

Minutes

Of a Meeting of the Crime Prevention and Community Well-Being Advisory Committee of the City of Kenora Friday, November 1, 2024 9:00 a.m. Virtual Meeting

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With: Denise Forsyth Anita Cameron

Darcia Curtis Regan Dearborn
Shannon Bailey Jodelle Maksymchuk

Cynthia MacDougall Grant Cowles

Logan Haney Councillor Bob Bernie
Taras Manzie Councillor Barb Manson

Staff: Eric Shih – CSWB Coordinator

Kyle Attanasio, CAO

Heather Lajeunesse, Enforcement Services Manager/Deputy Clerk

Christiane Sadeler - Consultant

Regrets: Jill Hager Jared Olsen

Jeff Duggan Haley Pentek

Jim Neild

Heather Pihulak, Director of Corporate Services/City Clerk

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

Chair Darcia Curtis called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. and delivered the land acknowledgement.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

There were none declared.

3. Additions to and Approval of Agenda

No additions to the agenda declared. Agenda accepted.

4. Approval of Tabled Minutes from Previous Meeting Moved by R. Dearborn, Seconded by C. MacDougall and Carried -

That the Minutes of the Crime Prevention and Community Well-Being Advisory Committee meeting held August 16, 2024, as Tabled at the CPCWB Committee

meeting held September 27, 2024, be confirmed with amendments as written and filed.

5. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting Moved by R. Dearborn, Seconded by S. Bailey and Carried -

That the Minutes of the Crime Prevention and Community Well-Being Advisory Committee meeting held September 27, 2024, be confirmed as written and filed.

6. Presentation of Priority Action Process by Consultant

Christiane began by thanking everyone for having her in person at the last meeting. She suggested that this morning she will do a quick recap of how we arrived where we are, and a quick review of the plan as it is emerging. There's lots of data yet that we have to sift through and see how it will be integrated into the plan. She added that it is nice to see members of the community in attendance as well.

Christiane shared the screen of her presentation and indicated that there are some gaps that have yet to be filled following the workshop. She wants to get to a place where she has enough information to write out the plan and have something ready for approval. An agreement on timeline and next steps is to be accomplished this morning. Christiane showed the group the timeline, adding that we are getting ready to present a draft plan to Mayor and Council in the in near future. It was hopeful it would be for December, but this will be extended somewhat due to the work still required.

Christiane explained that the plan is firmly rooted in community collaboration, and we need to recognize who we are writing this plan for. The community of Kenora has the potential to decrease the vulnerability in the community for everyone. She gave an overview of our engagement process, which included the survey, Kenora data profile and consultations. The City in collaboration with FIREFLY also implemented a photovoice contest amongst youth in Kenora.

Christiane confirmed that we can be confident that we have reached a saturation point and are not learning anything new any longer. Priorities and actions were created from the sources of data, and the committee came up with the criteria to evaluate the priorities and actions. Collaboration is something that is prevalent in Kenora; this is not an aspiration document alone, it is meant to accomplish some changes in Kenora.

Christiane explained the rating process and thanked the Committee for doing the hard work in establishing the ratings. Regarding breakdown of the actions, there are 115 total, 17 at the highest threshold, 74 at the medium threshold, 23 at the lowest threshold and 1 below threshold. It is not quite 100% what she was looking for, as was hoping to see more below the threshold and less actions overall.

Christiane showed several slides in relation to the CSWB plan content and explained the content layout (sections) and description of the plan. There are 74 actions up for discussion at this point and the Committee will move into closed session to discuss.

7. Adjourn to Closed Session

Moved by S. Bailey, Seconded by R. Dearborn and Carried -

Pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, authorization will be provided for the Crime Prevention and Community Well-Being Advisory Committee to move into a Closed Session at 9:30 a.m. to discuss items pertaining to the following:

-Educating & Training Members of Committee (workshop session)

8. Return to Open Session - Introduction of Validation Process

Christiane indicated that we have reviewed the actions and it needs to be determined who should to be given an opportunity to validate this plan. A list was provided and who is responsible for each section. Darcia inquired about how we have now gone back to touching base with certain agencies, why some are singled out and not others. Kyle confirmed these are agencies that aren't represented on the committee currently. Christiane specified that this is to go back to the key players that can support the plan.

Christine inquired about the timing. She asked if the Chamber of Commerce is another potential addition. Taras confirmed that Chamber of Commerce and the BIZ are both valid in this. It was suggested that the Chamber should be the board, Christiane made note of this. She advised that she is meeting with Kyle and Eric after to talk about the timing and suggests that we need to get to the validation process quickly. She does not recommend that all actions in the plan go forward for validation.

9. Discussion of future Community of Practice

Eric is currently reviewing this item.

10. New Business

None

11. Meeting Evaluation Round Table w/messaging priorities for communication (what are the 3 takeaways from the meeting?)

In consideration of time it was suggested that there not be a full round table but Christiane asked of there were any thoughts on today's meeting session.

Logan-felt it was a good session, it was interesting looking at the language and how people interpret differently, it was effective that way especially in our group Shannon-it was repeated a few times there's already a plan for that, someone is doing that, we need to look at if it is still a need even though there may be a need for further collaboration, we don't want to dismiss these things

Taras-agrees with Shannon, items are open to interpretation. There's still lots that people want to discuss but have time limitations, it is still challenging but we are getting there. Christiane stated that she also wishes we had more time to not rush the process at the end, and once she has the information she will pull something

together by next week for the Project Team, adding that anyone is welcome to join project team meetings.

Darcia suggested that members could attend the Project Team meetings and determine if we need more meetings, as we don't want anyone feeling rushed.

12. Next Meeting Date: Friday, December 13th

It was discussed that moving forward these meetings be booked from 9am-12pm to allot enough time in members' schedules as the meetings normally go past 11:30.

15. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.