

DATE: SEPTEMBER 18, 2019 **MEETING NO.** 05-2019
TIME: 4:00 P.M.
PLACE: MCNAUGHTON ROOM, 3RD FLOOR, CITY HALL
CHAIR: J. UPTON

MEMBERS

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*
M. McGuire, *Nishnawbe Aski Nation*
B. Prairie, *Métis Nation of Ontario*
Northern Superior Region Grand Chief Ed Wawia, *Ontario Union of Indians*
Dr. J. DeMille, *Medical Officer of Health*
Councillor K. Oliver, *City Councillor*
Councillor M. Bentz, *City Councillor*
L. Dacre, *Kairos Community Resource Ctr*
J. Boucher, *Elizabeth Fry Society*
K. Banks, *TB Parole Office (Correctional Service of Canada)*
D. Leeder, *Dilico Anishinabek Family Care*
W. MacArthur, *Children's Aid Society of the District of Thunder Bay*
R. Togman, *TB Chamber of Commerce*
S. Bragg, *BIAs & Business Areas*
D. Walker, *Children's Centre Thunder Bay*
N. Black, *St. Joseph's Care Group*
Councillor R. Johnson, *Thunder Bay Drug Strategy*
P. Capon, *Matawa Education Centre*
Inspector P. Guerard, *NAPS*
C. Legarde, *TB Indigenous Friendship Centre*
M. Tait-Martens, *Urban Aboriginal Advisory Committee*
J. Upton, *Lakehead District School Board*

MEMBERS (cont'd)

C. Petit, *Citizen Representative & John Howard Society*
J. Hewitt, *Citizen Representative*
M. Irshad Ali, *Youth Representative*
N. Duplessis, *Youth Representative*
L. Bruins, *Evergreen a United Neighbourhood*
M. Woods, *TB District Crime Stoppers*
S. L. Fata, *Thunder Bay Counselling*
K. Watson, *TB & District Coordinating Committee to End Women Abuse*
M. Maddock, *North West Community Mobilization Network*
A. Sargent, *TB Catholic District School Board*
A. Mauro, *Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Aurores boréales*
J. Napash, *Northern Nishnawbe Education Council*
P. Vranesich, *Age Friendly Thunder Bay*
M. Jordan, *Shelter House*
B. Cryderman, *Wm. W. Creighton Youth Services*
T. Jukes, *Ministry of Attorney General*
M. Tait-Martens, *Ontario Native Women's Assoc.*
B. Krysowaty, *Lakehead Social Planning Council*
D. Dika, *Thunder Bay Sexual Abuse Centre*
C. Graham, *Urban Aboriginal Advisory Committee*
I. Beaver, *Matawa First Nation*
OFFICIALS
K. Lewis, *Director - Corporate Strategic Services*
L. Chevrette, *Coord. – Crime Prevention Council*
C. Olsen, *Coord. – Thunder Bay Drug Strategy*
R. Eras, *Communications Officer*
A. Bruetsch – *Project Manager, Youth Inclusion Program*

AGENDA

1.0 WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The Chair, J. Upton, called the meeting to order at 4:02. The Communication Process was explained.

2.0 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

With regard to the September 18, 2019 meeting of the Crime Prevention Council, the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, was confirmed.

New business declared – presenter Councillor Peng You spoke about shoplifting and a need to address this issue. Secondly, he spoke about panhandlers and how they are causing trouble by being unsafe in the middle of the street and being aggressive. He proposed to pay panhandlers from his own pocket to hold a sign saying welcome to Thunder Bay instead.

3.0 PRESENTATION

Indigenous Relations & Inclusion

Regina Mandamin, Manager of Indigenous Relations & Inclusion, provided a PowerPoint presentation on her office's role with the City and the Anti-Racism and Inclusion Charter. She spoke about reconciliation and about providing guidance on policies, planning and working better with the Indigenous community. She aims to strengthen relationships and challenge racism in the Corporation and city as a whole. She is working on a number of initiatives including: training for existing and new staff; helping new students coming into the City; special events such as the MMIWG Full Moon Walk. Ultimately, she is aiming towards meaningful and sustainable change and ensuring equitable access to services.

Zoning By-Law Reform

Richard Togman, Research and Policy Coordinator with the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce, provided a presentation on the Chamber's proposal for a comprehensive reform of the City's Zoning By-law and its implications for community safety & well-being. He spoke on the history of the Zoning By-laws and how it pertains to crime prevention. The sprawl of Thunder Bay puts a lot of pressure on the environment as well as having a social impact. In his opinion, walkability is not well planned for in the City. We know communities get safer when people know their neighbours. Mixed-use areas bring more traffic and more eyes on the street. Mixed-use and mixed incomes have been proven to deter crime and prevent social isolation, and negative behaviours that come with it. Zoning bylaws are coming up for review this fall so it is great time to raise this issue. Richard asked for a letter of support from the Crime Prevention Council, as well as any other organizations from the Council. He wants to take the letter(s) to City Council for a more aggressive overhaul of zoning bylaws.

Lee-Ann Chevrette, Coordinator –Crime Prevention Council suggested that members of the Crime Prevention Council are not land use planners and that perhaps it would be more appropriate for the individual members to write a letter of support from their respective organization/agency should they wish to do so. Richard to send template of letter to support for Ms. Chevrette to distribute to the membership

4.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting No. 04-2019, of the Crime Prevention Council, held on June 19, 2019 were confirmed. **(Pages 5 - 11)**

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None

6.0 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 Community Safety & Well-Being Planning– Lee-Ann Chevrette, Coordinator - Crime Prevention Council, gave updates on the provincially mandated Community Safety and Well-being planning underway. A smaller Steering Committee was formed and they have met twice to develop a framework for development of the plan. The legislation does not mandate First Nations communities to do a plan, but it encourages them to do own plan or do a joint one with a neighbouring municipality that is developing a plan.

A discussion was held relative to exploring an opportunity to work with Fort William First Nation on the development of a joint plan. A recommendation was made and supported by consensus of the group, that we bring a recommendation to City Council recommending that the CPC explore the development of a joint plan with FWFN. L. Chevrette mentioned there is upcoming training for all of NWO for CSWB on Oct 24. There may be room for CPC members to participate.

6.2 Seven Youth Inquest Update – Lee-Ann Chevrette, Coordinator - Crime Prevention Council provided Recommendation 91 (Am I Missing campaign) materials attached **(Pages 16 – 24)**. On August 21, the third year report card on the implementation the Seven Youth Inquest recommendations was released by Aboriginal Legal Services and the City received A for its efforts to date. There were 31 recommendations naming the City; the City has implemented 25 of these with the remaining five at various stages of implementation. Recommendation 112 Working Group held some focus groups to build a campaign, which is in early stages, with plans to launch in late fall or early winter. The intent is to raise awareness about racially motivated crimes and how to report and prevent them. Recommendation 116 involves the development of a social media campaign to highlight challenges Indigenous youth face when coming to Thunder Bay.

6.3 Thunder Bay Drug Strategy - Cynthia Olsen – Coordinator of the Thunder Bay Drug Strategy provided an update. She spoke about work on a proposed corporate policy for

siting cannabis stores. Thunder Bay may get two locations. Over the summer, the Drug Strategy worked with the Thunder Bay District Health Unit online and through information booth surveys to help inform education sessions to coincide around legalization of edibles in late Oct. Also, the Drug Strategy is continuing to work on the harm reduction conference in late October. Also, this year's Rockin' Recovery saw the best turnout yet. The Community Safety Ambassadors wrapped up and did great work this summer. The Opioid Taskforce reconvened and updated its Terms of Reference and situational assessment and for the first time will have data to share on overdose deaths. Also, the Drug Strategy was alerted last week that an Etizolam overdose occurred. The concern is that this drug is naloxone-resistant. The Drug Strategy is also presenting to Leadership Thunder Bay on campaign to decrease stigma around risks of publically discard needles, as well as a campaign for users to increase safe disposals. The Drug Strategy is also continuing partnership on safer drinking environments with Lakehead University, called Dandelion Project. The People With Lived Experience community advisory group continues to meet on a monthly basis and are available to organizations to provide insight on individuals who have navigated services. For Rec 114, Safe Sobering Sites, there are currently three up and running in the community to support students, but is important to look at a fourth location that would be open to others in the community.

- 6.4 North West Community Mobilization Network - Mariah Maddock, Coordinator – North West Community Mobilization Network – provided updates on the Situation Table, officially two years in operation with over 50 interventions and 70 people helped. Most referrals have come from education sector, police and Joint Mobile Crisis Response Team. There was one suspected human trafficking referral so they are looking to provide training to the Situation Table on this issue. Social navigators with the Youth Inclusion Program are scheduled to learn about the Situation Table. In addition, there is an upcoming Coordinated Housing Access Table meeting to see how they can work together since many referred to the table do not have access to housing. The 2018 risk tracking is available and M. Maddock can provide a copy to L. Chevrette to provide to members. An annual report also being developed.

Poverty Reduction Strategy - Bonnie Krysowaty, Coordinator – Poverty Reduction Strategy spoke about a living wage campaign. Thunder Bay's living wage is \$16.20/hr. A focus on a living wage will be during the first week of November. They are looking to get organizations on board, and those that do will get a sticker to show they are helping to eliminate poverty. She will provide more info to L. Chevrette to provide. The Out of Cold will be up and running again November 1. They will be doing a launch of the program in late October. Lakehead Social Planning Council is joining with the Chamber of Commerce and Food Strategy for a candidate debate at the college on October 9 from 5-6pm and 6-7. Bonnie will send L. Chevrette information to send out. The Point In Time count is set for April 21, 2020, and they are looking for volunteers. Lakehead Social Planning Council has a tax clinic for low-income people and has done 7000 returns, creating over \$1 million to people in the community. This service is completely volunteer-run.

- 6.5 Housing and Homelessness Coalition - Alice Bellavance, Co-Chair of the Housing and Homelessness Coalition was away so Cynthia Olsen provided the update. She said the Out of the Cold program has positions that are posted. There is also a Point In Time Coordinator position; L. Chevrette can share the job ad details with the committee.
- 6.6 Youth Inclusion Program - Ahnika Bruetsch, Project Manager – Youth Inclusion Program was absent so this was deferred.
- 6.8 Joint Mobile Crisis Response - Chief Sylvie Hauth, Thunder Bay Police Service was absent so Inspector Ryan Gibson provided the update. He said there were 1,347 calls since January 2019, and 592 diversions where police didn't have to go to the hospital. There was some discussion about children in crisis, which M. Maddock said that she can bring back to steering committee.
- 6.9 Project Disruption – Inspector Ryan Gibson, Thunder Bay Police Service spoke about the project and the influx of gangs. The Thunder Bay Police partnered with all law enforcement agencies to focus on mid-level dealers. They have seized a large amount of cocaine, crack and fentanyl, along with 23 firearms. Handguns are hard to find traditionally, so this is an indication that there are more in the community. He encouraged people to write letters to politicians for support for us in north to address the gang problem.
- 6.10 Youth Violence Prevention Project in Thunder Bay & District - Marianne Stewart, Healthy Relationships Coordinator, Youth Violence Prevention Project Thunder Bay and District was away so L. Chevrette gave an update. Members of Indigenous Enhancement met three times over the summer to review grade 9 curriculum with a trauma-informed lens. The group also finalized its Terms of Reference. Second round of training is coming up, Healthy Relationships Plus, available for service providers. Also teacher evaluation tools are being developed and rolling out in schools this fall.
- 6.11 Thunder Bay Coalition to End Human Trafficking - Sheri Fata, Manager of Financial & Child/Youth Services, Thunder Bay Counselling said on July 30 the Coalition, representing about 28 organizations, held a public awareness event on human trafficking. On October 9, there will be a community engagement session happening for community members and posters are available. L. Chevrette is helping Thunder Bay Police Service write grants on this issue.
- 6.12 Thunder Bay & District Coordinating Committee to End Women Abuse – Katie Watson provided update on training models that look at prevention education for first year university students, mainly women. The goal is to implement in January.

7.0 WORKING GROUP UPDATES

- 7.1 Strong Neighbourhoods - Linda Bruins - defer

- 7.2 Public Education - Chantal Petit - defer
- 7.3 Respect - Lee-Ann Chevrette, CPC Coordinator - defer
- 7.4 Home Takeovers (ad-hoc committee) - A poster, postcard and checklist were shared, along with a short PSA video (**Pages 25-28**) A campaign on home takeovers was launched today to media.

8.0 CRIME PREVENTION OFFICE UPDATE

Lee-Ann Chevrette, Coordinator - Crime Prevention Council, provide an update relative to the activities of the Crime Prevention Office. (**Pages 12-15**)

9.0 ROUNDTABLE OF UPDATES

Members provided updates on the activities of their respective organizations/agencies.

- 10.0 NEW BUSINESS – The Mayors Community Safety Awards nomination period was launched today. Please nominate an individual, group or business. Date of awards event is November 4.

11.0 NEXT MEETING

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

- Wednesday, November 20, 2019

2020 Meeting Schedule

- Wednesday, January 15, 2020
- Wednesday, March 25, 2020
- Wednesday, May 20, 2020
- Wednesday, June 24, 2020
- Wednesday, September 23, 2020
- Wednesday, November 25, 2020

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 6:35 p.m.