

DATE: NOVEMBER 26, 2014

MEETING NO. 06-2014

TIME: 4:09 P.M.

PLACE: MCNAUGHTON ROOM, 3RD FLOOR, CITY HALL

CHAIR: T. WALTERS

PRESENT: *(by community sectors)*

T. Walters (**Chair**), *Child Welfare*
N. Sponchia (**Vice Chair**), *Addictions*
L. Bruins, *Citizen*
J. Upton, *Education*
Dr. J. DeMille, *Public Health*
Deputy Police Chief A. Hay, *Police*
Constable J. Tilbury, *Police*
Det. Sgt. J. Reppard, *Police*
A. Scavarelli, *Social Services*
L. Leskowski, *Community-Based Justice*
L. Robinson, *Community-Based Justice*
C. Robinson, *Business*
B. Hamilton, *Business*
J. Sillman, *Mental Health Services*

OFFICIALS:

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

GUEST:

Constable C. Trotz, CN Police Service

REGRETS:

Mayor K. Hobbs, (Ex-Officio)
Councillor A. Ruberto, *City of Thunder Bay*
Councillor T. Giertuga, *City of Thunder Bay*
Chief G. Morriveau, *Aboriginal Political Organizations*
B.J. Chenier, *Aboriginal Political Organizations*
R. Fenton, *Aboriginal Political Organizations*
E. St. Arnaud, M. Thompson, *Education*
J. Kakegamic, *Education*
Constable S. Sherlock, *Police*
F. Wesley, *Aboriginal Services*
B. Ball, *Youth Services*
C. Legarde, *Community-Based Justice*
B. Cryderman, L. Kallies, *Community-Based Justice*
R. Richardson, *Child Welfare*
M. Kennedy, *Business*
Councillor R. Johnson, *Addictions*
M. Klassen, *Community Social Planning*
S.L. Fata, D. Boucher, *Victim Services*

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 November 26, 2014 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

3.1 CN Police Service Community Safety Award

T. Walters introduced Constable Curtis Trotz. Constable Trotz provided some background information about himself, and then explained his role and authority as a CN Police Officer. He also collaborates with the Thunder Bay Police Service and the CP Police Service.

Constable Trotz identified three locations in Thunder Bay which have been identified by the CNR as priorities for railway safety.

He provided an overview of the issues around the CN McIntyre Bridge, which have now been successfully addressed. Constable Curtis Trotz recognized Brian and Kathy Forbes, who were unable to attend this meeting, for their ongoing commitment to railway safety around the CN McIntyre Bridge and the overall safety in the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Forbes were awarded the CN Police Chief's Recognition Award, which included a letter addressed to the Forbes as well as a plaque from Chief Steven Covey of the CN Police Service in Montreal, recognizing their efforts in the area.

Discussion was held relative to the area north of the Intercity Shopping Centre (near Quality Carpets), which was problematic for crime prior to the brush being removed. Now that the brush has been removed in this area, Constable Trotz can concentrate on the safety of other areas, and work on his visibility in the community.

Constable Trotz was thanked for his work and accomplishments to date.

3.2 2014 Mayor's Community Safety Awards

The Mayor's Community Safety Awards took place on Monday, November 3, 2014. T. Walters noted that CPC member, Linda Bruins, was awarded this year's Community Hero Award.

Members of the Crime Prevention Council collectively screened the videos about the six recipients of this year's Mayor's Community Safety Awards.

T. Walters saluted the Thunder Bay Police Service for all of their work to make Thunder Bay a safer community.

The 2014 program, which included the profiles of the award recipients, was distributed separately on desks at the meeting.

4.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting No. 05-2014 of the Crime Prevention Council, held on September 24, 2014, to be confirmed.

It was the consensus of the Council that the Minutes of Meeting No. 05-2014 of the Crime Prevention Council, held on September 24, 2014, be confirmed.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

There was no business arising from the previous minutes.

6.0 WORKING GROUP UPDATE

6.1 Support Strong Neighbourhoods

L. Bruins provided an update on the work being done at Evergreen A United Neighbourhood and in the Windsor/Picton/Blucher neighbourhood.

An overview of the restorative practices training session was provided. It was noted that another two-day training session will be held in March, 2015. Discussion was held relative to providing restorative practices training for the citizens involved with the City's Zone Watch. L. Bruins will provide Constable J. Tilbury with the information about next year's workshop.

Trillium has invited Linda Bruins to apply for another grant to continue the work in the Windsor/Picton/Blucher neighbourhood.

6.2 Communications and Education

T. Walters advised that the Communications and Education Working Group has not met since the last CPC meeting

Discussion was held relative to the recent murders in Thunder Bay and use of social media to disseminate information about crimes to the community. Incidents of crime which were not previously reported by the Thunder Bay Police Service are now being reported by means of social media.

It was noted that 9 out of the 10 crimes in the city are solves. T. Walters asked the members of the CPC to reassure/educate the community, when given the opportunity, about how crime is being solved.

Discussion was held relative to the increased police presence at Silver City after the murder which occurred on October 3, 2014.

Discussion was held relative to the tone of media coverage about recent local crime, and if a representative from Dougall Media should be invited to a future CPC meeting.

The Communications and Education Working Group will further discuss this matter and determine how to deal with the local media. It was noted that care must be taken to ensure that crime is not characterized as being created by the poor or by a certain demographic.

The following suggestions were made:

- If CPC members are going to be ambassadors in the community, the Working Group will have to provide documented key messages which can be conveyed when CPC members are attending community events.
- Shaw Community TV should be contacted and provided with information about the work that the CPC is doing.
- Members of the CPC should be trained on how to deal with the media.
- The Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Thunder Bay should be invited to a CPC meeting to show support for the work being done with this organization.
- We need to teach neighbours how to work together and when it's appropriate to call in the police.

6.3 Support for Aboriginal Populations

L. Chevette, Acting Coordinator – Crime Prevention Council, advised that a Chair has not been appointed and that the Working Group has not met since the last CPC meeting. She will be pursuing more members for this Working Group.

Ms. Chevette provided an overview of the Feathers of Hope: Justice & Juries Forum which she attended last week. The CPC and the respect. Initiative had a booth at the Forum. The Forum was addressing the under-representation of Aboriginals on juries.

B. Hamilton noted that the Aboriginal radio station is being terminated in Sioux Lookout. A brief discussion followed about possible repercussions.

6.4 Violence Against Women

L. Chevette advised that the Violence Against Women (VAW) Working Group has not met recently.

L. Chevette noted that she has been invited to an event, Collaborating to Respond to Sexual Violence in Thunder Bay - Knowledge Exchange and Networking Session. It is being hosted by The Ontario Women's Directorate, in collaboration with the Ontario Native Women's Association, and will be an opportunity to network. If any CPC members are interested in attending, they can contact Ms. Chevette for more information.

Ms. Chevette is working with Councillor Andrew Foulds and students at Superior High School who are interested in organizing an event to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Polytechnique Massacre which occurred on December 6, 1989 in Montreal. The event will be held on Friday, December 5, 2014.

J. Upton, Education Officer – Lakehead District School Board, spoke about the Lakehead Public Schools' White Ribbon Campaign, which is standing up to gender-based violence, and raising awareness for men and boys about violence against women.

The campaign was designed to commemorate the National Day of Remembrance on Violence against Women as a result of the Polytechnique Massacre.

N. Sponchia suggested that information relative to the foregoing be added to the CPC Facebook page.

At 5:18 p.m., C. Robinson and L. Robinson left the meeting.

6.5 **Respect.**

L. Chevrette presented the THINK poster, a campaign designed to address cyber-bullying, in partnership with the Thunder Bay District Crime Stoppers, the Thunder Bay Police Service, and the respect. Initiative.

The poster was delivered electronically to CPC members on November 17, 2014.

Constable J. Tilbury provided an overview of the Crime Stoppers contest for students.

The respect. Initiative is included with orientation for new City employees. L. Chevrette is working with the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre and Lakehead University on the campaign.

She will be working with Confederation College towards a new collaboration on the campaign, which was originally launched by the College.

The City's Accessibility Advisory Committee is working on a respect. Initiative with Corporate Strategic Services for persons with disabilities. A Photo and Voice Challenge has been launched as the first part of the Initiative.

7.0 **CRIME PREVENTION OFFICE**

L. Chevrette, Acting Coordinator for the Crime Prevention Council, provided an overview of the work of the Crime Prevention Office.

- On October 29-31, 2014, Ms. Chevrette attended the National Municipal Network on Crime Prevention's annual face-to-face meeting in Montreal. An overview of the meeting was provided. Ms. Chevrette expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to attend this meeting and to share information with other communities on how they are dealing with crime prevention and community safety.
- The final report for the CPTED Safety Audit for the City's South Core has been received and will be presented to City Council on December 15, 2014. The report was written by Barry Horrobin, Director of Planning and Physical Resources, from the Windsor Police Service.

Discussion was held relative to supporting a petition for the development of legislation for

missing persons in Ontario. Ms. Chevrette will provide the information relative to the request for support to the Director of Corporate Strategic Services.

Discuss was held relative to Citizen and Youth representation on the CPC. It was noted that several applications have been received for the Citizen vacancies; however, more applications were needed for the Youth representatives. CPC members were asked to spread the word to encourage more applications.

Dr. A. Siciliano

Ms. K. Lewis, Director - Corporate Strategic Services announced that Dr. A. Siciliano will be returning to her position as CPC Coordinator on January 18th, 2015; accordingly, L. Chevrette will be returning to her position in the Planning Division. Ms. Chevrette was thanked for all of her work over the past year. Ms. Chevrette thanked Ms. Lewis and the members of the Crime Prevention Council for her personal growth and professional development in this position.

8.0 ROUNDTABLE OF UPDATES

Constable J. Tilbury, Thunder Bay Police Service, reported that 12 new citizens were recently trained for Zone Watch. The training for Zone Watch is being updated. Zone Watch has also launched the No Need for Speed Campaign to deal with the number of Thunder Bay drivers who choose to speed. From a walkability perspective, A. Ostrom commented that the design of the roads has a huge impact on how fast people drive; the wider and straighter the road, the faster cars will go.

75 students have been recruited for the Student Crime Stoppers program. Constable Tilbury provided an overview of the inaugural Crime Stoppers Halloween Howl, which was held on October 24, 2014 at Boulevard Lake. There was a great response from the community for this event.

A. Scavarelli, TBDSSAB, reported that there has been a recent change in software, which has created problems with cheque distribution for Ontario Works clients.

A. Ostrom, Acting Coordinator – Thunder Bay Drug Strategy, provided the following report:

- Youth Issues Working Group will be holding a youth consultation next spring on Harm Reduction, “What would keep you safe when using substances?”
- The Housing Coalition has identified priorities for the next round of funding from the Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS), and the Request for Proposals will go out in January, with funds flowing April 1, 2015. Ongoing efforts to streamline the housing system and increase housing stock. Ongoing advocacy efforts – the November 21 National Housing Day Rally was a success, in partnership with Poverty Free Thunder Bay. The key message was around the need for a National Housing Strategy. Locally, our Co-op Housing is at risk due to changes in federal policy, and this will have a huge impact on the number of rent-geared-to-income housing units in Thunder Bay.
- The Drug Strategy is supporting the current Health Unit consultations around alcohol use.

Dr. J. DeMille, Thunder Bay District Health Unit, reported that, as part of their strategic direction, the Health Unit has organized several forums that will be taking a more comprehensive approach towards the impact of use of alcohol in the community. They will be working with community partners and stakeholders for the prevention of alcohol abuse.

Det. Sgt. J. Reppard reported that the OPP have purchased a new car, which has a camera in the front and rear with a special automatic licence plate recognition program. The program can immediately report charges and infractions against that plate, and if the vehicle has been reported as stolen.

B. Hamilton, Bay and Algoma BIA, reported that things are going well in the downtown business districts. He has been going around town cleaning up some of the derelict sites.

N. Sponchia initiated a discussion relative to the recent raid on the Hells Angels Club House on Simpson Street, whereby a search warrant was executed. Concerns were raised about the close proximity of the Club House to the Underground Gym, where children frequent. Deputy Police Chief Andy Hay responded to questions.

K. Lewis, Director - Corporate Strategic Services, reported that the new City Council would be sworn in on Monday, December 1st at their Inaugural Meeting. The strategic planning process will start in earnest early in the New Year, and will include a lot of opportunities for community engagement. There will also be opportunities for the City's advisory committees and boards to provide input into the new Strategic Plan.

J. Upton, Lakehead District School Board, provided an overview of the activities and weekly newsletters at the Lakehead Public Schools, including the following:

- Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week was held during the week of November 16 to 22, 2014, with cyber bullying presentations and anti-bullying assemblies.
- Promotion/re-messaging of the Lakehead Public Schools Safe Schools App, which provides a direct link to Thunder Bay District Crime Stoppers, for reporting incidents of bullying.
- A Sir Winston Churchill CVI Grade 12 student was one of six young Aboriginal writers from across the province to receive the prestigious James Bartleman Aboriginal Youth Creative Writing Award. The award celebrates Aboriginal youth for their creative writing efforts.
- An Aboriginal Grade 8 student at Woodcrest Public School has been selected to serve as a Legislative Page at Queen's Park in Toronto.
- Students at Superior CVI were helping out some local seniors by participating in "Cyber-Seniors-Connecting Generations" program.
- Students from Westmount Public School helped clean up the grave stones of veterans in Riverside cemetery before Remembrance Day.
- "Socktober" was a huge success at Westmount Public School, when students collected socks for the clients of Shelter House.

- A lot of work is being done with diversity in the Lakehead Public Schools.

J. Sillman, St. Joseph's Care Group, provided an overview of the mental health strategy in Ontario, and where the government funding is going. Several communities that had psychiatric hospitals will be receiving funding – but not Thunder Bay.

Approval has been received for the construction of a mental health wing, at St. Joseph's Hospital, which will include 38 beds. Construction will begin in 2015 and completion is estimated for 2017. Discussion was held about the number of mental health beds at the Lakehead Psychiatric Hospital. It was noted that the LPH property is owned by Infrastructure Ontario – the hospital is not owned by St. Joseph's Care Group. The property is scheduled to be returned to Infrastructure Ontario in 2017.

Deputy Police Chief A. Hay reported the following:

- The increased police presence at Silver City after the October, 2014 homicide showed great corporate partnership.
- There has been an increase in domestic violence and pharmacy robberies – probably due to the time of year.
- Work is still being done to clean up the Field Street area near Intercity Shopping Centre.
- Due to the recent events in Ottawa, Remembrance Day in Thunder Bay had an increased security.
- An overview was provided about the Incident Command Training Session, held in the parking lot of the Royal Edward Arms.
- The new Police Services Board will be named in the New Year.

A discussion was held relative to prostitution in Thunder Bay, particularly with young girls, and how the Crime Prevention Council can become involved with addressing the prostitution problem.

K. Lewis, Director - Corporate Strategic Services provided an overview of Thunder Bay Counts, a new initiative for developing community-wide goals, as well as indicators and measures of these goals. This project has replaced Connect-the-Dots, which brought various community strategies together. The Ontario Trillium Foundation has provided funding for Thunder Bay Counts, through the United Way.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

No new business was presented.

10.0 2015 MEETING DATES

It was the consensus of members present that the Crime Prevention Council meetings continue at the same start time and frequency as per past practices. The Committee Coordinator will send

out meeting e-invitations to the CPC members.

Accordingly, meetings of the CPC will be 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:

- January 28, 2015
- March 25, 2015
- May 27, 2015
- June 24, 2015
- September 30, 2015
- November 25, 2015

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.