

DATE: NOVEMBER 25, 2015**MEETING NO. 05-2015****TIME:** 4:08 P.M.**PLACE:** MCNAUGHTON ROOM, 3RD FLOOR, CITY HALL**CHAIR:** MR. J. UPTON**PRESENT:** *(by community sectors)*

Mayor K. Hobbs (Ex-Officio), *City of Thunder Bay*
L. Bruins, *Citizen*
A. Garro, *Youth Representative*
B. Scott, *Aboriginal Political Organizations*
J. Upton, *Education*
Dr. J. DeMille, *Public Health*
Deputy Police Chief A. Hay, Inspector S. Hauth,
Constable J. Tilbury, *Police*
Det. Sgt. J. Reppard, *Police*
J. Boucher, *Community-Based Justice*
B. Cryderman, *Community-Based Justice*
J. Nelson, *Child Welfare*
B. Hamilton, *Business*
Councillor R. Johnson, A. Bellavance, *Addictions*
J. Sillman, *Mental Health Services*
S.L. Fata, *Victim Services*
D. Groves, *Victim Services*

REGRETS:

Councillor S. Ch'ng, *City of Thunder Bay*
Councillor A. Ruberto, *City of Thunder Bay*
M. Villella, *Citizen*
E. St. Arnaud, C.A. van Rassel, M. Thompson,
J.P. Tennier, *Education*
J. Kakegamic, *Education*
Constable S. Sherlock, *Police*
M. Kleynendorst, *Youth Services*
J. Lible (D. Atkinson), *Social Services*
L. Leskowski, C. Legarde, *Community-Based Justice*
R. Richardson, *Child Welfare*
C. Hardy, *Child Welfare*
C. Robinson, *Business*
B. Krysowaty, *Community Social Planning*

OFFICIALS:

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

1.0 WELCOME

The Chair, J. Upton, called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. The Communication Process and Speakers List were explained, and a roundtable of introductions followed.

2.0 APPROVAL

With regard to the November 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.

3.0 PRESENTATION

L. Chevrette, Coordinator for the Crime Prevention Council, gave a short presentation and responded to questions on the report, *Snapshot in Time: the Risk Factors of Crime in Thunder Bay*. The report included statistical information displayed in graphs as well as the story behind the numbers in each chart.

Ms. Chevrette noted that 2011 – 2014 CPC Community Safety and Crime Prevention Strategy needs to be updated.

The *Snapshot in Time* document will be used for the Strategic Planning Session. An overview of the document was provided; it was noted that this is a working document which will be updated as data becomes available.

The following data was reviewed in the report and is being tracked for trends over time in the community:

- Police reported crime – including the number of calls for service, the story behind the numbers, the crime rate as compared to other similar sized cities and to Canada;
- Domestic violence;
- Residents without a high school education – Thunder Bay compared to Ontario and Canada as a whole;
- Unemployment rate – risk factor relationship with crime;
- Level of family income;
- Homelessness/ emergency shelter beds occupancy rate - tracked from the Salvation Army and Shelter House Thunder Bay;
- Substance use (drug and alcohol) – drug offenses – youth drug offences – liquor license violations;
- Early childhood development indicators – young children in Thunder Bay being tested using the Early Development Instrument;
- Aboriginal Population – some significant statistics provided – including disproportionate representation in the general population in Correctional Service Canada/justice system;
- Fear of Crime – based on Thunder Bay Citizen Satisfaction Survey – perception of safety is increasing according to last survey.

A discussion was held relative to including more background information for the Aboriginal Population section of the report. Ms. B. Scott will work with Ms. Chevrette on this piece.

It was noted that none of the above factors stand alone – they are all inter-related. As layers of risk are added, the probability of involvement in the criminal justice system increases.

It was noted that there is no specific section on mental health. Ms. J. Sillman will work with Ms. Chevrette to determine if there are any indicators which can be tracked over time.

Councillor R. Johnson commented that she would like to see fewer words and more pictures – she would like to see the data converted into graphs and charts as much as possible, to make them more accessible.

Deputy Police Chief A. Hay would like to see the Aboriginal Population piece in an environmental scan. He suggested that the City's Aboriginal Liaison review that section of the report.

Discussion was held relative to the format of the report and suggestions for improved flow.

4.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting No. 04-2015 of the Crime Prevention Council, held on September 23, 2015, to be confirmed.

Under Roundtable of Update, A. Bellavance noted on her report that counselling centre should be changed to supportive housing.

C. Olsen, Coordinator - Thunder Bay Drug Strategy, noted that her last name was misspelled – Olson should be Olsen.

L. Douglas, Committee Coordinator, will amend the final minutes with the above corrections.

It was the consensus of the Council that the Minutes of Meeting No. 04-2015 of the Crime Prevention Council, held on September 23, 2015, be confirmed as amended.

Dr. J. DeMille inquired about the disbanding of the Violence Against Women Working Group. L. Chevrette stated that the group remained intact, but was no longer a Working Group of the Crime Prevention Council. The correct name is the Coordinating Committee to End Women Abuse.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

B. Cryderman noted that she would like to see a presentation on the *Disrupting Safe Spaces 4 Racism* workshop that was held on October 8, 2015. Councillor R. Johnson advised that there is a summary report available upon request on the subject workshop.

At 5:10 p.m., the meeting recessed for a supper break; the meeting reconvened at 5:25 p.m.

6.0 2015 MAYOR'S COMMUNITY SAFETY AWARDS

Copies of the 2015 Mayor's Community Safety Awards program booklet were distributed separately on desks at the meeting, for information.

Videos of the 2015 award recipients were shown to the CPC members.

The 2015 award recipients were as follows:

Community Hero – Kathy & Brian Forbes

Young Leader – Anton Demetrakopoulos

Outstanding Community Projects (4)

- Blessings in a Backpack
- Walking with our Sisters
- CHOICES Program
- Die Active Youth Art Collective

For next year, a suggestion was made to make donations in the name of future Community Hero and Young Leader award recipients.

Ms. Chevrette noted that the videos would be posted on the CPC website and on the CPC Facebook page.

7.0 ANNUAL REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

L. Chevrette, Coordinator - Crime Prevention Council, reported that the annual review of the Terms of Reference is close to being finalized by the Ad Hoc Committee. The revised document will be sent out the CPC members for their review and input prior to final approval.

8.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

A strategic planning session is scheduled for Tuesday, December 8, 2015, and Ms. Sheelagh Hendrick will be facilitating.

An email was sent to CPC members on November 19, 2015, which included a link to the 2011 – 2014 Community Safety & Crime Prevention Strategy, as well as a questionnaire to complete prior to the Strategic Planning Session.

Participants were reminded to complete the questionnaire and return it to Sheelagh Hendrick at sdhendrick@gmail.com by **Friday, November 27, 2015**.

It was noted that this be the first update to the 2011 – 2014 CPC Community Safety and Crime Prevention Strategy.

9.0 WORKING GROUP UPDATES

9.1 Support Strong Neighbourhoods

L. Bruins reported that she will be attending a TB District Health Unit event on December 2nd about the wonder of neighbourhoods and how neighbourhoods can assist with delivering effective programs for children. It is part of the Healthy Kids Community Challenge.

As a result of the sports grant, approximately 45 children have been participating on field trips. Watch the Evergreen A United Neighbourhood Facebook page for more events.

A meeting about Integrated Planning of Community Hubs, hosted by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is being planned for December 18th, 2015. Ms. Bruins will send the link to L. Chevrette for electronic distribution to the CPC members.

9.2 Public Education

A. Garro reported that CPC-related events are in the planning stages for Confederation College and Lakehead University. Mr. Garro is working with SUCCI and LUSU on these events, and is aiming for January or February, 2016.

Monthly Communiqué

L. Chevrette reported that A. Garro and M. Villella have been conducting interview with CPC members for the monthly communiqué. The Public Education Working Group is proposing that the three questions asked in those interviews be sent out to every CPC member, and then one profile will be highlighted each month.

9.3 Support for Aboriginal Populations – No Update

9.4 Respect.

L. Chevrette reported that the Working Group will meet once the respect. Intern is hired.

Ms. Chevrette continues to deliver the respect. module to new City hires. She gave a respect. presentation to the volunteers at Evergreen A United Neighbourhood and the Fort William Skating Club. Both presentations were well received and provided great feedback.

Ms. Chevrette provided an overview of the respect. Pilot Project on the 1st floor of City Hall with the City Clerk's Office staff. 1st floor staff is tracking the impact of the project. The Human Resources office has expressed interest in purchasing respect. t-shirts for their staff and having the respect. decal added to their reception area.

Constable J. Tilbury spoke about the successful advertising of the Crime Stoppers program on bumper stickers on every City vehicle. The CPC office may want to consider the printing of bumper stickers for the respect. Initiative, too.

10.0 CRIME PREVENTION OFFICE

L. Chevrette, Coordinator for the Crime Prevention Council, reported on the following activities in the Crime Prevention Office:

- A Restorative Practice Thunder Bay Lunch & Learn event was held at the Waverley Resource Library earlier this month. Attendees collectively viewed a webinar about

working restoratively with people with adversity. A link to the webinar will be sent out for those who are interested.

- A meeting has been scheduled for the South Core Public Safety Task Force on Wednesday, December 9th. The agenda includes lighting, the transit hub consultations and graffiti issues.
- L. Chevrette will be attending the National Municipal Network on Crime Prevention's face-to-face meeting in Montreal at the beginning of December. A report will be provided at the next CPC meeting.
- The November communiqué will be sent out on Friday. Please forward any events your organization would like to include in the newsletter as soon as possible.
- L. Chevrette recently completed her Zone Watch training and encouraged anyone interested in the program to participate. She will be reporting on her activities with Zone Watch at future CPC meetings.

11.0 ROUNDTABLE OF UPDATES

B. Hamilton, representing the local BIAs, reported that he is working with the businesses on May Street to develop a revitalization strategy due to the impact of the May Street construction over the past summer. He was also selling fundraiser cards for coffee for the Canadian Mental Health Association, if anyone was interested in purchasing one.

A. Garro, Youth representative, reported that he has been working with Confederation College on a SUCCI event in the New Year, and he has also been participating on the Ad Hoc Committee reviewing the Terms of Reference.

B. Scott, Métis Nation of Ontario, provided an overview of Paul Robitaille and the cultural activities being planned for youth aged 17 to 25. She will send more information in this regard to L. Chevrette.

Deputy Police Chief A. Hay reported on the recent sexual assaults on two sex trade workers. The TB Police Service has reached out to media for more information. A brief overview of Operation Northern Spotlight was provided.

The TB Police Service has been advised of a nationwide alert about the threat of fentanyl to public safety. The drug is 40 to 50 times stronger than heroin and it's coming to Thunder Bay. L. Chevrette and C. Olsen would like to arrange a meeting with the TB Police Service in this regard.

Statistics Canada released their homicide rates today, and Thunder Bay has the distinction of being Canada's murder capital. For the first time, the statistics include Aboriginal data

Constable J. Tilbury provided an overview of the Pink Shirt Campaign for the TB Police Service, in support of a province-wide anti-bullying campaign. Members of the Police Service participated in the campaign, and visited schools and community events to bring awareness to bullying prevention.

The TB Police Service has received a request to participate in a basketball charity event on December 2nd at Superior High School. The Children's Centre and the RFDA will be the recipients of donations.

Zone Watch is working with EcoSuperior to bring the CPTED concepts into the community. Zone Watch members handed out Stop & Lock reminders to people at the Santa Parade. Watch for more Zone Watch initiatives in the New Year.

B. Cryderman, Creighton Youth Services, reported that the youth in custody facilities made sandwiches for the RFDA. The secure custody youth have been painting for the Toys for Tots campaign. CCUPCY will be changing some of their strategies in the New Year. Ms. Cryderman provided an overview of the activities at the Blucher/Picton neighbourhood.

J. Nelson, Children's Centre Thunder Bay, provided a brief overview of activities at the Children's Centre and noted that their staff has completed anti-oppression training.

C. Olsen, Drug Strategy Coordinator, reported on the following activities in her office:

- Thunder Bay Drug Strategy (TBDS) is sponsoring a training opportunity – Intersections: The Interplay between Addiction, Mental Health & Trauma on December 18th to increase the community of practice to respond to trauma and provide trauma informed care in our community.
- TBDS Maternal Substance Use and Child Working Group has released an environmental scan and literature review about best and promising practices for supporting pregnant and/or parenting women who use substances. This was completed by an HBSW student doing placement with the TBDS, and was delayed in being released so as to not compromise similar research that Dr. Naana Jumah was conducting regionally. Report available on the Drug Strategy website.
- The TBDS Housing Working Group will be involved in a Point in Time Count to enumerate the homeless population in Canada. In conjunction with the PiT, our community will also be involved in the 20,000 Homes Campaign, conducting a registry week to put names to those who are homeless, assess their vulnerability, and with the goal of housing all homeless individuals by July 2018. If anyone is interested in volunteering or would like more information, they can contact Cynthia Olsen.
- The TBDS Youth Engagement Working Group is working toward hosting another forum to further drill down on the recommendations that came from the youth at the previous Right to Play Youth Forum in May 2015. The objective will be to hear from youth on a particular recommendation and refine/define what can be done in relation to this recommendation.
- There will be a Forum hosted by the TBDHU to hear about the community report from the "Let's Start a Conversation about Alcohol in our Community" events held earlier this year. This will be an engagement and planning session with decision makers and will be held on February 11, 2016.

J. Sillman, St. Joseph's Care Group, provided an overview of the HealthAchieve conference she attended earlier in the month. One of the speakers was Janet Hope, Assistant Deputy Minister

with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. Their vision is *every person has an affordable, suitable and adequate home to secure employment, raise a family and build strong communities*. Their target is to end homelessness within 10 years.

She shared information about an application to host mood walks for youth in transition, which has been forwarded to mental health associations. An overview of the program was provided. Applications are due at the end of November.

D. Groves, Thunder Bay Sexual Assault Centre, reported on a sexual health and sexual harassment conference she attended in Toronto. People from across the world attended. Ms. Groves noted that today (November 25) is Orange Day, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.

A. Bellavance, BISNO, reported on a BISNO meeting with the Mayor of Sioux Lookout and the Kenora District Services Board (DSAB). A housing strategy is being developed for people who are marginalized or are in hospital-based care.

S. Fata, Thunder Bay Counselling Centre, provided an overview of a new initiative - counselling couples. This is being done in conjunction with the Catholic Family Development Centre. More information in this regard will be sent out to CPC members.

Dr. J. DeMille, Thunder Bay District Health Unit, reported that the Healthy Kids Community Challenge has been launched. The City was successful in receiving funding for this program. An overview of the program was provided. Dr. DeMille noted that a forum and public information night for children and youth exposed to trauma are scheduled for Thursday, December 3rd at the Airline Hotel.

Ms. K. Lewis, Director - Corporate Strategic Services, reported that City Council approved the Terms of Reference and Work Plan for the Anti-Racism & Respect Advisory Committee on November 23, 2015. One of the projects is an online resource centre, in partnership with the 211 service, for reporting incidents of racism. The new respect. intern will be working on development of the resource centre and on the welcoming strategy. Updates will be provided by the respect. intern at CPC and Anti-Racism & Respect Advisory Committee meetings. The composition of the Committee has changed; there will be a smaller 11-member structure and a Roundtable Against Racism will be held twice a year. The Committee is currently looking for new members.

Councillor R. Johnson reported that the Anti-Racism & Respect Advisory Committee will be holding a youth forum next year for youth in Grade 8 to Grade 12. Attendees will be developing recommendations on how to deal with racism in the community.

J. Upton, Lakehead Public Schools, provided highlights of school and student activities, including Christmas Cheer. CPC members were directed to the website for more information. Mr. Upton reported on a kindergarten student at Westmount Public School who organized a food drive to help a grandmother in need. Discussion was held on how to recognize this student from

a crime prevention perspective.

12.0 NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business presented.

13.0 2016 MEETING DATES

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, January 27, 2016
- Wednesday, March 30, 2016
- Wednesday, May 25, 2016
- Wednesday, June 22, 2016 (4th Wednesday of June)
- Wednesday, September 28, 2016
- Wednesday, November 30, 2016

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

CPC members were reminded about the December 8, 2015 Strategic Planning Session.

The Chair wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season, and the meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.