

DATE: MAY 27, 2015

MEETING NO. 02-2015

TIME: 4:06 P.M.

PLACE: MCNAUGHTON ROOM, 3RD FLOOR, CITY HALL

CHAIR: MR. J. UPTON

PRESENT: *(by community sectors)*

Mayor K. Hobbs, (Ex-Officio)
Councillor S. Ch'ng, *City of Thunder Bay*
L. Bruins, *Citizen*
M. Villella, *Citizen*
A. Garro, *Youth Representative*
C. Muncaster Zale, *Youth Representative*
J. Upton, *Education*
M. Thompson, *Education*
K. Allan, *Public Health*
Deputy Police Chief A. Hay, Constable J. Tilbury, *Police*
J. Lible, *Social Services*
L. Leskowski, C. Legarde, *Community-Based Justice*
J. Boucher, B. Cryderman, *Community-Based Justice*
D. Walker, *Child Welfare*
D. Boucher, *Victim Services*

OFFICIALS:

L. Chevrette, Coordinator – Crime Prevention Council
L. Douglas, Committee Coordinator – Office of the City Clerk

GUESTS:

I. Hodgkinson, Director - Guardian Angels Canada
P. Capon, Policy Analyst – Matawa First Nation
S. Jorgensen, Fort William Business District

REGRETS:

Councillor A. Ruberto, *City of Thunder Bay*
G. Morriseau, *Aboriginal Political Organizations*
B.J. Chenier, *Aboriginal Political Organizations*
R. Fenton, *Aboriginal Political Organizations*
E. St. Arnaud, *Education*
J. Kakegamic, *Education*
Det. Sgt. J. Reppard, *Police*
Constable S. Sherlock, *Police*
B. Ball, *Older Adult Services*
L. Kallies, *Community-Based Justice*
R. Richardson, *Child Welfare*
C. Magbanua, *Child Welfare*
T. Walters (Past Chair)
C. Robinson, *Business*
B. Hamilton, *Business*
Councillor R. Johnson, *Addictions*
T. Buckler, J. Sillman, *Mental Health Services*
M. Klassen, *Community Social Planning*

1.0 WELCOME

The Chair, J. Upton, called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. A roundtable of introductions followed.

2.0 APPROVAL

With regard to the May 27, 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.

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

Guardian Angels

Mr. Ian Hodgkinson, Director – Guardian Angels Canada, provided an overview and responded to questions about the Guardian Angels and how the organization started in the Bronx in 1977. The Guardian Angels are now worldwide. Their focus is on bullying and cyber-bullying. The national program (for Canada) is being run out of Thunder Bay. All new Canadian members of the Guardian Angels are being trained in Thunder Bay.

Mr. Hodgkinson is a citizen of Thunder Bay, and is a single father of a 14 year old daughter. He has received many awards for his work, and has helped to save lives all over the world.

Mr. Hodgkinson spoke about the activities of the local chapter of the Guardian Angels, and the membership to date. They currently have over 80 members in the City, with 30 full-time members. To date, there are 7 Aboriginal members. The screening process includes a police records check, members must attend classes every Saturday to review the manual and constitution, and the probation period is approximately four months. Personal conduct is an important consideration in order to become a member. Mr. Hodgkinson stressed that the Guardian Angels are not the police, and they do not take the law into their own hands; they are there to assist the Police Service and Thunder Bay Fire Rescue.

An overview of their partnership with St. Ignatius High School was provided. Parents are aware of the program, and must provide consent for their children to participate. The program includes self-defense lessons, physical activity and awareness on safety issues. The program is now endorsed by the Catholic District School Board.

An overview of their partnership with Mac's Convenience Stores was also provided. Mac's approached the Guardian Angels due to the number of robberies in Thunder Bay. They will be re-modifying their crime busters program. Mac's have offered their stores as neighbourhood bases for the Guardian Angels. The Thunder Bay Chapter of the Guardian Angels will be getting a mobile help centre (van), and the community will be advised on the location of the van as it moves around the City. The program is starting in June.

At 4:43 p.m., Mr. Hodgkinson was thanked for his presentation and he left the meeting.

4.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting No. 01-2015 of the Crime Prevention Council, held on March 25, 2015, to be confirmed.

It was the consensus of the Council that the Minutes of Meeting No. 01-2015 of the Crime Prevention Council, held on March 25, 2015, be confirmed.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES – None.

6.0 ANNUAL REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

Ad Hoc Committee to be formed to perform annual review and updating of Terms of Reference to better reflect current issues, deliverables, committee composition, etc.

Current Terms of Reference, as of September, 2011, were provided for information.

The following members agreed to sit on the Ad Hoc Committee:

- Jeff Upton
- Linda Bruins
- Brenda Cryderman
- Deputy Police Chief Andrew Hay
- Andrew Garro
- Linda Douglas

L. Chevrette, Coordinator - Crime Prevention Council, will send out meeting invitations.

7.0 WORKING GROUP UPDATES

7.1 Support Strong Neighbourhoods

Linda Bruins provided an overview of activities in the Evergreen A United Neighbourhood and the Windsor/Picton/Blucher neighbourhood. Ms. Bruins is planning to apply to the Poverty Reduction Fund for support for programming in the Simpson/Ogden neighbourhood.

Councillor S. Ch'ng advised that she is planning a walk for her neighbourhood in Northwood. Constable J. Tilbury advised that she will connect some Zone Watch members with Councillor Ch'ng for the neighbourhood walk.

7.2 Communications and Education

L. Chevrette, A. Garro and M. Villella have met to discuss ideas about public education opportunities for the CPC. The Working Group would like to feature CPC members in a newsletter, as well as publicize upcoming events for the member organizations.

J. Upton has been interviewed for the first member profile.

It was suggested that CPC members attend ward meetings to hear citizen concerns at a grassroots level.

L. Chevrette will be working with the Public Education Working Group to develop an action plan for the next year.

J. Upton provided an overview of his letter to the editor of the Chronicle Journal, *Not just a police issue, community must act*, which was published on May 25, 2015 and delivered electronically to members of the CPC on May 26, 2015. He felt it was important to respond to the article by Chris Campbell, *Police are Missing the Mark on South Core Issues*, which was published on May 21, 2015.

Discussion was held relative to the use of short videos on the CPC website, as opposed to written articles, in reference to effective communication tools.

C. Muncaster Zale would like to see an inventory of service agencies which are available in the community.

7.3 Support for Aboriginal Populations – No Updates

7.4 Violence Against Women (VAW)

L. Chevrette is coordinating a meeting of this Working Group next week. She noted that there is some energy around Violence Against Women and the White Ribbon Campaign.

Ms. Chevrette provided an overview of her plans to incorporate the VAW deliverables into the next CPC Strategy.

7.5 Respect.

L. Chevrette provided an overview of the Working Group's first meeting of 2015. They will be developing a work plan to determine and guide their priorities over the upcoming year.

They are hoping to roll out the **respect.** Initiative at the Lakehead District School Board.

Ms. Chevrette continues to provide training on the **respect.** module to new staff hires for the City of Thunder Bay.

Ms. Chevrette provided an overview of a NAN roundtable which she attended; she was asked to bring **respect.** material to the meeting.

8.0 CRIME PREVENTION OFFICE

L. Chevrette, Coordinator for the Crime Prevention Council, provided updates relative to the activities of the Crime Prevention Office as follows:

- Participation in a successful Victims of Crime Awareness Walk last month;
- Overview provided of the 8 neighbourhood walks which were part of the Jane's Walk Festival held on May 2 & 3, 2015;
- Presentations to the Thunder Bay Police Services Board, and the Regional Human Services & Justice Coordinating Committee;
- Overview provided on the work of the South Core Public Safety Task Force;
- Submission of an application for a \$100,000 Proceeds of Crime Grant, to support the implementation of the South Core Neighbourhood Report recommendations.
- Overview provided of a productive meeting with the Fort William BIA;
- Upcoming event: United Way and GenNext are presenting the 4th Annual Day of Caring on June 20th. Volunteers are needed for a maintenance blitz in the South Core.
- Update provided on the Poverty Reduction Strategy and an application for funding to count the City's homeless population.

L Chevrette noted that the CPC Strategy and the Safety Audit (outlining crime and safety issues and trends in Thunder Bay) need to be updated.

L. Chevrette provided an overview of an email sent out to members of the CPC on May 19, 2015, which included a spreadsheet outlining the inventory of effective crime prevention programs in United States. In the email, Ms. Chevrette requested the assistance of the CPC members to review the spreadsheet, and collectively identify similar crime prevention programs and practices in Thunder Bay which have been shown to be effective. Access to a current inventory of services, etc. could prove a useful tool for the CPC. L. Chevrette reminded the CPC members to review the spreadsheet and submit their responses if they haven't already done so.

Discussion was held relative to the Coordinator's Monthly Communiqué. The Chair requested that CPC members submit upcoming events for their respective organizations to Ms. Chevrette for inclusion in the Monthly Communiqué. The Chair also requested that information on the activities of the CPC be disseminated to the CPC member organizations in the event that other people in the organization are interested in participating.

9.0 ROUNDTABLE OF UPDATES

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

D. Boucher advised that the name of their agency has been changed to the Sexual Abuse Centre of Thunder Bay. Sexual Assault Awareness Month is the month of May, and the first Friday of May is recognized as Purple Friday, when people wear purple in recognition of sexual assault awareness. The Centre is wrapping up their interactive program with elementary public school students, which discussed healthy relationships, dealing with boundaries, consent, etc. The program has been well received and they hope to do it again next year.

D. Walker, Children's Centre, provided an overview of services at her agency, include a new mental health program for youth, whereby youth are leading youth in reducing stigma involved with mental health issues. Ms. Walker commented that dealing with children's mental health issues is the ultimate crime prevention strategy.

M. Thompson, Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board, reported that their staff have been trained on safeTALK, and on violent assessments.

Constable J. Tilbury, Thunder Bay Police Service:

- Provided an overview of Super Heroes day, when officers, dressed in Super Hero costumes, visited 4 elementary schools on May 13, 2015 to talk to students about looking inside to see what is special about them. They were asked to think of how they can use this unique gift to make their school better, their family stronger and always helping others to be a better friend and classmate. The officers wanted to remind the students that police officers are also human.
- An overview of this year's Free Week at the Thunder Bay Landfill was provided. There was high enforcement of secure loads, and this year's careful drivers were rewarded with containers of windshield wiper fluid. The Traffic Unit reported that there were a lower number of tickets issued this year.
- There have been significant changes in Zone Watch. The website has been updated, and a dinner is being organized for the members of Zone Watch. The next academy training is scheduled for October, 2015 and the Police Service is now accepting applications.
- The Superior Collegiate High School senior boys' basketball team will host a charity event for the Crime Stoppers program, and will take on members of the local law enforcement, including the Thunder Bay Police Service, the OPP, and the RCMP, on Friday, May 29, 2015.
- 70 security cameras in the community have now been registered with the Thunder Bay Police Service; the registry will serve as a good crime-fighting tool.

C. Muncaster Zale reported that he is looking for students to form a Violence Against Women committee to work on plans for the next commemoration of the Polytechnique Massacre in December, 2015. He noted that L. Chevrette will be making a **respect.** presentation at the next meeting of Lakehead Public Schools Equity Committee.

A. Garro provided an overview of the work started on the Public Education Working Group. They have identified different ways the CPC can outreach to the broader community, including outreach to each of the student unions at the university and college, closer to the start of the new school year. The student groups can look at organizing different events on campus for the CPC (such as open mic night at the Study), and CPC representatives could then attend such events and further enhance our communication strategy. Mr. Garro also noted that he has attended safeTALK training over the past month, and that he volunteered at the Jane's walks.

M. Villella advised that he is a member of the Public Education Working Group. He noted that YES Employment has two youth programs; an overview was provided about both programs.

Deputy Police Chief, A. Hay, advised that a sergeant has been assigned to liaise with Ian Hodgkinson regarding the Guardian Angels. The Thunder Bay Police Service always supports community mobilization. The Police Service has teamed up with St. Joseph's Care Group regarding a mental health assistance program for employees.

Deputy Police Chief Hay responded to questions regarding recent racist postings on Facebook.

K. Allan, Director, Health Protection Division – Thunder Bay District Health Unit, provided a report on the Healthy Schools partnership in the community. He noted that Tanelle Rabachuk is the new Manager of Sexual Health and Clinical Programs at the Health Unit., managing the Superior Points Harm Reduction Program.

J. Boucher noted that the Elizabeth Fry Society (EFS) will be holding their Annual General Meeting, and are recruiting new board members. The EFS continues to look for a new office location.

Councillor S. Ch'ng spoke about her orientation as a new Councillor. She has joined Zone Watch and has gone on neighbourhood walks with Linda Bruins. She advised that her shop had been broken into, and spoke about the aftermath of the break-in. As a result of the break-in, she is more connected with the other business owners in the area, and will be working on the perception of crime, trying to change the social narrative in the South Core. Councillor Ch'ng also spoke about interactive spaces and how they impact the community.

L. Bruins thanks all of the community partners for their support of neighbourhood activities.

Mayor K. Hobbs provided an overview of the recent NAN meeting both he and the City Manager attended. A high level task force will be formed. A mentorship program is being developed for students coming from other communities – something similar to the Big Brother/Big Sister program. Mayor Hobbs has been asked to chair the Housing/Homelessness Committee for the Large Urban Mayor's Caucus of Ontario (LUMCO). He spoke about Medicine Hat and reports from Mayor Ted Clugston on how Medicine Hat is successfully ending homelessness. Mayor Hobbs noted that the City has received a tremendous amount of funding in this regard.

B. Cryderman, Director of Services at William W. Creighton Youth Services, reported that the agency is almost at capacity right now for young females. CCUPCY will be hosting their annual Paint the Town on June 6th; there will also be a quick clean-up of the Blucher neighbourhood the same day. CCUPCY is working on the Fall Harvest event. The Community Action Group has been attending the CCUPCY meetings and is also doing great work.

P. Capon, Policy Analyst – Matawa First Nation, reported that Matawa has been approved for funding with the Lakehead District School Board to assist adults with their Grad 12 accreditation through the Adult Learning Centre. He spoke about partner relationships relative to mental health and issues of self-esteem. One of their chiefs has asked all of the churches in Thunder

Bay to participate in a prayer walk. Mr. Capon is looking forward to participating on the CPC in some form.

J. Upton provided the highlights of this week's edition of the Lakehead Public Schools weekly newsletter for their elementary and secondary schools. CPC members can visit the Lakehead Public Schools website for more information on the events.

10.0 NEW BUSINESS

Team Building Initiative

L. Chevrette inquired if members of the CPC are interested in any team-building initiatives, such as preparing and serving a meal together at the Shelter House. She will send out an invitation to members to canvass their interest in this regard.

Mayor K. Hobbs suggested that members of the CPC go out one night this summer with the Guardian Angels.

CPC members in attendance were in consensus to collectively do something together.

2015 National Aboriginal Day

C. Legarde, Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Centre, was looking for volunteers to help with National Aboriginal Day, being held on June 21st, 2015. Students who need to fill their volunteer hours are welcome. L. Chevrette has offered to help recruit volunteers.

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, 3rd Floor of City Hall, as follows:

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

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.