

**DATE:** SEPTEMBER 24, 2014

**MEETING NO. 05-2014**

**TIME:** 4:08 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 A. Ruberto, *City of Thunder Bay*  
Councillor T. Giertuga, *City of Thunder Bay*  
L. Bruins, *Citizen*  
C. Siemieniuk (J. Upton), *Education*  
Dr. J. DeMille, *Public Health*  
Deputy Police Chief A. Hay, *Police*  
(Insp. A. McKenzie, Constable J. Tilbury)  
F. Wesley, *Aboriginal Services*  
J. Lible (A. Scavarelli), *Social Services*  
L. Leskowski, C. Legarde, *Community-Based Justice*  
(E. Bellavance)  
B. Hamilton (T. Huk), *Business*  
Councillor R. Johnson, *Addictions*  
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  
R. Poster, Administrative Assistant

**REGRETS:**

T. Commisso, City Manager  
Edith St.Arnaud, *Aurora Borealis*  
Chief G. Morriseau, *Aboriginal Political Organizations*  
B.J. Chenier, *Aboriginal Political Organizations*  
R. Fenton, *Aboriginal Political Organizations*  
B. Ball (M. Kleynendorst), *Youth Services*  
L. Allaire, *Education*  
(E. St. Arnaud, M. Thompson)  
J. Kakegamic, *Education*  
Det. Sgt. J. Reppard (Staff Sgt. J.S. Graham), *Police*  
Constable S. Sherlock, *Police*  
L. Robinson, *Community-Based Justice*  
B. Cryderman, L. Kallies, *Community-Based Justice*  
R. Richardson, *Child Welfare*  
M. Kennedy, L. Skaarup, *Business*  
M. Klassen(K. Brochie), *Community Social Planning*  
S.L. Fata, D. Boucher (H. Norhaugen), *Victim Services*

**GUESTS:**

J. Decicco, Thunder Bay Humane Society  
Karla Kakegamic, Talon Bird, Savanna Boucher & Samantha Crowe Youth Amplifiers - Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth  
Renee Dawson, Community Development Advisor  
Keith & Kathy Forbes, Cleaning up of McIntyre CN Bridge

1.0 WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 4:08 P.M.

2.0 AGENDA APPROVAL

With regard to the September 24, 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

#### Feathers of Hope

Youth Amplifiers with Ontario's Office of the Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth, including Karla Kakegamic, Talon Bird, Savanna Boucher & Samantha Crowe, will provide a presentation on the Feathers of Hope Initiative. Renee Dawson, Community Development Advisor, will also be in attendance to respond to questions.

- Office has been open since 2012.
- 5 day forum was held, over 100 youth in attendance from Northern Communities. Youth wanted to speak about their issues. Fifteen topics were discussed.
- Tool kit for aboriginal and non-aboriginal youth

A copy of the report was made available to all in attendance.

#### Police Department

Constable Julie Tilbury from the Thunder Bay Police Service showed a short educational video on hate crimes to raise awareness of the issue in our community. The video was screened at Silver City during the month of July. The Hate Crimes Awareness Committee developed it.

### 4.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting No. 04-2014 of the Crime Prevention Council, held on June 25, 2014, to be confirmed.

It was the consensus of the Council that the Minutes of Meeting No. 04-2014 of the Crime Prevention Council, held on June 25, 2014, be confirmed.

### 5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

No business arising from previous minutes.

## 6.0 WORKING GROUP UPDATE

### 6.1 Support Strong Neighbourhoods

L. Bruins provided an update on the activities of the Strong Neighbourhoods Working Group. A few highlights from this work include:

- City Hall Sounds event every Thursday in August.
- In the Windsor/Picton/Blucher neighbourhood we continue to support the work of the Community Action Group, through the Restorative Neighbourhood Hub Pilot Project
- A successful program “Art to the Streets” funded through the provincial Safer and Vital Communities Grant brought \$35,000 to the Simpson/Ogden neighbourhood for arts-based programming.

### 6.2 Communications and Education – No Update

### 6.3 Support for Aboriginal Populations

L. Chevrette provided an update

- We once again launched the Welcome Students Campaign to encourage people to welcome all new and returning students to Thunder Bay. We ran radio ads, had billboards and transit trails. We participated in NAN’s Student Orientation Program in early September.

### 6.4 Violence Against Women - No Update

### 6.5 Respect.

- Working with the Accessibility Advisory Committee to increase respect for people with disabilities. The Committee is planning to launch their campaign on December 2, 2014.

## 7.0 CRIME PREVENTION OFFICE

7.1 L. Chevrette, Acting Coordinator for the Crime Prevention Council, to make a presentation on the Annual Action Report to Council.

7.2 L. Chevrette, Acting Coordinator for the Crime Prevention Council, to provide updates relative to the activities of the Crime Prevention Office.

- City Hall Sounds – Ran each Thursday in August. This was so successful that the City Manager wanted to follow our structure/set-up and have one additional City Hall Sounds in support of United Way. The event took place Sept. 18, 2014.

- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design – Barry Horrobin conducted a South Core Safety Audit on Sept. 11, 2014. We did two walks through the neighbourhood to look at the built environment for safety concerns (one during the day and one at night).
- Mayor’s Community Safety Awards – Award ceremony to be held on Nov. 3, 2014
- Restorative Practice – 2 events coming up by Ron Cameron. 1. Effective Parenting Public Presentation to be held on Thursday October 2<sup>nd</sup> @6:30 pm at Hammerskjold High School. 2. Two days of Restorative Practice Certification training was held on October 3 & 4, in partnership with Lakehead University’s School of Social Work and Restorative Practice Thunder Bay.
- Annual Action Report – Update on the work of the Crime Prevention Council over this past year to be presented to council.

## 8.0 ROUNDTABLE OF UPDATES

G. O’Reilly, Northwestern Ontario Women’s Centre is hosting a workshop for women on how to avoid/deal with cyber stalking on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Call or email for details at 345-7802 or [nwcentre@tbaytel.net](mailto:nwcentre@tbaytel.net).

A. Hay, Deputy Police Chief, reporting on the Thunder Bay Police Services – Zone Watch. We participated in a sun rise ceremony with Sharon Johnson, John Hannam, Ann Magiskan, Lee-Ann Chevrette and members of Sharon’s family. We are involved with a lot of events, welcoming students back to the City. Students are feeling more comfortable with the police and are asking questions. He encouraged people to not be discouraged will the homicides in the city; we are moving in the right direction.

Constable J. Tilbury thanked the people that cleaned up the area around the McIntyre CN Bridge.

L. Bruins, Executive Director of Evergreen, working well with TBDSSAB, busy with lots of neighbourhood events.

J. Upton, Representative for Lakehead Public School Board, reported that the schools are open and off to a good start.

J. Sillman, St. Joseph’s Care Group, reported that individuals with mental health issues need to have appropriate accommodations. Need to look at our model of the people we serve especially with mental health issues. We are in need of supportive housing. We have to have a role in connecting with the broader system.

L. Leskowski, Executive Director – John Howard Society, reminded the group that they have two presentations on Police Record Checks – “How to get through the process”-to be held at Ka-na-chi-hih on September 25<sup>th</sup> and September 26<sup>th</sup>. She also mentioned the Howard Ball Fundraiser.

C. Legarde, Native Court Worker, Indian Friendship Centre. She has been busy with the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary open house which was held on September 6<sup>th</sup>. They will be having their Christmas

party in December. We are trying to provide more circles at the new courthouse. Smudging is in need.

A. Ostrom, Thunder Bay Drug Strategy Coordinator (Acting). On Thursday Oct. 9, the Thunder Bay Housing and Homelessness Coalition will present: Ending Homelessness as a Community. It is a presentation with guest speaker Susan McGee, CEO of Homeward Trust Edmonton. In 5 years, they housed 3500 people. There are 82 people confirmed for the presentation, 12 for the executive breakfast. As we head into winter it is really important to advocate for housing-there is a significant need in our community (lots of people sleeping at the Salvation Army). The legal clinic is going to do an ID clinic, and is looking at a safe ID Storage initiative, where individuals can leave their ID in a secure storage facility. You can sign in if you need it, and then return it. There is a huge need for these clinics. We had our first drug strategy meeting around youth; we are looking to consult more with youth in the fall.

N. Sponchia, Vice Chair of the Crime Prevention Council. We put the idea of crime on the poor, the addicted and the alcoholic. We need to deal with that issue. Crime is not poor people only. Poor people crimes are out of desperation. Need to encourage seniors to walk. Need to increase large presence of family.

He applauds the police department and staff for increasing public safety and trust in police officers. We need to support the police to keep getting funding, as well as the aboriginal officers. It's time for the youth to become more involved and be focused on people caring for our community.

F. Wesley, Aboriginal Services, agrees with C. Legarde that the whole city needs smudging. She would love to see about 100 women in attendance.

#### 9.0 NEW BUSINESS

#### 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:

- November 26, 2014

#### 11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 P.M.