Orillia campus and York Region School Boards.

Ms. Abu-Bakare provided background information about how she became involved with this initiative. She is passionate about anti-racism issues in Thunder Bay as well as the City's Respect campaign.

The CLAN initiative supports Aboriginal learners in their ventures in order for them to achieve success and grow. The Network links Indigenous and non-Indigenous students (youth and adult learners) in Northwestern Ontario with education, funding and employment opportunities.

The CLAN's goal is to partner with local and regional businesses and educational institutions to maximize access for students who are good candidates for work force development and training.

An overview of the CLAN website was provided. More information can be found at <http://CLAN.magnet.today>. The Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce supports this initiative.

There is a blind selection process, with different platforms available on how applicants can present themselves. (For example, if the applicant doesn't have writing skills, they can provide a video about their résumé.)

CLAN will only work if racism and discrimination are continuously addressed in Thunder Bay and Northwestern Ontario. The initiative hopes to maximize access for Indigenous peoples, but needs business and community support.

Ms. Abu-Bakare presented an inspiring video about Erickson Owen, a student at Pelican Falls First Nations High School, who earned a 100% average in his first semester in Grade 12. Owen plans to attend Confederation College in Thunder Bay in September, 2016.

Ms. Abu-Bakare was thanked for her presentation.

A roundtable of introductions followed.

3.2 DISTRACTED DRIVING CAMPAIGN

C. Petit provided background information on the development of the video and campaign. There was a soft launch of the campaign this week at Intercity Shopping Centre. There is an official launch of the campaign later this evening on social media.

The CPC collectively watched the video; comments included: very effective and the viewers will be impacted by this video.

4.0 APPOINTMENT OF A CHAIR & VICE CHAIR

L. Douglas, Committee Coordinator, administered the nominations for Chair and Vice Chair.

A. Bellavance nominated Jeff Upton for the position of Chair; there were no further nominations; J. Upton agreed to let his name stand for the position of Chair. B. Krysowaty nominated Linda Bruins for the position of Vice Chair; there were no further nominations; L. Bruins agreed to let her name stand for the position of Vice Chair.

WITH RESPECT TO the positions of Chair and Vice Chair of the Crime Prevention Council, it was the consensus of the CPC members present that Jeff Upton be appointed Chair and that Linda Bruins be appointed Vice Chair of the Crime Prevention Council for the remainder of the 2016 calendar year, and until such time as replacements have been appointed, as required annually.

J. Upton assumed the position of Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

5.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting No. 02-2016 of the Crime Prevention Council, held on March 30, 2016, and the Minutes of Meeting No. 03-2016 of the Crime Prevention Council, held on April 27, 2016, to be confirmed.

It was the consensus of the CPC members present that the Minutes of Meeting No. 02-2016 of the Crime Prevention Council, held on March 30, 2016, and Meeting No. 03-2016 of the Crime Prevention Council, held on April 27, 2016, be confirmed.

The Minutes of the Information Session held on May 24, 2016 were provided for information.

6.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

There was no business arising from the previous minutes.

7.0 STRATEGIC PLAN

Copies of the draft Thunder Bay Crime Prevention Strategy for 2016 to 2019 were distributed separately on desks at the meeting.

L. Chevrette, Coordinator - Crime Prevention Council, provided an overview of the development of the strategy, which resulted from the December 2015 planning session.

Using the overhead projector, Ms. Chevrette presented the Vision, Mission and the five Guiding Principles which resulted from discussions at the planning session. The Mandate is a new section of the strategy.

The four Strategic Priorities were presented, as follows:

1. Getting Smarter on Crime: Evidence-based Research and Planning;
2. Building Strong, Active, Vibrant Neighbourhoods;
3. Reducing Violence Against Women; and
4. Increasing Youth Inclusion.

Discussion was held relative to Reducing Violence Against Women, and whether or not this Strategic Priority should have a wider scope to include men and children. Ms. Chevrette noted that this priority came out of discussions held at the planning session, whereby violence against women has been identified as a significant problem in the community. She also noted that the CPC will be working towards reducing violence in the whole community. It was the overall consensus of the CPC members present that the focus be kept on reducing violence against women.

Discussion was held relative to identifying specific populations in the Strategy. Ms. Chevrette advised that she is aware of the groups that need support, and that she is working with a number

of service supporters in this regard. Attendees at the planning session were in agreement that they did not want to further stigmatize certain populations in this Strategy.

Discussion was held relative to the Truth & Reconciliation Report, the recommendations that came out of that report, and if the report should be incorporated/recognized in the Strategy. Councillor R. Johnson noted that the Anti-Racism & Respect Advisory Committee will be planning a community forum to discuss the Truth & Reconciliation Report.

Ms. Chevrette reviewed each Strategic Priority. There are four Key Approaches to each priority:

1. Basing efforts in good evidence;
2. Expanding reach and understanding through community engagement, education and awareness building;
3. Cultivating collaboration and partnership opportunities; and
4. Advocating for equity and inclusion to reduce marginalization and discrimination.

Discussion was held relative to the Actions corresponding to each Strategic Priority. It was noted that some of the actions are difficult to measure.

It was suggested that the Action corresponding to Strategic Priority 3 be vetted through the Thunder Bay Coordinating Committee to End Woman Abuse. Ms. Chevrette explained that this group was consulted and developed the majority of the Actions for this Priority Area.

Regarding Strategic Priority 4: Increasing Youth Inclusion, it was noted that Ms. Chevrette has applied for a grant to develop a youth engagement program. If successful, the funding agency will hire an external evaluator.

It was noted that Ms. Chevrette is in the process of finalizing the Snapshot in Time document; she will be incorporating some additional feedback from CPC members, as well as the 2015 Police-reported crime statistics before the document is completed.

Discussion was held relative to mapping crime without stigmatizing certain neighbourhoods.

B. Kryswaty will contact Ms. Chevrette about tools that measure the collective impact and success of collaborations.

A PDF copy of the Strategy will be sent out to CPC members after the meeting. Members will be asked to review the document and provide their feedback. Ms. Chevrette is hoping to finalize this Strategy by September and launch it in the community shortly thereafter.

8.0 SOUTH CORE PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE

Ms. L. Chevrette, Coordinator - Crime Prevention Council, provided background information and an overview of the Task Force for the new CPC members.

The Task Force has a 3-year term to complete their work, an action plan and Terms of Reference. They meet every 2nd month, and their action plan is based on the recommendations from the CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) Report authored by Barry Horrobin, who led the September 2014 South Core CPTED Audit.

City Council has approved \$25,000 for improvements to the South Core in 2016, including lighting enhancements to areas where there is negative activity.

An invitation will be sent out about the upcoming South Core clean-up event scheduled for July 6, 2016.

9.0 SNAPSHOT IN TIME REPORT

This agenda item was addressed earlier in the meeting.

10.0 WORKING GROUP UPDATES

10.1 Support Strong Neighbourhoods

L. Bruins provided an overview of the community gardening program she is involved with, as well as a report on the Evergreen sports program. The program is seeing a lot of success, and gives youth in the neighbourhood a chance to play organized sports with coaches who can teach them how to play the game.

A video created by Alison Bortolon, the Respect Intern, about the Evergreen sports program was shown to CPC members.

Discussion was held relative to the importance of targeting youth and providing funding and resources for the neighbourhoods with greater needs.

Ms. Bruins was thanked for all the work she does in the Evergreen neighbourhood.

10.2 Public Education

C. Petit reported that she and L. Chevrette have been attending several public events, including the June 9th Northwood Ward meeting, to raise the profile of the CPC.

10.3 Respect.

A. Bortolon reported on the films she has been developing and on the events she has been attending.

Results received from the Partner survey, which went out in May, are being collated, and next steps are being determined.

11.0 ROUNDTABLE OF UPDATES

L. Kallies, Kairos Community Resource Centre, reported that funding has been approved for the Ontario Youth Action Plan application. An overview was provided of the two programs starting up at Kairos, including the Gang Prevention and Intervention Program (GPIP). They are also in the process of updating their website. Copies of the Kairos programming brochure were available upon request.

C. Olsen, Drug Strategy Coordinator, advised that the annual Thunder Bay Drug Strategy Community Report will be presented to City Council on June 27th. The Thunder Bay Drug Strategy is partnering with the Thunder Bay District Health Unit and the Crime Prevention Council on a community survey about violence. CPC members were encouraged to complete the survey. A core working group of the Drug Strategy Implementation Panel has been examining alcohol use and its impact on the community. The working group has developed a set of recommendations, which were presented to the whole committee at their June meeting. Strategic planning is being proposed for September, with community consultation to follow.

Ms. Olsen also provided a brief overview of the Community Mobilization Proceeds of Crime Grant Application, which has been submitted. An overview was provided about the activities of the Community Ambassadors, Sarah Fidler and Devin Hutchinson, including their participation on the *Don't Be Trashy* campaign. The Ambassadors are currently under the supervision of Ms. Olsen until the end of June. They will be under the supervision of the Crime Prevention Coordinator in July and August.

S. Fata, Thunder Bay Counselling Centre, reported that they are recruiting participants for the CHOICES program. An email with the application and other program information was delivered electronically to CPC members on June 15, 2016. CPC members are encouraged to forward this information to youth who could benefit from this program.

J. Boucher, Elizabeth Fry Society, reported that a new coordinator will be starting at their office.

J. Sillman, St. Joseph's Care Group, provided an overview of the Mood Walks Program, an initiative to actively engage transitional age youth who may be living with mental health and substance use issues. Funding has been approved and the mood walks have started. Ms. Sillman will bring back more information on this province-wide initiative.

Ms. Sillman advised that there has been a significant increase in the need for the Balmoral Withdrawal Management Services (Detox Centre). She will bring back more information in this regard to the CPC.

Councillor A. Ruberto advised that the decommissioned Homes for the Aged, Dawson Court and Grandview Lodge, are now on the market and could be used for support programs, etc.

B. Cryderman, William W. Creighton Youth Services, reported that staff training continues on colonization and white privilege. An overview of CCUPCY activities was provided. An anti-

exploitation forum is being planned for October 24, 2016. More information on this event can be provided upon request.

Councillor S. Ch'ng reported that she is working on the formation of a youth council.

Councillor Ch'ng would like to see a by-law that regulates the businesses in the community that provide "predatory financing" and restricts where they can be located. She will be in contact with the Thunder Bay Police Service and TBDSSAB in this regard. B. Kryswaty advised that she will connect with Councillor Ch'ng for more information.

D. Groves reported that the Thunder Bay Sexual Assault/Sexual Abuse Counselling and Crisis Centre have changed their name to the Thunder Bay Sexual Abuse Centre. They are doing community presentations and can do specific workshops for organizations upon request. She will forward more information in this regard to the Crime Prevention Council Coordinator.

G. Mack, Shelter House Thunder Bay, reported that the Shelter House is working hard to reduce crime and violence in the neighbourhood. An overview of programs for clients was provided. Shelter House is planning a community garden and will be participating in the neighbourhood clean-up on July 6th.

B. Kryswaty, Lakehead Social Planning Council, provided an overview of the Poverty Reduction Strategy and the programming for chronically homeless people.

Inspector D. Lewis, Thunder Bay Police Service, advised that Deputy Police Chief A. Hay has announced his retirement; no date for retirement has been set. Inspector Lewis may be representing the TBPS at future CPC meetings.

Staff Sgt. J. Graham provided an overview of motivational speaker Joe Roberts, and "The Push for Change" event to end youth homelessness in Canada. Joe Roberts will be pushing a shopping cart across Canada. The OPP are supporting Mr. Roberts, who is expected to arrive in Thunder Bay in March, 2017. More information on "The Push for Change" can be found at <http://www.skidrowceo.com/the-push-for-change.html>.

J. Upton advised that he is attending the annual adult graduation ceremonies after this meeting. More information about Lakehead Public Schools and their activities can be found at the following link: www.lakeheadschoools.ca

12.0 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 with the agenda material for information.

CPC members were thanked for their support in finalizing the Terms of Reference. The updated Terms of Reference were ratified by City Council on June 6, 2016.

Members were asked to review the upcoming events on Ms. Chevrette's report and to participate where possible.

13.0 NEW BUSINESS

The video for the Friends of Crime Prevention will be shown at the next CPC meeting.

All other New Business items were addressed earlier in the meeting.

14.0 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, 3rd Floor of City Hall (unless otherwise notified) as follows:

- Wednesday, September 28, 2016
- Wednesday, November 30, 2016

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Chair wished everyone a safe summer. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.