

DATE: MAY 31, 2017

MEETING NO. 03-2017

TIME: 4:11 P.M.

PLACE: MCNAUGHTON ROOM, 3RD FLOOR, CITY HALL

ACTING CHAIR: L. BRUINS

PRESENT:

Constable J. Tilbury, *Thunder Bay Police Service*
Sgt. J. Reppard, *Ontario Provincial Police – Northwest Region*
Dr. J. DeMille, *Medical Officer of Health*
L. Bruins, *Citizen*
C. Petit, *Youth Representative*
P. Capon, *Matawa First Nation*
M. Thompson, *Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board*
K. Begin, *Youth Services*
B. Cryderman, *William W. Creighton Youth Services*
L. Kallies, *Kairos Community Resource Centre*
K. Banks, *Thunder Bay Parole Office (Correctional Service of Canada)*
G. Rusnak, *Dilico Anishinabek Family Care*
B. Hamilton, *BIAs & Business Areas of Thunder Bay*
D. Walker, *Children’s Centre Thunder Bay*
J. Sillman, *St. Joseph’s Care Group*
Councillor R. Johnson, K. Ongaro, *Thunder Bay Drug Strategy*
B. Krysowaty, *Lakehead Social Planning Council*
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, Respect Ambassador
T. Walser, Respect Ambassador

REGRETS:

Mayor K. Hobbs, *City of Thunder Bay*
Councillor S. Ch’ng, *City Councillor*
Councillor A. Ruberto, *City Councillor*
J. Upton, *Lakehead District School Board*
G. Mack, *Shelter House*
J. Boucher, *Elizabeth Fry Society*
C. Robinson, *Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce*
A. Bellavance, *Thunder Bay Drug Strategy*
S. L. Fata, *Thunder Bay Counselling Centre*

ABSENT:

Chief P. Collin, *Fort William First Nation*
Deputy Grand Chief A. B. Achneepineskum, S. Feletto, *Nishnawbe Aski 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*
Inspector P. Guerard, *Nishnawbe Aski Police Service*
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
P. Vranesich, L. Mesic, *Age Friendly Thunder Bay*
K. Haynen, *John Howard Society*
W. MacArthur, *Children’s Aid Society of the District of Thunder Bay*
D. Dika, *Thunder Bay Sexual Abuse Centre*
G. O’Reilly, *Thunder Bay and District Coordinating Committee to End Women Abuse*

1.0 WELCOME

Acting Chair L. Bruins called the meeting to order at 4:11 p.m. A brief discussion was held

relative to the logistics around the Community Prayer Walk being held tomorrow (June 1st). Everyone was encouraged to participate.

The Communication Process was explained.

2.0 APPROVAL

With regard to the May 31, 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. 02-2017 of the Crime Prevention Council, held on April 11, 2017, to be confirmed.

It was the consensus of the CPC members present that the Minutes of Meeting No. 02-2017 of the Crime Prevention Council, held on April 11, 2017, be confirmed.

4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES - None

5.0 SOUTH CORE PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE

L. Chevrette, Coordinator - Crime Prevention Council, reported that the Task Force continues to meet every 2nd month. An overview was provided relative to the South Core community clean-up held on May 11, 2017. More lighting upgrades are being planned.

The Respect Ambassadors, Julia Bozicovich-Rowe and Thomas Walser, have started their summer internship.

An overview was provided about the CPTED training and workshop with Barry Horrobin. The Task Force continues to work on the implementation of Mr. Horrobin's recommendations from his original safety audit of the South Core. Some work has been done around Recommendation 115 from the Seven Youth Inquest. Approximately 50 people participated in the recent river audit with Mr. Horrobin.

6.0 WORKING GROUP UPDATES

6.1 Support Strong Neighbourhoods

L. Bruins, Executive Director – Evergreen A United Neighbourhood, provided an overview of this year's Jane's Walk events, as well as an update on the Healthy Kids Community Challenge initiative. Ms. Bruins is participating in the planning of the Strong Block Pop-Up Open Streets event being held on Saturday, September 16th on Simpson Street.

6.2 Public Education

C. Petit reported that the Public Education Working Group is showing support at various events.

6.3 Respect.

L. Chevrette, Coordinator - Crime Prevention Council, advised that she anticipates a Respect Intern will be hired by the end of June. The position description has been updated to reflect knowledge of anti-racism and human rights.

Until the Respect Intern is hired, Ms. Chevrette continues to provide Respect training to new City staff.

The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority, Lakehead University's Athletic Department, and Matawa have joined the Respect initiative. If organizations would like to join the Respect Initiative, information can be found at the following link:

http://www.thunderbay.ca/Living/Public_Safety/respect/Commit_to_respect.htm

7.0 ROUNDTABLE OF UPDATES

Members provide the following updates on the activities of their respective organizations/
Agencies:

D. Walker, Children's Centre Thunder Bay, reported that an intern has been hired in partnership with the Thunder Bay Counselling Centre and the TB Drug Strategy to coordinate youth engagement initiatives across the City. A youth conference is being planned for the end of June.

K. Begin, Program Supervisor for Children & Youth – CTB Recreation & Culture, reported that summer programming is in the process of being planned. A new topic, Gender and Transgender Immersion, is being included in this year's staff training.

C. Olsen, TB Drug Strategy Coordinator, provided an overview of the recent passing/Royal Assent of the Good Samaritan legislation, whereby a citizen can help a person with a drug overdose without being charged. An overview was provided about Bill C37: national legislation which simplifies the process of applying for an exemption that would allow injection sites to take place at a supervised consumption site. The Drug Strategy annual report to the community will be presented to Council at the June 26th Committee of the Whole meeting. Ms. Olsen is working on the updates to the Strategic Plan; updates will be presented to Council on July 31st. Ms. Olsen welcomed the 2017 Respect Ambassadors and provided an overview of their job, which started on May 15th.

Ms. C. Olsen provided a brief overview of the events being held during Pride Week, which starts on June 7th with a flag-raising. This year's theme is celebrating youth. Volunteers are needed; more information can be found on Facebook.

C. Petit, on behalf of Zone Watch, reported on a community clean-up promotional video made by Tbaytel.

L. Kallies, Kairos Community Resource Centre, reported on a community-based integration service for youth coming out of custody and the Ontario Youth Action Plan. Kairos is working with and supporting families with at-risk youth. Kairos also has a gang prevention and intervention program. They are building relationships at Picton Blucher and are looking at programming for different neighbourhood groups. An elder has provided cultural teaching.

B. Cryderman, William W. Creighton Youth Services, provided an overview of this year's Jane's Walk. She noted that there is a Pow Wow in Picton Park on June 10th.

P. Capon, Matawa First Nation, noted that all parties named in the Seven Youth Inquest need to report back on the recommendations directed to them by June 22nd. As a result of one of the Inquest's recommendations, Matawa is working with the LHIN and St. Joseph's Care Group on mental health services. The Education Department is working with various parties on an accommodation centre for students where they can feel safe when they're in Thunder Bay. Mr. Capon provided an overview of their adult education training program.

B. Krysowaty, Lakehead Social Planning Council (LSPC) and member of the Poverty Reduction Strategy Committee, reported that she will be sending in a Point in Time Count application for next year's event. She noted that Thunder Bay is one of the chosen cities in Ontario for the Basic Income Program. Potential participants can be directed to the Lakehead Social Planning Council to apply for this program. Ms. Krysowaty spoke about the recent announcement by the Ontario government to increase the minimum wage to \$15. Any questions in this regard can be directed to the LSPC. The Poverty Reduction Strategy Committee will be renewing the recommendations for 2018 and 2019, and there is a possibility of adding a youth pillar to the Strategy.

T. Walser, Respect Ambassador, provided an overview of their tasks and general responsibilities, including engaging the local businesses, and working with Shelter House. They do have an office and phone number if anyone needs to directly contact them. They have also met with the Fort William BIA and will be collaborating on several initiatives.

G. Rusnak, Dilico Anishinabek Family Care, advised that there will be a Pow Wow next Friday, June 2nd at FWFN, followed by a feast, and it is open to everyone. Dilico has been enhancing their safety plan as the weather warms up. Youth are being encouraged to make positive choices, be home by curfew, etc.

Constable J. Tilbury provided an overview of Zone Watch promotion with Tbaytel. Currently, there are 80 dedicated Zone Watch members. They will be taking applications for more members in September.

B. Hamilton, Bay Algoma BIA, commented that he was excited about educating the community and getting people back on the street and feeling safe.

B. Cryderman provided a brief overview of the Roots to Harvest garden initiative in her neighbourhood, in the field behind the Lakehead Public School Board office. The majority of neighbours are happy with this initiative.

Regarding the Thunder Bay Police Service, everyone was aware of the current situation in the community. A lengthy discussion followed relative to how the Crime Prevention Council could support the Thunder Bay Police Service.

K. Lewis, Director - Corporate Strategic Services, asked the CPC members to permit Administration to create a memo which will deliver the message of support from the CPC. The CPC members need to stay focused on the Strategic Plan and accomplish the goals set out in the plan. Everyone was once again encouraged to participate in the June 1st Community Prayer Walk.

Ms. Lewis provided an overview of the Incident Reporting Service which is being implemented by the Anti-Racism & Respect Advisory Committee and Diversity Thunder Bay. The City's response to the Seven Youth Inquest will be presented to City Council on June 12th. A presentation on preliminary recommendations from the river safety audit will also be presented on June 12th.

K. Banks, Thunder Bay Parole Office (Correctional Service of Canada), provided a brief overview of some difficult cases involving mental health and related gaps in service. She attended a mental health fair at the George Jeffrey Children's Centre. Ms. Banks was pleased to report that she has secured a contract psychiatrist effective September 1st, 2017.

8.0 CRIME 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, Coordinator - Crime Prevention Council, noted that the Implementation Plan for the Community Safety Strategy was presented to Council on May 29th. A copy of the Implementation Plan will be sent out to CPC members electronically following this meeting. Members were invited to review the plan and provide feedback. Ms. Chevrette noted that she is the lead for a lot of the work in the plan; she hopes to invigorate the working groups to provide assistance with implementation. Members were thanked for their input into this document.

Work is ongoing for the Violence Prevention initiative, with the release of the report anticipated for September.

Ms. Chevrette reported that the 4th Annual Walk in Support of Victims and Survivors of Crime was held last night (May 30th) and was a very positive event.

The 3rd Annual Weed Out Hate event will be held on June 7th. Logistics for the event were provided.

Members of the CPC were reminded about tomorrow's (June 1st) Community Prayer Walk.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS - None

10.0 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, June 28, 2017;
- Wednesday, September 27, 2017; and
- Wednesday, November 29, 2017.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.