

**DATE:** MAY 28, 2014

**MEETING NO. 03-2014**

**TIME:** 4:09 P.M.

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

**CHAIR:** T. WALTERS

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

Mayor K. Hobbs, (Ex-Officio)  
T. Walters (**Chair**), *Child Welfare*  
N. Sponchia (**Vice Chair**), *Addictions*  
Councillor T. Giertuga, *City of Thunder Bay*  
L. Bruins, *Citizen*  
M. Woods, *Citizen*  
E. Coates, *Youth*  
L. Turner, *Youth*  
E. Fredrickson, *Education*  
E. St. Arnaud, *Education*  
Deputy Police Chief A. Hay, *Police*  
Det. Sgt. J. Reppard, *Police*  
Staff Sgt. J.S. Graham, *Police*  
J. Lible, *Social Services*  
L. Robinson, *Community-Based Justice*  
B. Cryderman, L. Kallies, *Community-Based Justice*  
J. Sillman, *Mental Health 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  
S. Nelson, **respect.** Initiative Intern  
L. Douglas, Committee Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk

**REGRETS:**

Councillor A. Ruberto, *City of Thunder Bay*  
Chief G. Morriveau, *Aboriginal Political Organizations*  
B.J. Chenier, *Aboriginal Political Organizations*  
R.Fenton, *Aboriginal Political Organizations*  
J. Kakegamic, *Education*  
Dr. J. DeMille, *Public Health*  
Constable J. Tilbury, *Police*  
Constable C. Carson, *Police*  
F. Wesley, *Aboriginal Services*  
B. Ball, *Youth Services*  
L. Leskowski, C. Legarde, *Community-Based Justice*  
R. Richardson, *Child Welfare*  
M. Kennedy, L. Skaarup, *Business*  
B. Hamilton, *Business*  
Councillor R. Johnson, *Addictions*  
M. Klassen, *Community Social Planning*  
S.L. Fata, D. Boucher, *Victim Services*

**GUESTS:**

R. Coghlan, Volunteer – Thunder Bay Youth Justice Committee Program  
A. Magiskan, Office of the Aboriginal Liaison  
G. O'Reilly, Violence Against Women Working Group

1.0 WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 4:09 p.m. A roundtable of introductions followed.

2.0 AGENDA APPROVAL

With regard to the May 28, 2014 meeting of the Crime Prevention Council, it was the consensus of the Committee members present that the agenda, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

### 3.0 PRESENTATIONS

#### 3.1 Youth Justice Committee Program

Copies of the Thunder Bay Youth Justice Program Brochure (Increasing Awareness & Building Community) and the “Say YES! To Community” Brochure (Teaching Accountability, Responsibility and Building On Values) were distributed separately on the sign-in table at the meeting.

Robert Coghlan, Volunteer with the Thunder Bay Youth Justice Committee Program provided an overview of the Thunder Bay Youth Justice Committee Program and responded to questions. This program is based on a restorative approach to justice, and includes the participation of victims, offenders and communities to provide an opportunity for repairing harm to individuals and communities.

The program deals with minor, first-time low-risk offences committed by persons aged 12 to 17. It gives priority to accountability by the offender, needs of the victim(s), community wellness and healing.

Young offenders are referred to the Program by the police. Deputy A. Hay provided clarification on who can make referrals. It was noted that the victim is supposed to agree to the restorative measure negotiated.

Mr. Coghlan provided an overview of the circles which are held at the Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Centre and at various local schools. Circles normally have 2 facilitators who are trained in mediation. They control the proceedings and allow all parties to be heard. All present are treated with respect and are welcomed to the proceedings. The offender and the victim are provided an opportunity to speak. The facilitator will explain the impact of the offence, and will assist with the negotiation of restorative justice.

It was noted that the program has been opened up to deal with minor assaults.

At 4:20 p.m., Mr. Coghlan was thanked for his presentation.

#### 3.2 Walk a Mile Film Project

A. Magiskan, Aboriginal Liaison – Office of the City Clerk, introduced the video and provided some background on the development of the Walk a Mile Film Project.

The CPC collectively screened the Walk a Mile Film Project, Part 1: Coming to Terms.

After viewing the video, the CPC was in consensus that there was value in watching the video as a group, as the videos do create dialogue to promote change in the community.

All people need to be respected and heard in the community, and this is being promoted through the **respect.** campaign. It was noted that racism and discrimination are very important issues to the CPC. It was also noted that the community needs to acknowledge and understand colonization.

Deputy Police Chief A. Hay thought that the series of videos should be required viewing by all employees of the City.

It was noted that lower income families also need to be focused on, as they, too, are experiencing prejudice and discrimination.

The remainder of the series will be viewed at upcoming CPC meetings.

#### 4.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting No. 02-2014 of the Crime Prevention Council, held on March 26, 2014, to be confirmed.

It was the consensus of the Committee members present that the Minutes of Meeting No. 02-2014 of the Crime Prevention Council, held on March 26, 2014, be confirmed.

J. Lible left the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

#### 5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

##### Youth Centre

At the March 26, 2014 meeting of the Crime Prevention Council, Mayor K Hobbs noted during the Roundtable of Updates that the City's partnership with the Indian Friendship Centre for a planned youth centre will not proceed. The two partners were unable to secure capital funding from Ottawa or Queen's Park to transform the former Prosvita Hall on High Street into a youth centre.

Mayor K. Hobbs reported that the City did receive confirmation from the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs & Northern Development, Bernard Valcourt, that there will be no federal funding for the Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Centre.

Discussion was held relative to the recent request for additional funding from the Victoriaville Youth Centre, the need for a "Plan B" for local youth, sources for more funding, and possible lobbying efforts to solicit funding.

Any ideas can be forwarded to L. Chevrette, the Acting CPC Coordinator.

## 6.0 WORKING GROUP UPDATE

### 6.1 Support Strong Neighbourhoods

L. Bruins provided an update on the following:

- Work with the Community Action Group in the Windsor/Picton/Blucher neighbourhood;
- Community Gardening / Cooking Classes / Art Classes;
- Membership drive;
- June 18<sup>th</sup> events at Widnall Park;
- Breakfast program starting at Minnesota Park.

An update on the Evergreen Building on Heron Street was provided.

L. Bruins reported that Evergreen - A United Neighbourhood would be receiving a Social Planning Award for Quality of Life from the Lakehead Social Planning Council.

### 6.2 Communications and Education

T. Walters provided an overview of the workshop on Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED), held on May 7, 2014. The Director of Planning & Physical Resources, from the Windsor Police Service, facilitated the workshop.

The Communications and Education Working Group will be facilitating safety audits with the Acting CPC Coordinator.

L. Chevette, Acting CPC Coordinator, has made suggestions on the draft Official Plan based on safety issues.

There will be a Seniors Safety Forum in June, as seniors are one of the target populations for the Crime Prevention Council. L. Chevette has contacted Age Friendly Thunder Bay and the Thunder Bay Police Service in this regard.

The Working Group will be reaching out to Leadership Thunder Bay to partner with them to effectively communicate with the public about crime prevention.

Mr. Walters noted that the 2010 Safety Audit needs to be updated. The Working Group will be partnering with researchers at Lakehead University for assistance and support. A draft updated Safety Audit will be presented to the CPC for approval prior to presentation to City Council.

Mr. Walters suggested that members of the CPC start to review the Strategic Plan, as it will have to be updated after the 2014 Municipal Elections, and presented to the new City Council.

### 6.3 Support for Aboriginal Populations

M. Woods provided an overview of the welcoming campaign being developed for students who will be attending school in Thunder Bay in the fall.

The Working Group is also exploring the development of a new resource pamphlet outlining services offered to newcomers to Thunder Bay. Discussion was held relative to inclusion of resources in the pamphlet regarding health care.

Discussion was also held relative to what is being done for the evacuees currently in Thunder Bay from Kashechewan. A new communication program is being developed for future evacuations that will be sent to Thunder Bay.

The Working Group is exploring an initiative for a city-wide smudging which can occur each season. The Office of the Aboriginal Liaison is supportive of this idea.

### 6.4 Violence Against Women

G. O'Reilly advised that there were no updates from the Committee.

The Northwestern Ontario Women's Centre will be hosting a workshop on internet stalking.

### 6.5 Respect.

S. Nelson, respect. Initiative Intern, reported that the **respect.** Working Group has held two meetings. The Working Group is comprised of members from the CPC, Diversity Thunder Bay, and the Advisory Committee on Anti-Racism. They are reviewing the history of the **respect.** Initiative, as well as the implementation of the Initiative since Ms. Nelson was hired. They are deciding on some feasible goals they will focus on. Co-chairs will be appointed at their next meeting.

T. Walters advised that Ms. S. Nelson will be completing her internship with the City at the end of June and commented that she has done a phenomenal job during her internship. He wished her luck with her future endeavours.

### 6.6 Federal Inquiry Subcommittee

At the March 26, 2014 meeting of the Crime Prevention Council, 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.

At the March 26, 2014 CPC meeting, a subcommittee was formed to bring back a recommendation to the CPC at their next meeting in May.

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.

L. Chevrette, Acting Coordinator for the Thunder Bay Crime Prevention Council, provided an overview of the subcommittee's meeting. M. Woods provided an overview of the Memorandum.

The following resolution was presented to the CPC:

“With respect to the missing and murdered Aboriginal women in Canada, that City Council expresses its support for a comprehensive national inquiry into this critical issue.

AND THAT this support be communicated to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Minister of Justice, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, and local Members of Parliament.”

Due to lack of quorum, the resolution could not be voted on for recommendation to Committee of the Whole. It was noted that all voting members of the CPC, who were present at the meeting, were in consensus that the resolution be recommended to Committee of the Whole.

The resolution will be re-presented to the CPC at their next meeting.

## 7.0 NEW BUSINESS

### Full Moon Memory Walk

Discussion was held relative to overlap of issues among the CPC working groups.

M. Woods advised that the Support for Aboriginal Populations Working Group would take the lead on collaborations among local agencies, the CPC, and the City to provide support for Sharon Johnson with plans for future Full Moon Memory Walks. L. Chevrette will also be involved.

## 8.0 ROUNDTABLE OF UPDATES

Copies of the May 2014 Thunder Bay Drug Strategy Community Report, titled “Travelling the Road to Change”, were distributed separately on desks at the meeting. C. Olsen, Coordinator - Thunder Bay Drug Strategy, reported that the Annual Report was presented to Council on May 26, 2014. A recommendation for provision of annual operating funds was put forward for consideration of Council in Budget 2015.

Ms. Olsen provided an overview of the Community Town Hall Meetings which will be focusing on addressing homelessness in the community. The 1<sup>st</sup> one is being held tonight at the Finlandia Club, titled “It’s About Safety”. The June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting will have a focus on health, and the September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting will be focusing on prosperity.

A breakfast and speaker around homelessness are being planned for October. An overview of overdose prevention and distribution of needle disposal kits in the community was also provided.

N. Sponchia raised the issue about minimum wages being too low in Canada. Discussion was held relative to the importance of increasing the minimum wage.

B. Cryderman, William W. Creighton Youth Services, advised that the 2014 Paint the Town event will be held on June 7<sup>th</sup> at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Thunder Bay. More information on the event will be sent to L. Chevrette for electronic distribution to CPC members.

Deputy Police Chief A. Hay provided an overview of the new service delivery model of Zone Policing, which will be rolled out over the next few weeks.

Mayor K. Hobbs and J. Sillman, Vice President of Mental Health & Addiction Services at St. Joseph's Care Group, were in support of expansion of the managed alcohol program. Mayor Hobbs commented that he would like to see the SOS (Street Outreach Services) Program extended year-round. The program concluded in April, 2014 due to funding. He suggested that the Crime Prevention Council send a recommendation to City Council for additional funding for this Program. The Executive Director of the Shelter House will be invited to the next CPC meeting to provide an overview of the SOS Program, before a recommendation is made.

#### 9.0 CRIME PREVENTION OFFICE

L. Chevrette, Acting Coordinator for the Crime Prevention Council, provided an overview of the May 2014 CPC Communiqué, which was distributed electronically to the CPC, which included the following:

- The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Jane's Walk;
- The workshop on Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED);
- Review of the draft Official Plan through a crime prevention lens and recommendations submitted to the Planning Division;
- The **respect**. Initiative partnership with the Recreation & Culture Division to launch the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual **respect**. Youth Campaign for Youth Week; and
- An overview of the Broken Pieces, Mended Hearts Photo Voice Project, with partnered with Our Kids Count and Leadership Thunder Bay.

L. Chevrette will be researching how to bring Lighting the 8<sup>th</sup> Fire: the Fire of Justice and Harmony to Thunder Bay.

#### 10.0 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:

- 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.

#### 11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.