

**DATE:** MAY 15, 2019

**MEETING NO. 03-2019**

**TIME:** 4:00 P.M.

**PLACE:** MCNAUGHTON ROOM, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, CITY HALL

**CHAIR:** J. UPTON

**PRESENT:**

Mayor B. Mauro, *City of Thunder Bay*  
Chief S. Hauth, Inspector R. Gibson, *Thunder Bay Police Service*  
A. Gordon, *OPP – Northwest Region*  
R. Pervais, *Fort William First Nation*  
Councillor K. Oliver, *City Councillor*  
Councillor M. Bentz, *City Councillor*  
C. Petit, *Citizen Representative & John Howard Society*  
J. Hewitt, *Citizen Representative*  
C. Legarde, *TB Indigenous Friendship Centre*  
A. Mauro, *Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Aurores boréales*  
J. Napash, *Northern Nishnawbe Education Council*  
P. Vranesich, *Age Friendly Thunder Bay*  
B. Cryderman, *Wm.W.Creighton Youth Services*  
L. Dacre in place of L. Kallies, *Kairos Community Resource Centre*  
K. Banks, *TB Parole Office (Correctional Service of Canada)*  
R. Togman, *TB Chamber of Commerce BIAs & Business Areas*  
D. Mayes in place of N. Black, *St. Joseph's Care Group*  
A. Bellavance, *Thunder Bay Drug Strategy*  
B. Kryswaty, *Lakehead Social Planning Council*  
D. Dika, *Thunder Bay Sexual Abuse Centre*  
K. Watson, *TB & District Coordinating Committee to End Women Abuse*  
M. Woods, *TB District Crime Stoppers*  
C. Graham in place of M. Pajunen, *Ontario Native Women's Assoc.*

**PRESENT (cont'd)**

S. Bragg, *Waterfront BIA*  
M. Stewart, *Youth Violence Prevention Project TBDHU*  
Chief R. Morrison, *Nishnawbe Aski Police Service*  
T. Jukes, *Crown Attorney*

**OFFICIALS**

L. Chevrette, *Coordinator – Crime Prevention Council*  
C. Olsen, *Coordinator – Thunder Bay Drug Strategy*  
R. Eras, *Communications Officer*  
A. Bruetsch – *Project Manager, Youth Inclusion Program*  
T. Walser – *Community Ambassador*  
B. Raynsford – *Community Ambassador*

1.0 WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The Chair, J. Upton was absent so Lee-Ann acted as Chair and called the meeting to order at 4:07pm.

There were no disclosures of interest declared at this time. The Communication Process was explained.

2.0 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

With regard to the May 15, 2019 meeting of the Crime Prevention Council, it was the consensus of the members present that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

3.0 PRESENTATION

Community Elder Abuse Committee

P. Vranesich, Age Friendly Thunder Bay brought in guest Deanna Bessel who presented a short video, *New Horizons for Seniors Program*, which featured examples of stories where elderly citizens felt bullied. The video covered topics such as exclusion, gossiping and discrimination. It was requested that a link of the video be sent to all committee members.

Brain Story

C. Olsen – Coordinator of the Thunder Bay Drug Strategy and L. Chevrette, Coordinator – Crime Prevention Council presented a four-minute video, *Brain Builders*, on the 30-hour Brain Story Certification Course they've completed. They will be participating in a national program for the next two years to embed the science of brain development into more community work. The course is free of charge to take online. A link to it will be sent to the group. A. Bellavance, Co-Chair of the Housing and Homelessness Coalition said this training is complimentary to Adverse Childhood Events (ACE), study which shows that adverse childhood experiences cause trauma that can impact lifelong health.

4.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting No. 02-2019, of the Crime Prevention Council, held on March 20, 2019 to be confirmed.

It was the consensus of the members present that the Minutes of Meeting No. 02-2019 of the Crime Prevention Council, held on March 20, 2019, be confirmed.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 Home Takeovers

At the March 20, 2019 Crime Prevention Council meeting, a discussion was held on home takeovers. An ad hoc committee was struck and progress on this project will be discussed under Working Group updates.

5.2 Community Safety and Well-being Plan

A resolution for the Community Safety and Well-being Plan was passed by City Council on March 11, 2019. The framework to develop the plan is in the early stages. Copies of the Resolution are included at the back of this Agenda package.

5.3 Terms of Reference

L. Chevette spoke about the Terms of Reference and said they have been reviewed, amended, and were approved by the Crime Prevention Council March 20, 2019. They were then brought to City Council on April 29, 2019 and were ratified May 13, 2019 at City Council. An electronic copy will be sent to all.

6.0 ANNUAL ACTION REPORT

L. Chevette spoke about her a presentation on the Annual Action Report at City Council March 29, 2019. She said a copy will be shared with all Crime Prevention Council members.

7.0 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

7.1 South Core Public Safety Task Force

L. Chevette spoke on this. After a three-year term, the South Core Public Safety Task Force wrapped up its final meeting a couple months ago. One outstanding item is the alleyway improvement project. Improvements to the lighting and landscaping were made and the pilot project for the alleyway across from City Hall is in the early stages. Working with BrookMcIlroy, the community was engaged to provide input on ideas of what they would like to see done for this project.

7.2

7.3 Thunder Bay Drug Strategy Update

C. Olsen spoke about the Thunder Bay Drug Strategy releasing its annual report, which she distributed separately. The report was presented to City Council on March 25, 2019. She also noted that the Overdose Prevention Site was granted approval to operate under new provincial model and received full exemption status at the end of March 2019 to continue running for one year. The Drug Awareness Committee is looking at safer drinking environments through the Dandelion Project. It plans to make bars safer and provide alcohol-related violence training and is looking at bringing in Lakehead University for fall 2019.

Also with the current provincial government, there are significant shifts in alcohol policy happening. As of May 6, Happy Hour is now legal to advertise, and alcohol can be served at establishments starting at 9am. Also the requirement to serve food with alcohol has been removed. Alcohol will likely also be sold at corner stores soon, and there is indication drinking will be allowed in parks and beaches. This decision will be left to the municipality to make a determination. Another project worth noting is the development of an opioid toolkit. Modelled after a toolkit in Peterborough, and working locally with Elevate NOW on policy and procedures, the kit covers ways to respond to an overdose. Drug Strategy is also working with the Thunder Bay District Health Unit starting in June 2019 to administer surveys at pop-ups information booths on cannabis to gather self-reported knowledge on use and regulations to help inform forums in fall, which is the same time edibles are to become legal. The survey will also be available online. Lastly, the Maternal Substance Use and Child Working Group will present May 23 on work with substance-involved women, seeing and supporting a good mother; providing a snapshot on women's voices on services they've used and identifying gaps they see and how best to share this info in the future.

7.4 North West Community Mobilization Network– defer to next meeting

7.5 Poverty Reduction Strategy

B. Krysowaty, Coordinator – Poverty Reduction Strategy delivered annual report to City Council on April 8, 2019. It highlighted the value of poverty reduction efforts, focused on the grant for Out of the Cold program, and the Point-In-Time count. Poverty Reduction Strategy is also involved with grant research project partners in northern housing, supporting models, designs, etc. The next Point-In-Time count is scheduled for April 18, 2020. The Poverty Reduction Strategy is also working on a tiny homes project, which is in beginning stages. The Lakehead Social Planning Council's AGM will be at Victoriaville on June 11.

7.6 Housing and Homelessness Coalition

Existing projects to continue this fiscal year, RFPs gone out for agency to look at coordinating access and RFP on data piece. Date to update community plan to inform how to call RFP going forward in next fiscal year. Concern in reduction in community on legal support, push to advocate to prevent this.

7.7 Youth Inclusion Program

A. Bruetsch, Project Manager – Youth Inclusion Program (YIP) provided update that they have hired two supervisors, along with a youth navigator. The Limbrick/Vale community is the first community to receive YIP programming. She will be reaching out to that community to invite them to take part, and she is going to reach out to youth in schools as well.

7.8 Joint Mobile Crisis Response

Chief S. Hauth, Thunder Bay Police Service, said the Joint Mobile Crisis Response was successful in March to receive an additional year of funding from the North West Local Health Integration Network for 2019. They're actively pursuing permanent funding and looking at a location outside of the hospital, as it makes a huge impact on officer resources when they are held up at the hospital.

7.9 Project SoundCheck

D. Dika, Executive Director of the Sexual Abuse Centre Thunder Bay, said they have a meeting coming up on a bystander intervention process to address sexual assault at large gatherings.

7.10 Youth Violence Prevention Project Update

L. Chevrette said this is a partnership with the Crime Prevention Council, Thunder Bay District Health Unit, Drug Strategy, Lakehead University's Centre for Rural and Northern Health Research and seven local and district school boards. There is five-year funding in place for school-based healthy relationship program addressing protective factors and how to engage in healthy relationships. The project aims to reduce teen dating violence with the long term goal of reducing intimate partner violence. Terms of Reference are being finalized, and an Indigenous-informed curriculum is being developed. So far 44 people are trained in the region. September 2019 is the anticipated complete roll out.

7.11 Thunder Bay Coalition to End Human Trafficking

S. Fata, Manager of Financial & Child/Youth Services, Thunder Bay Counselling was absent so L. Chevrette spoke on this. Currently, 26 organizations are participating to build community response chain to support survivors of human trafficking, and increase awareness and education. July 30 is World Day against Trafficking in Persons, so they will be reaching out to organizations and sectors that might come into contact with the issue. There's a BBQ being planned, which will be open to the public. Can contact co-chairs or Sheri to get involved.

7.12 Project Disruption

Chief S. Hauth spoke about Project Disruption – Based on increased violence in our city and home takeovers, the Thunder Bay Police worked to address this with a task force with OPP, Anishinabek Police Service and Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service. A media release was put out to show the public the work being done. All in all they seized \$1.5M in drugs, 13 firearms—mostly loaded, ammunition, other weapons, \$755K and laid 431 criminal charges, 80 of which were confirmed or suspected gang members. For perspective, 1kg of fentanyl, because it's so toxic, has the potential to cause 500K overdoses. TBPS also began the Know Your Drug campaign to target people to be buyer beware, as kids or younger adults don't realize that more often drugs are being laced with fentanyl and carfentanyl, which ups danger of overdose. The TBPS also now carry naloxone and are working with EMS to put out stats on this. Project Disruption is continuing, as lots more to do. Toronto and Ottawa received designated money but rest has to apply for \$5+Million so any advocacy to help would be appreciated. L. Chevrette asked if there was desire to provide a letter of support, and was told they are working with Mariah to sign. L. Chevrette will send email on this.

8.0 WORKING GROUP UPDATES

8.1 South Core Public Safety Task Force

C. Petit, Citizen Representative/John Howard Society spoke on helping with South Core clean-up tomorrow at 5pm starting at City Hall.

8.2 Respect

L. Chevrette said the working group is still doing its action plan. They presented the respect award to Robin Cooper. She will be invited to the June working meeting of the respect group. Respect will be present at a number of events this summer and with ambassadors promoting it. They will be at Pride, Indigenous Day, City Hall sounds. Mayor Mauro suggested the Wake the Giant initiative would be a good synergy working with the community safety ambassadors to promote it.

### 8.3 Home Takeovers

L. Chevrette said those who agreed to look at this issue determined it best to provide public education on why and how home takeovers happen. They will develop materials on this and share once complete.

### 8.4 Crime Prevention Council

L. Chevrette included her update on pages 15-18. Jane`s Walk was great, 2-250 people took part, some did multiple walks. Coming Together to Talk, spearheaded by Diversity Thunder Bay, was also a success.

## 9.0 ROUND TABLE UPDATES

- 9.1 Mayor Mauro spoke on Wake the Giant, encouraging organizations and businesses to show inclusivity and welcome Indigenous students.
- 9.2 A. Gordon, OPP Detach Commander, is working closely with the city as same problems facing the region. Collaborations are in place to tackle gang issues throughout northern communities. L. Chevrette wants to work with First Nations on the Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan.
- 9.3 J. Hewitt, Citizen Representative, is continuing to clean streets and promote sense of belonging and purpose. South Core Clean-Up planned for tomorrow. It`s good to see many groups stepping up in this area.
- 9.4 P. Vranesich said the Age Friendly group recently celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- 9.5 D. Mayes – St. Joseph`s Care Group is looking to adopt Wake the Giant. Also, Sister Margaret Smith Centre, in partnership with Matawa, are working on helping youth struggling to fast track them to treatment or counselling.
- 9.6 R. Togman, TB Chamber of Commerce – Chamber is working on a project looking at zoning bylaw reform and will be reaching out to discuss proposals to put forward, as zoning relates to housing, emergency response times, etc. Chamber, Community Economic Development Commission and City of Thunder Bay staff to collaborate to find pathways to improve zoning bylaws.
- 9.7 D. Dika, Thunder Bay Sexual Abuse Centre, said they received a grant for Survivors and Victims of Crime, which runs from May 26-June 1. On May 28 they will help with the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for Victims starting at City Hall ending at Friendship Gardens. And on May 31, they will have tables set up at Victoriaville Mall from 9am-2pm, as well as a table at the Thunder Bay Country Market this weekend. Tree planting is also set for May 29.
- 9.8 A. Bruetsch, Project Manager - Youth Inclusion Program (YIP) - The YIP is working with Wake the Giant, as much of their work aligns with Recommendation 116 of the Seven Youth Inquest. Aside from a decal, there is some training that goes with signing up for Wake the Giant looking at steps to take to be a welcoming and inclusive organization.
- 9.9 N. Duplessis, Citizen Representative – introduced himself and spoke on his area of study at LU.

- 9.10 S. Bragg, Volunteer Board Member, Waterfront BIA – introduced herself and said she will be reaching out regarding a safety program going forward.
- 9.11 C. Graham, ONWA – Invited CPC members to attend the Davinci on May 29 at 11am where there will be an event on releasing ONWA’s 'Journey to Safe SPACES: Indigenous Anti-Human Trafficking Engagement Report, which elevates survivors’ voices from across the province. The report will be made available to the committee.
- 9.12 J. Napash, DFC/NNEC - Introduced herself as an education assistance navigator where she is tasked with helping youth to navigate support services. She also works out of Pelican HS in Sioux Lookout, as well as with the Northern Nishnawbe Education Council.
- 9.13 T. Jukes, Crown Attorney – introduced himself and said the District Jail is overflowing with increases to crime. His office of 17 is seeing challenges.
- 9.14 C. Legarde, Indigenous Friendship Centre, said Doug Ford gave the Centre another year so she retracts her comment of job losses from the previous minutes. One event of interest they are working on is a webinar on teaching new court workers for June 12 with more information available on the Indigenous Friendship Centre’s website.
- 9.15 M. Ali, Youth Representative, introduced himself as a new member to the CPC.
- 9.16 A. Bellavance, Thunder Bay Drug Strategy – spoke about new health structure of one LHIN for all of Northwestern Ontario. She noted, too, that the Ministry of Health had a huge research project led by University of Toronto that was about integrating mental health and addictions related to brain injury. It was only half way through and got cut to wrap up by end of July. Any research projects that are not legacy-based are all cut.
- 9.17 A. Mauro, Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Aurores boreales – They signed a MOU for youth tragic event last week. It was originally signed in 2009 in response to youth suicide, but obviously more included now, so they’ve updated Terms of Reference to include events to support youth.
- 9.18 T. Walser, Thunder Bay Drug Strategy - Introduced himself as Community Safety Ambassador and spoke on South Core outreach underway, as well as supporting other organizations such as Elevate.
- 9.19 B. Raynsford, Crime Prevention Council - introduced herself as Community Safety Ambassador and spoke about events she and Thomas will be attending to engage the community. If there are any organizations requiring extra hands to support an event or activity, reach out.

10.0 NEW BUSINESS  
None.

11.0 NEXT MEETING

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

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

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.