

**DATE:** MARCH 25, 2015**MEETING NO. 01-2015****TIME:** 4:12 P.M.**PLACE:** MCNAUGHTON ROOM, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, CITY HALL**CHAIR:** MR. J. UPTON**PRESENT:** *(by community sectors)*

Mayor K. Hobbs, (Ex-Officio)  
Councillor S. Ch'ng, *City of Thunder Bay*  
Councillor A. Ruberto, *City of Thunder Bay*  
M. Villella, *Citizen*  
A. Garro, *Youth Representative*  
C. Muncaster Zale, *Youth Representative*  
J. Upton, J.P. Tennier, *Education*  
Deputy Police Chief A. Hay, Constable J. Tilbury, *Police*  
Det. Sgt. J. Reppard, Staff Sgt. J.S. Graham, *Police*  
B. Ball, *Older Adult Services*  
L. Leskowski, J. Boucher, *Community-Based Justice*  
B. Cryderman, L. Kallies, *Community-Based Justice*  
D. Walker, *Child Welfare*  
T. Walters (Past Chair)  
C. Robinson, *Business*  
Councillor R. Johnson, *Addictions*  
J. Sillman, *Mental Health Services*  
S.L. Fata, *Victim Services*

**REGRETS:**

L. Bruins, *Citizen*  
Chief G. Morriseau, *Aboriginal Political Organizations*  
B.J. Chenier, *Aboriginal Political Organizations*  
R. Fenton, *Aboriginal Political Organizations*  
J. Kakegamic, *Education*

**REGRETS:** (cont'd)

Dr. J. DeMille, *Public Health*  
Constable S. Sherlock, *Police*  
J. Lible, *Social Services*  
R. Richardson, *Child Welfare*  
C. Magbanua, *Child Welfare*  
B. Hamilton, *Business*  
M. Klassen, *Community Social Planning*

**OFFICIALS:**

L. Chevrette, Coordinator – Crime Prevention Council  
A. Ostrom, Acting Coordinator - Thunder Bay Drug Strategy  
L. Douglas, Committee Coordinator – Office of the City Clerk

**GUESTS:**

Councillor A. Foulds & Students from Superior High School  
A. Hill, Co-Chair of the Youth Suicide Prevention Task Force  
A. Bencharski, Children's Centre Thunder Bay Foundation  
E. Corston, Executive Director – Ontario Native Women's Association (ONWA)

**1.0 WELCOME**

L. Chevrette called the meeting to order at 4:12 p.m. and welcomed members of the CPC. A roundtable of introductions followed.

**2.0 PRESENTATIONS****2.1 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration Event of the Montreal Massacre**

Councillor Andrew Foulds and Connor Zale, Willa Ratz, Christa Campbell, Alexis Campbell, Arly Lacoix, Max Brown, Harleen Bhullar, Caitlyn Mundy, Dempsey Kukko Pulkkinen, Teo

Todosia, students from Superior High School, provided an overview of events which were held at Superior CVI High School on Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in commemoration of the Polytechnique Massacre, which occurred on December 6, 1989 in Montreal.

Councillor A. Foulds introduced the students, and noted how proud he was of them. The students provided a PowerPoint slideshow and videos of the 2-day awareness event, which included statistical information about violence against women. The students and teachers were encouraged to sign banners and posters to pledge to stop violence against women.

The students making the presentation reported that the students and teachers at Superior CVI were very supportive of the cause. Going forward, they will continue to spread the message into the community to bring attention to this issue. Their long term goal is to create a safe environment for all.

Councillor Foulds and the students were thanked for their presentation. The group left the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

## 2.2 Thunder Bay Youth Suicide Prevention Task Force

Copies of the Information Package on the Thunder Bay Youth Suicide Prevention Task Force, as well as Help Cards, were distributed separately on desks at the meeting.

Angela Hill, Co-Chair of the Youth Suicide Prevention Task Force, provided an overview of the Task Force using a PowerPoint presentation.

Outlines of the following campaigns were also provided:

- *Parents Campaign* – to become more involved with their youth and information on resources;
- *Teacher Campaign* – provided educators with tip cards and posters and featured safeTALK: a suicide awareness training program;
- *Coach Campaign* – tailored to coaches and instructors; tip cards, posters, and an on-line video were provided;
- *Welcome Path Video Project* – targeted for First Nations partners, for youth coming to Thunder Bay to attend high school.
- [www.HerestheDeal.ca](http://www.HerestheDeal.ca) – website containing information on suicide prevention tips, where to go for help, and campaign material (on the above campaigns). These resources are being used widely across Ontario.
- Stress Buster Workshop created for Grade 9 students, to help ease the transition into high school.
- A docudrama has been developed with the assistance of a Trillium grant.
- 31 partners are interested in more youth engagement. There is free safeTALK training available for partners.
- *Together to Live* – an on-line toolkit for addressing suicide and life promotion.

Ms. Hill noted that the material has also been translated into French.

Ms. Hill and Ms. Bencharski were thanked for their presentation. They left the meeting at 4:53 p.m.

The meeting recessed for a supper break, and reconvened at 5:05 p.m. A roundtable of introductions followed.

### 3.0 APPROVAL

With regard to the March 25, 2015 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.

### 4.0 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR

Mayor K. Hobbs thanked T. Walters, outgoing Chair, for his contributions to the Crime Prevention Council over the past several years.

L. Chevrette, Coordinator - Crime Prevention Council, administered the nominations for the position of Chair and Vice Chair.

L. Bruins, who had accepted the nomination prior to the meeting, and J. Upton were nominated for the position of Chair. There were no other nominations.

B. Cryderman provided a short bio on Ms. Bruins. Mr. Upton provided a short bio about himself.

Members of the CPC decided to vote by a show of hands. Mr. Upton left the meeting room during the vote.

WITH RESPECT TO the position of Chair on the Crime Prevention Council, it was the consensus of the Crime Prevention Council that Jeff Upton be appointed Chair for the remainder of the 2015 calendar year, and until such time a replacement has been appointed, as required annually.

L. Chevrette called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Crime Prevention Council.

B. Cryderman advised that L. Bruins agreed to let her name stand for the position of Vice Chair. There were no other nominations.

WITH RESPECT TO the position of Vice Chair, it was the consensus of the Crime Prevention Council, that Linda Bruins be appointed Vice Chair for the remainder of the 2015 calendar year, and until such time a replacement has been appointed, as required annually.

The newly-appointed Chair, J. Upton, assumed the position of Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Mr. Upton congratulated Ms. Bruins on her appointment, and recognized Tom Walters for all of his work on the Crime Prevention Council. Mr. Upton looked forward to continued leadership and mentorship from Mr. Walters.

#### 5.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting No. 06-2014 of the Crime Prevention Council, held on November 26, 2014, to be confirmed.

It was the consensus of the Council that the Minutes of Meeting No. 06-2014 of the Crime Prevention Council, held on November 26, 2014, be confirmed.

#### 6.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

There was no business arising from the previous minutes.

#### 7.0 WORKING GROUP UPDATE

##### 7.1 Support Strong Neighbourhoods

On behalf of L. Bruins, the Chair of the Support Strong Neighbourhoods Working Group, L. Chevrette provided an update on the activities of the Windsor/Blucher/Picton neighbourhood.

With the support of the Community Action Group, and a new Board of Directors, there has been an impressive transition in the neighbourhood. Residents have become champions for the neighbourhood, and are becoming empowered to lead the community.

TBDSSAB has noted a significant decrease in the number of complaints from residents in this neighbourhood over the past months. Thunder Bay Police Service calls for service for violent, property and quality of life calls have also dropped significantly in the area over the past year.

Administration will be applying for another grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to support this neighbourhood.

Ms. Chevrette noted that one of the successful projects was the community garden. In this regard, and due to their success, J. Upton noted that the Lakehead Public Schools have been partnering with Roots to Harvest for community garden initiatives.

##### 7.2 Communications and Education – No Update

##### 7.3 Support for Aboriginal Populations – No Update

7.4 Violence Against Women – No Update

7.5 Respect.

L. Chevrette reported that this working group will be reconvening in early April.

The 2015 respect. Award was presented to the Regional Multicultural Youth Council at the March 19<sup>th</sup> Diversity Celebration Breakfast.

On March 20<sup>th</sup>, the TB Regional Hospital launched their respect. campaign in collaboration with the City of Thunder Bay.

Ms. Chevrette noted that she has been working with the City's HR department to facilitate the respect. module for new hires during their orientation sessions.

8.0 CRIME PREVENTION OFFICE

L. Chevrette, Coordinator for the Crime Prevention Council, noted that if CPC members know of people outside of the CPC who are interesting in joining the CPC, they can start by becoming involved with the working groups and by contacting Ms. Chevrette for more information.

Membership composition will be reviewed when the Terms of Reference are updated; the Strategic Plan also needs to be updated.

Updates on the following initiatives and upcoming events were provided:

- 2015 Jane's Walk being held in 8 neighbourhoods on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>;
- Seniors' Walk; more information and the poster will be distributed to CPC members;
- Zone Watch training;
- Restorative Neighbourhood Hub Pilot Project (also reported on earlier in the meeting);
- Corporate Report No. 295/2014 - Comprehensive Safety & Security Design Assessment: South Core Neighbourhood – was presented to City Council in December, 2014 and was approved as a guiding document for neighbourhood improvements in the South Core. A public task force will be established in due course (with 3-year terms for members), and will implement the recommendations in the Corporate Report. Terms of Reference for the task force are currently being developed. The CPC Office is also writing a grant application through the Ministry of Correctional Services – Proceeds of Crime, to acquire funding to implement some of the recommendations in the report.

9.0 ROUNDTABLE OF UPDATES

Members provided updates on the activities of their respective groups as follows:

A. Ostrom, Acting Coordinator – Thunder Bay Drug Strategy, provided the following report to L. Chevrette prior to the meeting:

- Youth Issues Working Group will be holding a youth consultation for 50 youth on May 5. Facilitated by Right to Play, with small work group led by a team of local youth leaders. Purpose is to consult with around “What would keep you safe when using substances?” in order to inform Drug Strategy next steps. Let Anne Ostrom know if your organization has any youth interested in being a leader or participant.
- The Housing and Homelessness Coalition has selected 3 projects for the next 2 years of funding from the Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS). Shelter House and John Howard Society will receive funds for case management and life skills programming, and Alpha Court will receive funding to increase the number of transitional housing units.
- Recent media around the safe disposal of needles if found outside now that the snow is melting. People can pick up portable needle disposal kits from Shelter House, Elevate NWO on Memorial, and the Thunder Bay District Health Unit.
- The Drug Strategy has launched a bi-monthly newsletter, which can be distributed electronically through the Crime Prevention Office. Alternatively, it will be posted on the Drug Strategy website and linked on Facebook. CPC members are invited to “like” Thunder Bay Drug Strategy page on Facebook.

D. Walker, Children’s Centre Thunder Bay, is working with the Youth Suicide Task Force on the safeTALK training workshops. She encouraged CPC members to think about the issue of youth suicide, and to spread the word on training and resources. Ms. Walker noted that the staff at the Children’s Centre is trained on this topic.

J. Sillman, St. Joseph’s Care Group, provided an overview of an article on mental illness. She will send a link to the article to the Crime Prevention Office for electronic distribution to CPC members.

Ms. Sillman reported that the Balmoral Centre has received permanent funding for withdrawal management services in order to meet increasing demand. The fact sheet on this project will be forwarded to the Crime Prevention Office for electronic distribution.

E. Corston, Executive Director – Ontario Native Women’s Association (ONWA), provided an overview of a proposal sent to the Department of Justice (Canada) relative to the sex trade. ONWA is preparing for a presentation to the Province on sexual assault. An overview of the ONWA partnership with Beendigen on the Talk4Healing phone helpline was provided.

Constable J. Tilbury, the Thunder Bay Police Service, provided an overview of the Crime Stoppers video launch being held the following evening, on March 26, 2015, at Confederation College.

On Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, Crime Stoppers will be hosting a “Clean out your Cabinets” event at the Farmers Market; they will be collecting personal information which needs to be shredded and older medicine which needs to be properly disposed of.

In March, the Thunder Bay Police Service launched a campaign for residents and businesses to register their security cameras and devices with the Thunder Bay Police Service.

The next Academy training is scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. The Zone Watch program is currently being overhauled for updates.

Deputy Police Chief A. Hay provided an overview of a current local issue with racist and anti-Indigenous comments being posted on Facebook. The Police Service is meeting with the crown attorney on how to deal with the situation.

Mr. J. Upton thanked Constable Tilbury and Deputy Police Chief Hay for all the work they are doing with the school boards.

S. Fata, Thunder Bay Counselling Centre, advised that April 19<sup>th</sup> to April 25<sup>th</sup> was National Victims of Crime Awareness Week. Thunder Bay Counselling Centre plans to increase community collaboration in connection with children who have been exposed to domestic violence.

C. Muncaster Zale was involved with the Superior High School awareness event about violence against women. If anyone was interested in coming to Superior High School to speak, they could contact him.

B. Cryderman, Director of Services at William W. Creighton Youth Services, advised that Al Jazeera was coming to Thunder Bay to make a documentary. Training is ongoing throughout the agency on colonization and history prior to the arrival of Europeans in Canada. The agency is also working with Evergreen A United Neighbourhood.

A. Garro, the new Youth representative, sees outreach opportunities with the elementary and high schools. He is currently a member of the Clean, Green & Beautiful Committee, and he looks forward to working with the CPC and learning more about the community.

M. Vilella advised that he works at YES Employment with youth at risk.

B. Ball, Director of Recreation & Culture, provided a brief overview of the Community, Youth & Cultural Funding Program.

J. Boucher, Elizabeth Fry Society, advised that EFS was hoping to relocate their office closer to the new Courthouse at Miles and Brodie Streets.

Ontario Provincial Police officers, Det. Sgt. J. Reppard and Staff Sgt. J.S. Graham reported that they are helping the Municipality of Shuniah with a Proceeds of Crime grant. They noted that Shuniah would be very interested in the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Audit in the City's South Core Neighbourhood.

Councillor S. Ch'ng would like to make changes for a safer community.

L. Kallies, KAIROS Community Resources Centre, provided an overview about her agency.

L. Leskowski, Executive Director of the John Howard Society Thunder Bay, reported that they have completed renegotiating contracts and are finishing their strategic plan. The John Howard Society continues to have wait lists. Ms. Leskowski would like to see the formation of a Mental Health Working Group. She also provided an overview of a mental health screening tool which is being used by front-line OPP officers to assist them with identifying mental health problems.

C. Robinson, President of the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce, advised that the Chamber will be hosting a luncheon seminar on April 8<sup>th</sup> at the M.J. Black Library called Protecting Your Business: Crime Prevention. The Thunder Bay Police Service will be addressing crime and safety issues in the business community, and on how to reduce and identify criminal activity.

L. Chevrette reminded CPC members that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Victims Walk, in partnership with the Thunder Bay Police Service, will be held on April 21<sup>st</sup>. She advised that copies of the Annual Highlights Report for the Anti-Racism Advisory Committee were available on the sign-in table. Copies of the flyer, Shifting the Lens: Understanding Racism, were also on the sign-in table, promoting a community engagement event sponsored by the Anti-Racism Advisory Committee.

J. Upton advised that he would be providing more information on a protocol being developed by the Lakehead District School Board on child abuse and neglect.

T. Walters advised that Thunder Bay Counts would be holding a Community Open Forum on March 26<sup>th</sup> at the Italian Cultural Centre from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. about how the community can work together to address issues like racism, poverty and inequality.

#### 10.0 NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business presented.

#### 11.0 2015 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:

- May 27, 2015
- June 24, 2015
- September 30, 2015
- November 25, 2015

#### 12.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.