

DATE: MARCH 26, 2014

MEETING NO. 02-2014

TIME: 4:10 P.M.

PLACE: MCNAUGHTON ROOM, 3RD FLOOR, CITY HALL

CHAIR: T. WALTERS

PRESENT: *(by community sectors)*

Mayor K. Hobbs, (Ex-Officio)
T. Walters (**Chair**), *Child Welfare*
Councillor A. Ruberto, *City of Thunder Bay*
Councillor T. Giertuga, *City of Thunder Bay*
M. Woods, *Citizen*
E. Coates, *Youth*
L. Turner, *Youth*
E. Fredrickson, *Education*
L. Allaire, *Education*
Dr. J. DeMille, *Public Health*
Deputy Police Chief A. Hay & Constable J. Tilbury,
Police
Det. Sgt. J. Reppard, *Police*
L. Leskowski, *Community-Based Justice*
L. Robinson, *Community-Based Justice*
B. Cryderman, *Community-Based Justice*
L. Skaarup, *Business*
J. Sillman, *Mental Health Services*
S.L. Fata, *Victim Services*

OFFICIALS:

K. Lewis, Director of Corporate Communications and
Strategic Initiatives
L. Chevrette, Acting Coordinator – Crime Prevention
Council
C. Olsen, Coordinator - Thunder Bay Drug Strategy
L. Douglas, Committee Coordinator, Office of the City
Clerk

REGRETS:

L. Bruins, *Citizen*
Chief G. Morriseau, *Aboriginal Political
Organizations*
B.J. Chenier, *Aboriginal Political Organizations*
R. Fenton, *Aboriginal Political Organizations*
J. Kakegamic, *Education*
Constable C. Carson, *Police*
F. Wesley, *Aboriginal Services*
B. Ball, *Youth Services*
J. Lible, *Social Services*
R. Richardson, *Child Welfare*
B. Hamilton, *Business*
Councillor R. Johnson, *Addictions*
M. Klassen, *Community Social Planning*

GUESTS:

J. Hunter, *Aboriginal Liaison Strategy
Coordinator*
J. Bernard, *Indian Friendship Centre*
S. Strey, *Indian Friendship Centre*
C. Legarde, *Indian Friendship Centre*
S. Johnson, *Full Moon Memory Walk*
M. McGregor, *Violence Against Women Working
Group*
G. O'Reilly, *Violence Against Women Working
Group*

1.0 WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. A roundtable of introductions followed.

2.0 AGENDA APPROVAL

An update from the **respect.** Working Group was added under Working Group Updates.

With regard to the March 26, 2014 meeting of the Crime Prevention Council, it was the consensus of the Committee that the agenda, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Gladue Services Worker

At the November 27, 2013 meeting of the CPC, discussion was held relative to the sole Gladue caseworker for Northwestern Ontario, situated at the Indian Friendship Centre, who is currently on leave, with no temporary replacement to work with the legal system on behalf of Aboriginal Peoples. Mr. T. Walters asked that the Support for Aboriginal Populations Working Group research this issue and bring back recommendations for the consideration of the CPC.

M. Woods, Chair of the Support for Aboriginal Populations Working Group was to provide an update on the Gladue Services Worker status at the January 29, 2014 CPC meeting. This was deferred to the next meeting.

Janette Bernard, Indian Friendship Centre - Gladue Services Worker, and Steve Strey provided a presentation and responded to questions about the Gladue Services Program and their role as Gladue Services Workers. They also provided an overview of the role of the Indian Friendship Centre in the process. Claudia Legarde also responded to questions.

The program is the result of a 1999 decision by the Supreme Court of Canada, to help judges understand the background of Aboriginal people. Courts must look for alternatives to incarceration for Aboriginal people.

An overview of some of the cases they have taken on was provided. Their office provides recommendations for the sentence which will satisfy the offender, the victim, and society. They want the sentence to be meaningful to the client. Statistics are being tracked to determine the impact of the program.

- Funding is on a year-to-year basis.
- They are hoping for an eventual dedicated Gladue Court at the new court house.
- Current caseload is about 50 files.

At 4:34 p.m. their presentation ended, and members representing the Gladue Services Program were thanked for their efforts with the Aboriginal community and the justice system.

3.2 Walk a Mile Film Project

T. Walters introduced J. Hunter, the Aboriginal Liaison Strategy Coordinator. Background information leading up to the screening of the Walk a Mile Film Project at the Community Auditorium was provided. An overview of Michelle Derosier, who directed and produced the 5-part documentary film, was also provided.

The project was in association with the Office on the City Clerk, with a commitment to develop cross-cultural information and an overall goal of creating respectful relations in the community.

The videos are being used as an orientation training tool by The City of Thunder Bay for new hires.

Screening of the Walk a Mile Film Project, Part 4: Targets & Heroes, was provided for members of the Crime Prevention Council.

S. Johnson, organizer of the Full Moon Memory Walk, and participant in the Targets & Heroes video, was in attendance, and provided a heartfelt overview of the video. The Full Moon Memory Walk was organized in an effort to remember her sister in a positive way.

Discussion was held relative to lobbying for a federal inquiry into missing and murdered Aboriginal women. It was the consensus of the Crime Prevention Council to send a memorandum to City Council, (possibly through the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee) in support of an inquiry.

A subcommittee was formed to bring back a recommendation to the CPC at their next meeting in May. The subcommittee included L. Leskowski, B. Cryderman, R. Hudson, and B. Lysnes, and S. Fata.

CPC members were encouraged to view all five (5) videos in this project.

4.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting No. 01-2014 of the Crime Prevention Council, held on January 29, 2014, to be confirmed.

It was the consensus of the Committee that the Minutes of Meeting No. 01-2014 of the Crime Prevention Council, held on January 29, 2014, be confirmed.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Presentation on the Gladue Services Program was provided earlier in the meeting.

6.0 WORKING GROUP UPDATE

6.1 Support Strong Neighbourhoods

L. Chevrette, Acting Coordinator for the Crime Prevention Council, reported on behalf of Linda Bruins, with updates on the following:

- Restorative Neighbourhood Hub Program
- Activities of the Community Action Group

- April 10th Crime Prevention Awareness Walk for Victims, with Empowerment Workshop to follow
- 4th Annual Jane's Walk, with eight walks scheduled in various City neighbourhoods on May 3rd & 4th, 2014 (more information to be sent out to CPC members)

The Working Group is in the process of completing their 2nd grant application for Safer and Vital Communities in the Ogden/Simpson and Picton/Blucher/Windsor neighbourhoods.

6.2 Communications and Education

L. Chevrette, Acting Coordinator for the Crime Prevention Council, provided an overview of the meeting held with the Communications and Education Working Group. A good discussion was held relative to the communication plan. The public education piece will be discussed at the next WG meeting.

Discussion was held relative to developing an orientation package for new CPC members, as well as an ambassador piece for all CPC members.

Funding with the National Municipal Network is currently on hold. L. Chevrette will be able to provide more information on this after her teleconference meeting scheduled for tomorrow (March 27, 2014).

Copies of the March 2014 CPC Communiqué were distributed separately at the sign-in desk, and were distributed electronically on March 25, 2014.

6.3 Support for Aboriginal Populations

L. Chevrette, Acting Coordinator for the Crime Prevention Council, provided an overview of the two meetings she coordinated for the Support for Aboriginal Populations Working Group.

Possible initiatives being considered include:

- A welcoming strategy for newcomers to Thunder Bay (i.e. high school, university and college students arriving at the airport), which would include raising awareness about the support available in the community.
- How to engage Aboriginal populations in the community. The City's Aboriginal Liaison will be attending the next Working Group meeting to explore how to incorporate the needs of the Aboriginal community with the working being done through the CPC.

Discussion was held relative to the challenges newcomers face with securing affordable housing in Thunder Bay. It was noted that the Thunder Bay Drug Strategy Implementation Panel does have a Housing Committee which is trying to address this issue.

6.4 Violence Against Women (VAW)

G. O'Reilly provided an overview of the last VAW Working Group meeting. They reviewed the

CPC strategy, and there is a need for a new audit.

Discussion was held relative to sexual assault on French women.

The Working Group is looking at the wide-ranging impact of violence against women and criminalization of women.

6.5 **respect.**

K. Lewis, Director - Corporate Communications & Strategic Initiatives, provided an overview of the **respect.** campaign and the **respect.** Working Group, which has been formed under the Advisory Committee on Anti-Racism. Last year's focus was on education, and this year's focus will be on the business and hospitality sectors.

Lakehead University and the TB Regional Health Sciences Centre are both interested in adopting this initiative. The Working Group would like to expand the campaign into the workplace.

B. Cryderman and T. Walters expressed interest in joining the **respect.** Working Group.

7.0 **ROUNDTABLE OF UPDATES**

Dr. J. DeMille provided an overview of the TBDHU's Healthy Schools program. The Health Unit will be working with the mental health leads at the school boards. The Registered Nurses of Ontario received funding from the Healthy Communities Partnership Stream, and will be working closely with the school boards.

K. Lewis, Director - Corporate Communications & Strategic Initiatives, advised that the Thunder Bay Advisory Committee on Anti-Racism 3rd Annual Summary of Highlights was distributed at the Diversity Thunder Bay Annual Breakfast on March 20, 2014, and copies were available at the sign-in desk.

L. Turner provided an update on plans for WE Stand Up, which will be taking place on April 24th, with over 1400 students from across the Northwestern Ontario region coming together to be engaged, encouraged, and empowered on local issues groups, including the Hate Crime Awareness Campaign and Pay it Forward. Students will not only learn about issues in the community and region, but will also learn about what they can do to stand up and make a difference in the community.

L. Turner also reported that the Northwestern Ontario Secondary School Students Association continues to be active in the community, encouraging high school students to volunteer and make an impact in the community. The Secondary School Leadership Conference will be held May 22-25, where leadership skills will be fostered and positive, supportive relationships will be developed. The NWOSSSA Student Council Executive Convention, for the first time, invited students from Dennis Franklin Cromarty to attend the conference, in attempts to establish relationships between the students and the secondary schools in Thunder Bay.

S. Fata provided an overview of an upcoming workshop, Taking Action: Surviving Victimization and Reclaiming Self, being held on April 9, 2014. Copies of the poster for the event were distributed separately on desks at the meeting.

B. Cryderman reported that Creighton Youth Services currently have no girls in custody. She noted that the Paint the Town event is being planned for June 19, 2014; notices about the event will be going out to local schools.

C. Olsen provided an overview of the SOS (Street Outreach Services) Program. The Housing Homelessness Coalition will be working on a series of town hall meetings called “Why should housing matter to you?”

L. Leskowski reported that the John Howard Society is continuing with the Lunch & Learn sessions. They continue to get a good cross section of the community attending the luncheons.

The John Howard Society is also participating in a youth gang research project with the Ministry of Children & Youth Services. The research is in its final stages before being released to the public.

M. Woods, Chair of the Thunder Bay District Crime Stoppers, reported that Crime Stoppers would be launching the Safe Schools Video Challenge at Confederation College tomorrow night (March 27, 2014). Everyone was welcome to attend and watch the winning entries for the 2013 challenge.

Deputy Police Chief A. Hay advised that the new Aboriginal Liaison at the Thunder Bay Police Service is Constable Darren Prince.

Mayor K. Hobbs reported that the Youth Centre would not be receiving the funding necessary to proceed with the project. He asked that the CPC provide their ideas about how to proceed. This item will be added to the next CPC agenda.

Councillor A. Ruberto advised that a presentation was held at the BIA meeting he attended about the new hours for the Thunder Bay Police Service as well as a presentation on Zone Watch.

L. Allaire reported that the strength-based approach program was in its 2nd year at the Aurora Borealis Catholic District School Board. She provided an overview of the program, which demonstrates leadership skills at every level, and allows older students to assist younger students. The program is being delivered by videoconference to schools in the district.

C. Legarde reported on events being held in celebration of the Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Centre’s 50th Anniversary.

G. O’Reilly reported on upcoming clinics which will be dealing with internet stalking and harassment, as well as reconciliation.

E. Coates reported on activities at the Youth Centre. They are trying to have weekly lunches with Elders, in order to promote discussions between youth and the Elders.

C. Olsen advised that Thunder Pride Week will run from June 8th to June 15th, 2014. Thunder Pride is hoping to hold their 2nd Annual Pride Parade and the City of Thunder Bay was being encouraged to enter a float.

8.0 CRIME PREVENTION OFFICE

L. Chevrette, Acting Coordinator for the Crime Prevention Council, noted that most of her report was included in the Working Group Updates. Her office, in partnership with Thunder Bay Police Services, is organizing a one-day workshop on Wednesday, May 7th about Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) to assist participants with developing the skills to conduct safety audits in their neighbourhoods. The fee is \$20.

L. Chevrette will send out more information about this workshop to members of the CPC.

2014 **respect.** Award

Constable Larry Baxter was awarded the 2014 **respect.** Award at the Diversity Thunder Bay 8th Annual Breakfast on March 20, 2014. His efforts in the community exemplify the principles of the **respect.** initiative.

Additional Activities

The additional activities of the CPC Office could be found in the March 2014 CPC Communiqué, which was distributed separately at the sign-in table and electronically by email on March 25, 2014.

9.0 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, 3rd Floor of City Hall, as follows:

- May 28, 2014
- June 25, 2014
- November 26, 2014

Due to 2014 being a municipal election year, all advisory committee meetings will cease during the election campaign period; accordingly, no meetings will be scheduled between September 12, 2014 and October 27, 2014.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.