

DATE: SEPTEMBER 28, 2016**MEETING NO. 05-2016****TIME:** 4:07 P.M.**PLACE:** MCNAUGHTON ROOM, 3RD FLOOR, CITY HALL**CHAIR:** J. UPTON**PRESENT:**

Mayor K. Hobbs, *City of Thunder Bay*
Deputy Police Chief A. Hay, *Thunder Bay Police Service*
Sgt. J. Reppard, *Ontario Provincial Police – Northwest Region*
R. Graham, *Métis Nation of Ontario*
Dr. J. DeMille, *Medical Officer of Health*
Councillor A. Ruberto, *City Councillor*
L. Bruins, *Citizen*
C. Petit, *Youth Representative*
P. Capon, *Matawa First Nation Nishnawbe Aski Police Service*
J. Upton, *Lakehead District School Board*
M. Kleynendorst, *Youth Services*
B. Philp, *Older Adult Services*
B. Cryderman, *William W. Creighton Youth Services*
L. Kallies, *Kairos Community Resource Centre*
K. Haynen, *John Howard Society*
J. Boucher, *Elizabeth Fry Society*
I. Gill, *Thunder Bay Parole Office (Correctional Service of Canada)*
G. Rusnak, *Dilico Anishinabek Family Care*
C. Robinson, *Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce*
B. Hamilton, A. Sauer, *BIAs & Business Areas of Thunder Bay*
J. Nelson, *Children's Centre Thunder Bay*
J. Sillman, *St. Joseph's Care Group*
Councillor R. Johnson, A. Bellavance, *Thunder Bay Drug Strategy*
B. Krysowaty, *Lakehead Social Planning Council*
D. Dika, *Thunder Bay Sexual Abuse Centre*
S. L. Fata, *Thunder Bay Counselling Centre*
S. Peremesko, *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
A. Bortolon, Respect Intern – Corporate Strategic Services

GUESTS:

L. Dacre and S. Fraser - Kairos Community Resource Centre

REGRETS:

D. Mitchell, *Crown Attorney*
A. Garro, *Youth Representative*
G. Mack, *Shelter House*
W. MacArthur, *Children's Aid Society of the District of Thunder Bay*

ABSENT:

Chief P. Collin, *Fort William First Nation*
Deputy Grand Chief A. B. Achneepineskum, *Nishnawbe Aski Nation*
NS Regional Grand Chief P. Pelletier, *Ontario Union of Indians*
Councillor S. Ch'ng, *City Councillor*
M. Villella, *Citizen*
A. Tyance, *Ontario Native Women's Association*
C. Legarde, *Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Centre Urban Aboriginal Advisory Committee*
M. Thompson, *Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board*
C. van Rassel, *Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Aurores boréales Northern Nishnawbe Education Council*
G. O'Reilly, *Thunder Bay and District Coordinating Committee to End Woman Abuse*

1.0 WELCOME

The Chair, J. Upton, called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. The Communication Process was explained.

2.0 APPROVAL

With regard to the September 28, 2016 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 PRESENTATIONS

Gang Prevention & Intervention Program

Steve Fraser and Linda Dacre - Kairos Community Resource Centre, provided an overview and responded to questions about the Gang Prevention & Intervention Program (GPIP). The program will target youth who present risk factors for involvement in gangs, and includes a referral program, individualized case management, connection to services, and support in navigating systems.

- The Province has guaranteed 3 years of funding.
- Kairos will be working with the youth on an individual basis.
- Kairos will be working with Evergreen for some of the programing.
- The program will be based at the Kairos Community Resource Centre and at the Justice Ronald Lester Youth Centre.

An overview of risk factors that can lead to gang involvement was provided.

An overview of the program, services and referral process were provided. There is programing to assist parents and guardians. Kairos is also working with the local schools.

The program will target youth aged 12 to 20 (at the time of referral) who are involved with youth gangs or are at risk of becoming involved with gangs.

Discussion was held relative to connecting with other local agencies to discuss strategies. Kairos can make a presentation tailored to the needs of the host agency upon request.

Members of the CPC can help by sharing this information. Referral information will be provided to L. Chevrette, Coordinator - Crime Prevention Council for distribution to CPC members.

At 4:39 p.m., Ms. Dacre and Mr. Fraser were thanked for appearing before the Crime Prevention Council.

4.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting No. 04-2016 of the Crime Prevention Council, held on June 22, 2016, to be confirmed.

It was the consensus of the CPC members present that the Minutes of Meeting No. 04-2016 of the Crime Prevention Council, held on June 22, 2016, be confirmed.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES – None.

6.0 2015 POLICE-REPORTED CRIME STATISTICS

Police-reported Crime Statistics for 2015 were released by Statistics Canada on July 20, 2016.

Copies of the summary of data for Thunder Bay were provided for information.

L. Chevette, Coordinator - Crime Prevention Council, noted that police statistics are released in July of each year. It was noted that there were some significant reductions in statistics, especially in youth crimes.

It was also noted that discussion about this year's statistics which will probably rise due to the number of homicides, robberies and domestic violence in the City in 2016. Poverty is on the rise in the City, and is one of the risk factors of crime.

Councillor A. Ruberto would like to educate the public on what these statistics mean.

7.0 STRATEGIC PLAN

L. Chevette, Coordinator - Crime Prevention Council, reported that she will be bringing the updated Strategic Plan to City Council at the end of November. The draft plan has been sent out several times to CPC members for review and feedback.

It was the consensus of the Crime Prevention Council to move it forward; no further feedback is required.

8.0 SOUTH CORE PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE

L. Chevette, Coordinator - Crime Prevention Council, provided an overview and background information on the Task Force for new CPC members.

The mandate of the Task Force is to implement the recommendations from the CPTED audit on the South Core. They are working on improvements to the lighting and landscaping in the area.

Two South Core Public Safety Ambassadors were hired for the summer, and provided a positive, consistent presence in the neighbourhood.

B. Hamilton noted that there are a lot of new businesses in the south core. The festival hosted by Shelter House was well attended.

9.0 SNAPSHOT IN TIME REPORT

L. Chevrette, Coordinator - Crime Prevention Council, advised that the report has been finalized and printed, and will be presented to Council on October 17, 2016.

An overview of the report was provided. The CPC will use the data to help prioritize and address issues that have emerged at the top of the list in the report.

Everyone who provided data for the report was thanked. CPC members will receive a copy of the final report at the November 30, 2016 meeting.

10.0 WORKING GROUP UPDATES

10.1 Support Strong Neighbourhoods

L. Bruins reported that she is working with Maryann Kleynendorst, Lee-Ann Chevrette and the Thunder Bay Public Library on the YOU//TH MOVE @ Your Library drop-in program.

Outdoor exercise equipment has been installed at Minnesota Park.

Evergreen is working with Kairos, and thanked them for their donations to the Evergreen kitchen, which is being renovated.

The Fall Festival was very successful, with over 300 people attending. TBayTel was thanked for their donation of 75 backpacks.

Linda Bruins and Lee-Ann Chevrette are working with the Community Action Group in the Windsor/Picton/Blucher neighbourhood.

Ms. Bruins participated in this year's Full Moon Memory walk on September 16th, and credited Sharon Johnson and her family for another successful event.

Mayor K. Hobbs thanked Linda Bruins for all of the work she is doing in the community.

Mayor Hobbs reported on a recent walkabout in the Limbrick neighbourhood. He was shocked and dismayed at the current condition of the area. He has sent a message to TBDSSAB, who manages the property.

Discussion followed about helping out the neighbourhood and challenges with getting help to the residents. The Chair thanked the CPC members for a robust discussion in this regard.

M. Kleynendorst reported that the City has taken possession of the Kinsmen Northwood Centre on James Street; the centre will be used as a dedicated youth centre. The City will be acting in a recreational role – not as a social service. The City is planning to have the centre open 7 days a week with the support of its partners. Recreation & Culture will be advocating for a pedestrian crossover at Vale & James Street.

10.2 Public Education

C. Petit, Chair of the Working Group, reported that the Working Group is trying to recruit more members.

Ms. Petit is attending events with L. Chevrette.

The Working Group is in the process of developing the Friends of Crime Prevention program. They are also working on key messaging for CPC members, and are reviewing the key priority areas.

P. Capon encouraged the Working Group to do more work with youth.

10.3 Respect.

A. Bortolon provided an overview of the Respect activities over the summer. She continues to provide orientation to new City hires.

She is currently working on an on-line toolkit for the Anti-Racism & Respect Advisory Committee.

Ms. Bortolon presented the film, “I am only human”, which she created for the City. L. Chevrette noted that Ms. Bortolon was also the author of the poetry - the script that was used in the film.

The CPC collectively watched the film; many noted that they were personally impacted and moved by the message.

11.0 ROUNDTABLE OF UPDATES

Members provided updates on the activities of their respective organizations/agencies, as follows:

C. Olsen, Drug Strategy Coordinator, provided an overview of the Rockin’ Recovery Festival, which was held on August 31, 2016 at Marina Park. Ms. Olsen reported that a commemorative tree was planted and a plaque was mounted at the Kam River Heritage Park in recognition of International Recovery Day.

Ms. Olsen has met with B. Krysowaty, from the Lakehead Social Planning Council, to sort out the data for the 20,000 homes campaign and the Point in Time count. They are working on infographics and announcements relative to what will be done with the data collected.

A facilitator was brought in to lead a 2-day planning session for the Drug Strategy Implementation Panel. Further sessions are planned with the working groups to develop work plans and to plan community engagements.

An environmental scan as it relates to substance use has been completed. Ms. Olsen is working on a report that will be shared at a future CPC meeting.

K. Lewis, Director - Corporate Strategic Services, reported that the City's Intergovernmental Affairs Committee is lobbying with both levels of government for funding to support our neighbourhoods. Corporate Strategic Services has doubled its efforts to apply for funding.

J. Nelson, Children's Centre Thunder Bay, provided an overview of a free community event being held on October 13, 2016. Dr. Jean Clinton will be the keynote speaker at Relationships Matter: Connection is the Key. Posters were distributed.

Constable J. Tilbury provided an update on Zone Watch. Appreciation Night for members was held last week, and the achievements were summarized. She noted that some great leaders have stepped forward; Zone Watch is in its 3rd year. A new academy is running this October.

S. Peremesko, Thunder Bay District Crime Stoppers, reported that their main focus is rebuilding their Board of Directors. They are actively seeking board members. Tips to Crime Stoppers are higher than previous periods.

Mayor K. Hobbs provided an overview of a meeting he attended in Windsor in August. Homelessness in Thunder Bay was part of the discussion at that meeting. Mayor Hobbs will be meeting with David Zimmer, Ontario's Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, and they will be discussing funding for the Shelter House.

B. Hamilton, Bay-Algonia Business District, reported that the first pedestrian crossover will be installed at the intersection of Algoma Street and Cornwall Avenue, and will make the neighbourhood safer.

P. Capon, Matawa First Nation, provided a brief overview of the program at the Matawa Education Department for mature adults to earn their Grade 12 diploma. He noted that Matawa First Nation will be dealing with the recommendations that came out of the First Nations Students Inquest; they will need funding from both levels of government in order to implement those recommendations.

K. Lewis, Director - Corporate Strategic Services, noted that City Administration will be bringing a report to City Council relative to how the City is addressing the recommendations from the inquest.

Deputy Police Chief A. Hay commended L. Chevrette on a job well done presenting the CPC Action Report to City Council on September 26, 2016. He noted the importance of networking opportunities for CPC members at CPC meetings.

J. Sillman, St. Joseph's Care Group, reported that SJCG is doing strategic planning. A survey is going to be sent out in this regard, and CPC members were encouraged to complete it in order to assist SJCG with shaping their direction.

B. Philp provided an overview of Age Friendly Thunder Bay. The steering committee has completed a community needs assessment, and this information will be shared with the CPC.

B. Cryderman, William W. Creighton Youth Services, reported on the activities of CCUPCY. The backpacks provided by CCUPCY were well received in the Academy neighbourhood. The Fall Harvest was held at Fort William Historical Park last week, and was well attend by youth and elders. A brief overview was provided by Ms. Cryderman on an anti-exploitation workshop she attended.

M. Kleynendorst, Supervisor - Support Services / Children & Youth, City of Thunder Bay, reported on the City's youth programs. Over the past several months, Ms. Kleynendorst has been working with Evergreen and the public libraries to move the City's youth strategies forward. The Kinsmen Northwood Centre will be opening soon as a youth centre. There will be a partnership forum to address the youth strategy. She is working on funding applications. The public libraries are moving towards making the libraries community hubs. Regarding the First Nations Students Inquest, the City has started discussions with community agencies on how the City can implement some of the recommendations in terms of recreational opportunities.

B. Krysowaty, Lakehead Social Planning Council, provided an overview of the LSPC 211 Ontario North service. She noted that Aboriginal Homelessness & Housing Strategy will be receiving funding over the next two years. The Thunder Bay Poverty Reduction Strategy and recent updates are on the LSPC website. The LSPC is working towards aligning their data with other agencies. Ms. Krysowaty noted that 211 is growing and becoming a better service. An overview was provided on the community income tax clinic.

K. Lewis, Director - Corporate Strategic Services, provided an overview of the development of an anti-racism initiative and partnership with the LSPC to report incidents of racism to the 211 Ontario North service. The Anti-Racism & Respect Advisory Committee is hoping to launch the service in November, 2016. 211 would be in charge of data collection. The data collected at 211 is very robust, and helps develop policies and other City strategies.

K. Haynen, John Howard Society, thanked the Chair for the invitation to sit on the CPC. He provided an overview of the youth program and the successful partnership between the John Howard Society and the Lakehead Public Schools (at Westgate High School).

I. Gill, Thunder Bay Parole, provided an overview of the program and area of service. He noted that the Deputy Commissioner for the Prairie region for Correctional Services of Canada (Peter

Linkletter) was coming to Thunder Bay on October 5th. He will be meeting with Fort William First Nation about the possibility of developing a healing lodge for low-risk Aboriginal offenders, as an alternative to mainstream correctional facilities. Correctional Services of Canada will be collaborating with Moffat Makuto and the Regional Multicultural Youth Council.

A. Bellavance, BISNO and Chair of the Thunder Bay Housing & Homelessness Coalition, reported on a request from the Mayor's office about costing related to rent supplement/rent geared to income housing and the number of people waiting for supportive housing services. The information has been gathered, and there are about 400 people who need rent geared to income supportive housing. She noted that there is a housing summit in Thunder Bay on October 17, 2016. In addition to the shortage of supportive housing in Thunder Bay, the summit will also be addressing the significant cost of people staying longer term in the hospital.

On behalf of the Lakehead District School Board, J. Upton extended an opportunity to partner with the organizations around the table.

12.0 CRIME PREVENTION 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 provided an overview of the 2015 – 2016 CPC Action Report. Deputy Police Chief A. Hay and Linda Bruins were thanked for assisting L. Chevrette with presentation of the report to City Council on September 26, 2016. The report can be found on the Crime Prevention website. Copies of the Action Report were distributed separately on desks at the meeting. A. Bortolon, Respect Intern, was thanked for her work on the Action Report.

An overview of CPC-related events was provided. L. Chevrette noted that the Terms of Reference were updated over the past year; Ms. Chevrette was looking forward to working with the current and new CPC members.

CPC members were reminded to submit their nominations for the 2016 Mayor's Community Safety Awards. Deadline for nominations is October 6, 2016. Discussion was held relative to making future Community Hero and Young Leader awards monetary awards.

K. Lewis, Director - Corporate Strategic Services, asked CPC members to please take time to read the Action Report and to provide their comments and feedback on it.

13.0 NEW BUSINESS

B. Hamilton suggested that the CPC develop a home and business safety checklist to engage the public and promote the CPC.

L. Chevrette noted that Barry Horrobin from the Windsor Police Service will be coming to Thunder Bay in May 2017 to lead some CPTED training for members of the Fort William BIA.

14.0 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, November 30, 2016

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.