

DATE: JUNE 28, 2017

MEETING NO. 04-2017

TIME: 4:09 P.M.

PLACE: MCNAUGHTON ROOM, 3RD FLOOR, CITY HALL

CHAIR: J. UPTON

PRESENT:

Acting Police Chief S. Hauth, Inspector S. Komar,
Constable J. Tilbury, *Thunder Bay Police Service*
Inspector J. Graham, *Ontario Provincial Police – Northwest Region*
Dr. J. DeMille, *Medical Officer of Health*
Councillor A. Ruberto, *City Councillor*
L. Bruins, *Citizen*
C. Petit, *Youth Representative*
P. Capon, *Matawa First Nation*
J. Upton, *Lakehead District School Board*
M. Thompson, *Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board*
P. Vranesich, *Age Friendly Thunder Bay*
B. Cryderman, *William W. Creighton Youth Services*
M. Veltri, *Elizabeth Fry Society*
K. Banks, *Thunder Bay Parole Office (Correctional Service of Canada)*
G. Rusnak, *Dilico Anishinabek Family Care*
B. Hamilton,, *BIAs & Business Areas of Thunder Bay*
J. Nelson, *Children's Centre Thunder Bay*
Councillor R. Johnson, *Thunder Bay Drug Strategy*
B. Krysowaty, *Lakehead Social Planning Council*
D. Dika, *Thunder Bay Sexual Abuse Centre*
K. Kutok, *Thunder Bay District Crime Stoppers*

OFFICIALS:

K. Lewis, Director - Corporate Strategic Services
L. Chevrette, Coordinator – Crime Prevention Council
C. Olsen, Drug Strategy Coordinator
L. Douglas, Committee Coordinator – Office of the City Clerk
J. Bozicovich-Rowe, Community Safety Ambassador
T. Walser, Community Safety Ambassador

REGRETS:

Mayor K. Hobbs, *City of Thunder Bay*
Deputy Grand Chief A. B. Achneepineskum, *Nishnawbe Aski Nation*
Councillor S. Ch'ng, *City Councillor*
Inspector P. Guerard, A. Missewace, *Nishnawbe Aski Police Service*
L. Kallies, *Kairos Community Resource Centre*
C. Robinson, *Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce*
J. Sillman, *St. Joseph's Care Group*
S. L. Fata, *Thunder Bay Counselling Centre*

ABSENT:

Chief P. Collin, *Fort William First Nation*
J. Camirand, *Métis Nation of Ontario*
NS Regional Grand Chief P. Pelletier, *Ontario Union of Indians*
D. Mitchell, *Crown Attorney*
M. Villella, *Citizen*
A. Garro, *Youth Representative*
A. Tyance, *Ontario Native Women's Association*
C. Legarde, *Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Centre*
C. Wesley, *Urban Aboriginal Advisory Committee*
É. St-Arnaud, *Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Aurores boréales Northern Nishnawbe Education Council*
M. Kleynendorst, K. Begin, *Recreation & Cultural - Youth Services*
G. Mack, *Shelter House*
K. Haynen, *John Howard Society*
W. MacArthur, *Children's Aid Society of the District of Thunder Bay*
G. O'Reilly, *Thunder Bay and District Coordinating Committee to End Women Abuse*

GUEST :

B. Reimer, Co-Chair - Anti-Racism - Incident Reporting Working Group

1.0 WELCOME

The Chair, J. Upton, called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m. The Communication Process was explained.

2.0 APPROVAL

With regard to the June 28, 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 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting No. 03-2017 of the Crime Prevention Council, held on May 31, 2017, to be confirmed.

It was the consensus of the CPC members present that the Minutes of Meeting No. 03-2017 of the Crime Prevention Council, held on May 31, 2017, be confirmed.

4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES - None

5.0 PRESENTATION

Incident Reporting Service

Copies of “HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED OR WITNESSED RACISM?” postcards and business cards were distributed separately on desks at the meeting. Large posters advertising the service were available upon request.

Brenda Reimer, Co-Chair of the Anti-Racism Incident Reporting Working Group, provided background information and an overview of the Incident Reporting Service, which was launched on Tuesday, June 27, 2017. The service provides several options for reporting incidents of racism in Thunder Bay. Witnesses can support victims of racism by reporting incidents they have observed.

This project has been ongoing for about 6 years, and stems from a 2002 recommendation to City Council on how to deal with racism in the City.

The Working Group has looked for precedents in other communities in Canada, but hasn't found any other initiatives that are similar to this reporting service.

The service is in partnership with Lakehead Social Planning Council (LSPC) 211 North, Diversity Thunder Bay, and the Anti-Racism & Respect Advisory Committee.

It was noted that the colour of the marketing material ties in with the City's Respect initiative. Incidents of racism can be reported by telephone, on-line, in person at the LSPC office and on Twitter. The LSPC staff is accredited, well-trained on empathetic listening, and have received specialized training around issues of racism. This is a one-year pilot project.

The goals of the service include: demonstrating that the community cares; the City has provided a place to report incidents of racism; and having an outlet to validate the incident.

The trained LSPC staff can refer the victim (of an act of racism) to other applicable resources such as the police, Ontario Human Rights Commission, the Anti-Racism & Respect Advisory Committee on-line anti-racism resources toolkit, etc.

If the service is used frequently, the City will be able to track data and determine trends for further action.

It was noted by a CPC member that the service was launched largely with the use of social media; the Working Group was commended on the launch.

The Working Group will continue to promote the service in the community and surrounding area. The data will be analyzed and shared with the appropriate agencies. City Council will receive a report on the data collected.

Councillor A. Ruberto would like to see a counterpoint report when good things happen in Thunder Bay.

It was suggested that the reporting service be incorporated into the City's Ping Street app, similar to reporting graffiti. Ms. Reimer will bring this idea to the Working Group.

Discussion was held about staff determining if a call is an actual incident of racism or if the call is fictitious.

Discussion was held relative to reports of racism involving the TB Police Service or EMS personnel. Acting Police Chief S. Hauth responded to questions.

At 4:52 p.m., Ms. B. Reimer was thanked for her presentation and for appearing before the Crime Prevention Council.

6.0 SOUTH CORE PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE

K. Lewis, Director - Corporate Strategic Services and L. Chevrette, Coordinator - Crime Prevention Council, presented the poster board for the South Core Public Safety Task Force. The poster board included background information on the Task Force, key improvements to the South Core to date, and the key activities planned for the remainder of 2017. The Clean, Green & Beautiful Committee is providing funding for an improvement project in the south core.

Members of the Task Force are involved with the Open Streets event being held on September 16, 2017 on Simpson Street. A south core neighbourhood clean-up is being planned for July 6th.

K. Lewis provided an overview of the river safety audit conducted in May, as well as the preliminary recommendations that came out of that audit. City Council will be updated in August about the audit and will be provided with the preliminary costs of implementing the recommendations.

Councillor A. Ruberto noted that he has asked Administration to clear the brush in the area behind the Landmark Inn.

K. Lewis noted that Administration is working with EcoSuperior this fall 2017 to clean up along the water courses.

Discussion was held relative to one of the recommendations from the Seven Youth Inquest. It was noted that rivers are life to Indigenous people and are important community assets. These areas need to be made safe for all users.

It was noted that the General Manager of Community Services would like to make improvements to the Kam River Heritage Park in order to increase the number of visitors to the area.

The South Core Public Safety Task Force has been tasked by City Council to implement the recommendations that came out of the CTPED audit.

Copies of an article about the Seven Youth Inquest were circulated at the meeting. The article was published in the Chronicle Journal and in the MyTBay Citizen Newsletter, and is on the City's website. The City's response to the recommendations from the Seven Youth Inquest has been sent to the Chief Coroner.

7.0 WORKING GROUP UPDATES

7.1 Support Strong Neighbourhoods

L. Bruins reported that Evergreen A United Neighbourhood is partnering with Indigenous Mentorship for Youth on a lacrosse summer camp program for youth aged 12 to 17. Registrations are now open for the August 2017 program.

Ms. Bruins will send a link with more information relative to the above noted to L. Chevette, Coordinator - Crime Prevention Council, for distribution to the CPC members.

7.2 Public Education

C. Petit presented the June 2017 edition of the CPC Newsletter. She thanked L. Chevette for all of her comprehensive work on the newsletter; an overview of the articles was provided. Copies of the newsletter were distributed separately on desks at the meeting.

CPC members were encouraged to share the postings on the Crime Prevention Council Facebook page.

7.3 Respect.

L. Chevrette reported that she has posted the ad for the Respect Intern position and has been distributing the posting to her contacts, including members of the CPC. The position is a one-year contract, and will support the Crime Prevention Council and the Anti-Racism & Respect Advisory Committee.

L. Chevrette also sent an email inviting organizations and agencies to join the Respect initiative; she was pleased to report that she has since received 20 requests to join the initiative and will be sending out information packages to the new members.

8.0 ROUNDTABLE OF UPDATES

Members provided the following updates on the activities of their respective organizations/agencies.

B. Cryderman, William W. Creighton Youth Services, reported that staff will be going back to Wapekeka First Nation to assist the community. On a personal note, workers at the Roots to Harvest garden (a new community garden near the Lakehead board office) are providing activity in her neighbourhood; as a result, she felt their presence is a deterrent to crime.

B. Hamilton, Bay-Algonia BIA, reported that he will be reinvigorating the link concept for neighbourhoods; an overview of the initiative was provided.

K. Banks, Thunder Bay Parole Office (Correctional Service of Canada), reported that high-risk releases are coming to Thunder Bay. TB Parole Office will be working with the police and different agencies to make the transition as smooth as possible. Public safety is their number one priority.

M. Veltri, Elizabeth Fry Society, reported that the EFS has hired Angela Gollat, an artist who will be working with women in prison on a mural project. Programming has stabilized for the past year. Dave Cryderman will be doing an anti-racism workshop with the EFS Board of Directors. Ms. Veltri is currently working on a research project exploring housing for criminalized women.

C. Petit noted that she is a member of the Police Foundation Advisory Committee; she provided an overview of their work.

D. Dika, Thunder Bay Sexual Abuse Centre, advised that May was Sexual Abuse Awareness Month. The Centre launched a video contest about sexual assault. Seven participants have agreed to translate their videos. All videos will be posted on their website.

P. Vranesich, Age Friendly Thunder Bay, provided an overview of Age Friendly's 10 years of work in the community. More information is available on their website. The Community Elder Abuse Prevention Committee will be applying for a grant from New Horizons. K. Lewis, Director - Corporate Strategic Services, provided an overview of the 3 corporate reports she presented to City Council on June 26th. One of the reports includes a proposed model that recommends the community-based Age Friendly Thunder Bay and the City continues to work jointly, and that a contribution of \$50,000 to support Age Friendly Thunder Bay be included in the City's 2018 Budget.

L. Bruins, Evergreen A United Neighbourhood, reported that the sports grant has ended and the program was very successful. An overview was provided about the presence and successes of Evergreen in the Ogden neighbourhood over the past 12 years.

Discussion was held relative to measuring data on crime and successes in the various neighbourhoods with programming. L. Chevrette noted that the neighbourhoods are not specifically delineated like the Police Service boundaries, so measuring data can be challenging.

P. Capon, Matawa First Nation, reported that more funding is needed for mental health; Matawa is working with St. Joseph's Care Group in this regard. Discussion was held relative to the renal program at the hospital and the need for many Indigenous patients to relocate to Thunder Bay for treatment. Matawa is hoping to address relocation issues and other facets related to relocating families to Thunder Bay.

B. Krysowaty, Lakehead Social Planning Council (LSPC), reported that an information session will be held tomorrow at West Thunder Community Centre on the Basic Income Pilot Project. The Ministry will be there to answer questions. The Poverty Reduction Strategy is being updated and the Committee has met with members to review the goals. The Point in Time Count will take place in April 2018.

J. Bozicovich-Rowe, Community Safety Ambassador, provided an update on the Drug Strategy on behalf of Cynthia Olsen. An overview was provided on a study on the Northern Centre of Excellence regarding addiction and mental health. Members of the CPC were asked if their contact information could be passed on to the coordinators of the study; it was the consensus of the CPC members present to provide their contact information. It was noted that the Annual Report for the Drug Strategy will be presented to City Council on July 31, 2017

T. Walser, Community Safety Ambassador, provided an overview of activities that he and J. Bozicovich-Rowe have been involved with, including National Aboriginal Day and Pride Week. They continue to clean up areas and map out hot spots that need attention and more clean-up. They have been attending the Bay-Algonia Business District on Tuesday mornings. They have also met with the Fort William BIA for preliminary discussions about a pilot project for Thunder Bay similar to an urban park project in Timmins, whereby streets are closed off and a Farmers Market and pop-ups are brought into an area.

Acting Police Chief S. Hauth presented an overview of the responses to the recommendations

from the Seven Youth Inquest directed to the Thunder Bay Police Service. The Police Service is committed to implementing all of these recommendations. The Police Service has been patrolling the waterways since last November to ensure people are safe. In July, there will be a soft launch of the Mental Health Crisis Team. They will be attending calls with officers. There have been recent conversations with all levels of government. The Police Service is 100% committed towards a safe community and the well-being of its citizens. The Police Service has representatives on the Incident Reporting Working Group, and they are pleased that the service has been launched. An overview was also provided about a recent video, "Unity in the Community" which includes 6 of their officers.

Dr. J. DeMille, Thunder Bay District Health Unit, reported that the Provincial Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care will be making an announcement on June 12, 2017 about funding for naloxone kits to front-line organizations across the province, including Thunder Bay. The TBDHU will be working with local partners, including the Drug Strategy, on this initiative. Dr. DeMille is waiting for more details.

Inspector J. Graham, OPP, reported that all front-line OPP officers will be equipped with naloxone kits as emergency treatment for opioid overdoses (until users can get medical attention). Each officer will be issued a kit with two doses of naloxone nasal spray while on duty, while members of selected specialized units will carry a personal kit at all times.

J. Upton advised that Lakehead District School Board expressed their thanks to all of their partners in the community and look forward to another good year of collaboration.

9.0 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.

L. Chevrette noted that a good portion of the update has already been covered earlier in the agenda and in the newsletter.

She is in the process of finalizing a report on the Violence Prevention Research Initiative; there will be an event in the fall of 2017 to release the results of the project.

L. Chevrette provided an update on the North West Community Mobilization Network. Two training days have been scheduled for July 11th and 12th, 2017. More information on the training will be sent out to CPC members. Ms. Chevrette noted that over 90 people have registered for training to date.

10.0 NEW BUSINESS - None

11.0 NEXT MEETING

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 27, 2017; and
- Wednesday, November 29, 2017.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Chair wished everyone a wonderful summer, and encouraged members to attend the CPC events planned over the summer months.

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.