

DATE: MARCH 20, 2019

MEETING NO. 02-2019

TIME: 4:08 P.M.

PLACE: MCNAUGHTON ROOM, 3RD FLOOR, CITY HALL

CHAIR: J. UPTON

PRESENT:

OFFICIALS

Inspector R. Gibson, *Thunder Bay Police Service*

Northern Superior Region Grand Chief E. Wawia, *Ontario Union of Indians*

C. Petit, *Citizen Representative & John Howard Society*

L. Bruins, *Evergreen a United Neighbourhood*

P. Capon, *Matawa Education Centre*

C. Legarde, *TB Indigenous Friendship Centre*

J. Upton, *Lakehead District School Board*

A. Mauro, *Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Aurores boréales*

P. Vranesich, *Age Friendly Thunder Bay*

M. Jordan, *Shelter House*

K. Banks, *TB Parole Office (Correctional Service of Canada)*

D. Leeder, *Dilico Anishinabek Family Care*

D. Mayes, *St. Joseph's Care Group*

Councillor R. Johnson, *Thunder Bay Drug Strategy*

A. Bellavance, *Thunder Bay Drug Strategy*

S. L. Fata, *Thunder Bay Counselling*

K. Watson, *TB & District Coordinating Committee to End Women Abuse*

M. Woods, *TB District Crime Stoppers*

M. Maddock, *North West Community Mobilization Network*

L. Dacre, *Kairos Community Resource Centre*

J. Nelson, *Children's Centre Thunder Bay*

K. Lewis, Director - Corporate Strategic Services

L. Chevrette, Coordinator – Crime Prevention Council

C. Olsen, Coordinator – Thunder Bay Drug Strategy

R. Eras, Communications Officer

K. Begin, Program Supervisor, Children & Youth

A. Bruetsch – Project Manager, Youth Inclusion Program

F. Track– Committee Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk

1.0 WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The Chair, J. Upton, called the meeting to order at 4:08 pm and asked if there were any disclosures of interest. There were no disclosures of interest declared at this time.

The Chair explained the communication process and a roundtable of introductions followed.

2.0 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

L. Chevrette, Coordinator – Crime Prevention Council added Youth Violence Prevention Project Update under 8.0 Standing Agenda Items.

With respect to the March 20, 2019 meeting of the Crime Prevention Council, it was the consensus of the members present to accept the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business.

3.0 PRESENTATION

Community Safety & Well-Being Legislation

L. Chevrette, Coordinator – Crime Prevention Council, utilizing a PowerPoint Presentation from a previous webinar from the Ministry of Community Safety & Correctional Services entitled “Community Safety and Well-Being Planning” provided an overview and outlined the planning process for new provincial legislation mandating municipalities in Ontario to develop a Community Safety & Well-Being Plan. This legislation was added as an amendment to the Police Services Act, RSO 1990, and came into effect January 1, 2019. The Crime Prevention Council provided a memo to City Council on March 11, 2019 requesting by resolution that they appoint the Crime Prevention Council as the Advisory Committee to develop and implement the Community Safety and Well-being plan. Council unanimously supported. The next iteration of the Crime Prevention Council’s Strategic Plan will reflect the new legislation. The CPC will be responsible for this work.

The deadline to develop the new plan is Jan. 1, 2021. Municipalities can work with neighbouring First Nation communities and L. Chevrette proposed to explore working with Fort William First Nation on the new plan. Part of the planning will require public consultations among diverse populations. The plan will be developed through a public consultation process and a community safety audit to identify priority issues, measurable outcomes and key programs. The plan must be published in print and online within 30 days of adoption. L. Chevrette detailed four planning levels for the CSWB Planning Framework: social development, prevention, risk intervention and critical response. The province has indicated there will be no additional financial support to allocate to municipalities undertaking this work.

P. Vranesich, Age Friendly Thunder Bay, asked where a strategy and framework is for senior populations at risk. L. Chevrette answered saying through this plan, all respective Crime

Prevention Council organizations will have opportunities to provide their take on risks in the community. The Age Friendly Plan was also identified as a plan focused on the well-being of older adults in Thunder Bay.

4.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Copies of the Minutes of Meeting No. 01-2019, of the Crime Prevention Council, held on January 16, 2019 were distributed electronically to CPC members on Thursday, March 14, 2019 for review prior to the meeting today.

It was the consensus of the members present that the Minutes of Meeting No. 01-2019 of the Crime Prevention Council, held on January 16, 2019, be confirmed.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 Mental Health Crisis Response

At the January 16, 2019 Crime Prevention Council meeting, a discussion was held relative to the Crime Prevention Council providing a letter of support to the Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) regarding a request for ongoing funding. In late January, the Joint Mobile Crisis Response Team (JMCRT) received notice that they would be funded for one additional year.

Inspector R. Gibson, Thunder Bay Police Service, provided an update on behalf of Chief S. Hauth, Thunder Bay Police Service, relative to the above noted. He shared that researchers from Lakehead University will be working with the Pilot Project to do a cost-benefit analysis to demonstrate the effectiveness of the program. Ideally, the LHIN will fully fund the initiative based on evidence of benefits. M. Maddock, Coordinator, North West Community Mobilization Network, identified a provincial group aligning with the JMCRT that might be good to reference and/or connect with going forward.

6.0 TERMS OF REFERENCE

At the June 2018 Crime Prevention Council meeting, direction was given to develop an Ad Hoc Committee to review the Terms of Reference.

L. Chevrette provided an overview and responded to questions relative to the proposed revisions to the new draft Terms of Reference (TOR). Copies of the draft TOR were distributed via email on Thursday, March 14, 2019, for review prior to the meeting.

Changes Proposed:

- **Page 11:** L. Chevrette mentioned that all members expressed support to remain on the Crime Prevention Council with the exception of the Crown Attorney or designate who has not responded or attended any meetings. L. Chevrette proposed to remove this individual.
- **Page 12:** Matawa was removed from representing Aboriginal community to representing

education sector.

- Police Service Board added as per new legislation under Justice Sector(a letter will be sent inviting their participation).
- Thunder Bay District Social Services Administrative Board added as per new legislation (a letter will be sent inviting their participation).
- North West Community Mobilization Network was added in the Risk Intervention sector.
- Corporate Strategic Services Communications Officer will provide administrative support to the CPC moving forward.

Quorum was present.

The Chair, J. Upton, asked about the name of this committee, Crime Prevention Council, and since we are moving towards a Community Safety and Well-being Plan, should we change name to represent this? L. Chevrette suggested not to change the name, as other municipalities are not, and she feels the term community safety can be confused with other injury prevention safety initiatives pertaining to health and safety. She sees strength in recognition of the Crime Prevention Council designation, locally and nationally.

The Chair, J. Upton, proposed approval of the proposed changes and updates to the Terms of Reference, as presented at the March 20, 2019 meeting of the Crime Prevention Council.

With respect to the Terms of Reference of the Crime Prevention Council, it was the consensus of the members present that the proposed changes and updates to the Terms of Reference, as presented at the March 20, 2019 meeting of the Crime Prevention Council, be approved and forwarded to the Committee of the Whole for acceptance.

7.0 DRAFT ANNUAL ACTION REPORT

L. Chevrette, Coordinator – Crime Prevention Council, utilizing a word document entitled, “2018 Annual Action Report for Crime Prevention Council, March 20, 2019” provided an overview of the Draft Crime Prevention Council Annual Action Report. She would like the Crime Prevention Council’s feedback on current draft to ensure all are in agreement prior to providing the report to City Council, April 29, 2019.

P. Vranesich, Age Friendly Thunder Bay, commented that she again would like to see seniors represented.

C. Legarde, Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre, commented that it should include going forward the issue of human trafficking which is on rise in our community.

S. Fata, Thunder Bay Counselling, commented on gangs and guns and asked if it should be included.

L. Chevrette asked if the Crime Prevention Council wants to create an Ad Hoc Working Group to look at home takeovers. The Chair, J. Upton, asked for next meeting to bring back examples from other communities on how other communities approach this issue. P. Capon, Matawa First Nation, asked to have Indigenous elders involved in this too to help advise on how to navigate. P. Vranesich, Inspector R. Gibson, K. Banks, Chair, J. Upton, L. Chevrette, C. Graham, D. Leeder, K. Watson, and C. Legarde agreed to be a part of the working group to look at home takeovers. J. Nelson, Children's Centre Thunder Bay, suggested this initiative also target neighbours on warning signs to watch for.

8.0 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

8.1 South Core Public Safety Task Force

K. Lewis, Director - Corporate Strategic Services, was not in attendance. L. Chevrette provided an update on behalf of K. Lewis. The South Core Public Safety Task Force's mandate included the implementation of 14 recommendations to improve safety & security in the South Core neighbourhood. All recommendations have been implemented or referred elsewhere (if beyond the capacity or mandate of the Task Force). One outstanding project is the laneway renewal project, which was proposed in partnership with the Clean, Green and Beautiful Committee.. The Crime Prevention Council will continue to support this alleyway project, and L. Chevrette will provide a wrap-up of the South Core Public Safety Task Force to City Council at the April 29 meeting.

8.2 Thunder Bay Drug Strategy Update

C. Olsen – Coordinator of the Thunder Bay Drug Strategy, provided information on the updated Terms of Reference, and about the Chair and Vice-Chair elections. Alice Bellavance, was elected Vice-Chair; Councillor Rebecca Johnson stands as Chair. C. Olsen spoke on the recent completion of Brain Story certification, which was a 30-hour online course based on understanding the impacts of adverse childhood experiences, the neural architecture of the brain, and long-term health outcomes that can result in increased rates of substance misuse and mental health challenges. C. Olsen and L. Chevrette were chosen from 300 people across the Canada to participate in a group of 50 for the Brain Builders Lab component, which enables them to develop a plan to bring the information they learned to the community. C. Olsen also spoke on a regional engagement project on the Northern Centre of Excellence, which a survey saw 95% in support of. A decision to reconvene on this into Phase 2 was made, looking for more regional stakeholders to help advance this and explore opportunities for funding. C. Olsen shared a two-page document, entitled, "Towards a Northern Centre of Excellence for Addiction and Mental Health, Engagement Results for Northwestern Ontario" and invited those interested to contact her for more information.

8.3 North West Community Mobilization Network

M. Maddock, Coordinator – North West Community Mobilization Network, provided an update on the Situation Table electing new Co-Chairs, Staff Sgt. Ron Maki and Jeff Upton, and Paula from Developmental Services. She spoke about the last quarter seeing lower referrals than usual to the Thunder Bay Situation Table. They are looking into ways to raise awareness of referrals. Also, the Situation Table began tracking protective factors in addition to risk factors, which will be helpful with intervention planning. Twelve to 17 year-olds remain the highest risk group with mental health, criminal involvement and drugs identified as the top three risk factors. The North West Community Mobilization Network's Centre of Responsibility (COR) will be having a priority-setting day looking at data and outlining what to focus on for the year ahead. A Day of Learning is scheduled for March 29 with Dr. Joanne Vis on psychological stress in the workplace.

8.4 Poverty Reduction Strategy

B. Kryswaty, Coordinator – Poverty Reduction Strategy, sent regrets. Item deferred until next meeting.

8.5 Housing and Homelessness Coalition

A. Bellavance, Co-Chair of the Housing and Homelessness Coalition, provided an update regarding the federal government rebranding the homelessness strategy starting on April 1. Training completed on getting individuals who were identified in the Point in Time count into housing sooner.

8.6 Youth Inclusion Program

A. Bruetsch, Project Manager – Youth Inclusion Program, provided an update relative to the above noted. She has focused the past six weeks on meeting with all organizations who have expressed support for the Youth Inclusion Program. She is utilizing this information to continue building a network of support to help guide the program. An update was provided to City Council on March 11, 2019. Next week she will begin interviewing and hiring. She also met with the Fort William First Nation who sent a letter in support of A. Bruetsch. A. Bruetsch hopes to have staff in place by end of April.

8.7 Mental Health Crisis Response

Insp. R. Gibson provided an update relative to the above noted under item 5.1.

8.8 Project SoundCheck

D. Dika, Executive Director of the Sexual Abuse Centre Thunder Bay, sent regrets. Item deferred to next meeting.

8.9 Youth Violence Prevention Project Update

L. Chevrette provided the update on behalf of Marianne Stewart. The Thunder Bay District Health Unit received funding from the Public Health Agency of Canada to implement the Fourth R Program over the next five years. Public Health is the lead agency with support from the Crime Prevention Council and Thunder Bay Drug Strategy. Milestones to date include: Research agreement finalized with the Centre for Rural and Northern Health Research; training completed for approximately 45 people; upcoming meeting and official media launch planned with Minister Patti Hajdu's office April 17 at 9:30 at the TBDHU Auditorium.

8.10 THUNDER BAY COALITION TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING

S. Fata, Manager of Financial & Child/Youth Services, Thunder Bay Counselling, to provide an update relative to the above noted. See 11.0 for this update.

9.0 WORKING GROUP UPDATES

9.1 Strong Neighbourhoods – L. Bruins, Executive Director of Evergreen a United Neighbourhood, spoke of it being 11 years since she began working with kids in the Simpson-Ogden neighbourhood. She is happy to report the group received expanded space in Minnesota Park for programming, and plans are underway to paint the house. And get signage.

9.2 Public Education – C. Petit, Citizen Representative/John Howard Society, spoke about how she is helping with the new Crime Prevention Council newsletter by providing information to feature members.

9.3 Respect - L. Chevrette noted the Diversity Breakfast is tomorrow, March 21, featuring Tanya Talaga as keynote speaker. This event will also present the annual **respect**. Award and feature last year's winner reflecting on how the award has impacted him. 534 tickets sold. Suzanna Baxter, a **respect**. placement student, is working on developing a **respect**. Ambassador program for the City of Thunder Bay.

10.0 CRIME PREVENTION OFFICE UPDATE

Copies of the Crime Prevention Council Coordinator Update – March 2019 were provided for information. L. Chevrette reported that a screening of the film, *Coming Together to Talk*, is planned for April 30 to bring 300 high school students from the City of Thunder Bay's different school boards to watch at Lakehead University. Breakout sessions following the film screening will focus on how to develop a plan to improve race relations in the City. This event is a great tie-in to the Youth Inquest report recommendation 116. Lastly, there was a correction on the last page to the title *Coalition to End Human Trafficking*.

11.0 ROUNDTABLE OF UPDATES

M. Jordan, Executive Director - Shelter House, spoke of a play at Confederation College, Apr 5 & 6, called *Shelter from the Storm*, which profiles homeless individuals in our community.

P. Vranesich, Age Friendly Thunder Bay, has a new coordinator who worked on a plan for Age Friendly to help elderly stay in their own homes. A grant was applied for, and Terms of Reference set for May. They are also working on incorporating. She mentioned that there is a great video of bullying that people should see. Call Deanna at Alzheimer Society if interested in hosting a video screening of it at your organization. Jeff Upton, Chair, suggested Partners in Rehab as a group to connect with to provide input to committee. L. Chevrette asked to have the film shown at the next Crime Prevention Council meeting. C. Legarde suggested connecting with the Indigenous Friendship Centre as well for this.

S. Fata, Thunder Bay Counselling, spoke about human trafficking training underway, which involves working with a survivor on building community systems relative to this issue. The plan is to share the training with organizations soon. They aim to reach families, children and youth, public services and retail operations to identify how to intercept suspected trafficking cases. L. Chevrette suggested that the Thunder Bay Coalition to End Human Trafficking develop a plan of action. Jeff Upton, Chair, said there is an education piece needed with schools. The focus is on building a community chain and identifying ways to support victims and survivors.

K. Banks: Needle exchange program in correctional facilities has been successful. Studies show a need to include these services in correctional facilities for women. There are also plans to implement overdose prevention sites inside correctional institutions.

C. Petit, Citizen Representative/John Howard Society, attended a conference in Toronto that brought forth the issue of displacement of Indigenous people. John Howard Thunder Bay will roll out Weekend And Statutory Holiday (WASH) Court releases to help decrease jail populations.

Spring Clean-Up in May planned and open to anyone wanting volunteer hours. John Howard Society and Shelter House are partnering May 16 in the South Core Clean-Up.

E. Wawia, Northern Superior Region Grand Chief, Ontario Union of Indians requested a calendar of events from members as he is interested in participating in and supporting other initiatives connected to this group

A. Bellavance, Thunder Bay Drug Strategy, attended a presentation on work in UK's correctional services focusing on the many neurological issues inmates face there. This leading edge work might have implications for how we do things here. The Centre for Disease Control also spoke at the presentation on the incidence of brain injury in seniors increasing due to falls and interpersonal violence and crime.

P. Capon, Matawa Education Centre, spoke about capital being approved at the Learning Centre for 120 beds for youth and approval for a youth detox centre. He has also heard that the federal government is continuing with Jordan's Principle.

K. Begin, Recreation & Culture, City of Thunder Bay, spoke about Youth Week on May 1-7 and Mental Health and Arts Week planning events with the City.

C. Legarde, Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre, said Premier Doug Ford slashed jobs at the Friendship Centre. She also mentioned that a list of events for the Centre is on their website.

Jeff Upton, Chair, is coordinating a conference for youth engagement, empowerment, advocacy and volunteerism at Victoria Park Training Centre on March 26. L. Chevrette and C. Olsen will be presenting on their work with the City.

12.0 NEW BUSINESS

None.

13.0 NEXT MEETING

Meetings of the Crime Prevention Council are scheduled on the third Wednesday of every second month, from 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. in McNaughton Room, 3rd Floor of City Hall, as follows, unless otherwise notified:

- Wednesday, May 15, 2019
- Wednesday, June 19, 2019
- Wednesday, September 18, 2019
- Wednesday, November 20, 2019

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.