



Minutes

Of a Meeting of the Crime Prevention and Community Well-Being Advisory Committee of the City of Kenora Friday, September 27, 2024 9:00 a.m.

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With: Denise Forsyth
Darcia Curtis
Shannon Bailey
Jared Olsen
Logan Haney (virtual)
Taras Manzie (virtual)

Jill Hager
Regan Dearborn
Jodelle Maksymchuk
Jim Neild
Councillor Barb Manson

Staff: Eric Shih – CSWB Coordinator
Kyle Attanasio, CAO
Heather Pihulak, Director of Corporate Services/City Clerk
Heather Lajeunesse, Enforcement Services Manager/Deputy Clerk
Christiane Sadeler – Consultant

Regrets: Anita Cameron
Jeff Duggan
Grant Cowles

Cynthia MacDougall
Haley Pentek

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. Darcia shared some opening comments about the work of the committee.

Mayor Poirier shared some opening comments with the group and thanked the Committee for all their hard work.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

There were none declared.

3. Additions to and Approval of Agenda

-agenda approved

4. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting Moved by S. Bailey, Seconded by L. Haney

That the Minutes of the Crime Prevention and Community Well-Being Advisory Committee meeting held August 16, 2024, be confirmed as written and filed.

Discussion: Jill Hager spoke to the August 16 minutes, she indicated that Councillor Bernie's comments during discussions at the last meeting were direct and the minutes glazed over the conversation. She suggested that perhaps the minute taker didn't understand the context of the discussion.

It was clarified for the Committee by City Clerk Heather Pihulak that the minutes could be tabled at this meeting and brought back to a future meeting for approval, an amended motion to table the minutes is required to do so.

4a. Motion to Table Minutes from Previous Meeting Moved by J. Hager, Seconded by R. Dearborn and Carried -

That the Minutes of the Crime Prevention and Community Well-Being Advisory Committee meeting held August 16, 2024, be tabled.

5. Open CPCWB Committee Meeting Session

Christiane opened the workshop session by thanking the Committee for having her back in Kenora again. She indicated that there is a pretty hefty agenda for the day and suggested that for the morning part it would be good to go back and talk about the journey of what we have done to remind us of where we have been since this work started. She shared that she has done this work in a variety of communities and the only way to get this work done is to collaborate as the solution is within all of us. There are four criteria which are political leadership, round table, dedicated staff and resources.

a) Where we have been and how we arrived here

Christiane shared a Powerpoint presentation which showed the Community Safety and Well-Being plan development timeline and where we are at with the planning process, adding that we are right on time. She indicated that disagreement is healthy and the group will have stronger relationships because of it.

She explained that this plan is about prevention and risk intervention, it is not about emergency response or social development. Some work is related to these areas, but we mostly live in the other areas. For example, requests can be made for emergency response changes, but the plan is not to parallel any emergency response.

Councillor Manson shared that as a Council member there are big concerns with vigilantism and thinks emergency response should be a part of the plan. Christiane explained that what she is showing is the province's model for a CSWB plan, but the Committee can make recommendations and collaborate.

As Christiane went through her presentation she explained that we don't want a plan that focuses on crisis, as it is not intended for urgent situations. She reminded

members that as a Committee we are responsible for the process not the outcome, which depends on other things such as buy in, resources in community, etc. This plan lives under collaboration, it is a shared vision to work together and build together. If the plan doesn't enhance collaboration, it is missing a piece. The beauty of a community this size is that we can do this, it is much tougher in big places like Toronto.

Christiane shared the principles of collaboration created for the group, the vision statement that members came up with, as well as the definition of vulnerability as created by the group.

b) The data collection and community engagement process

Christiane shared on the Committee's engagement process, and what the process was for gathering the data for the plan. We talked to members of the community by way of consultations, the survey was completed with a return rate never seen before (1013). The Kenora data profile was based on publicly available data (90 sources). Community consultations took place with community groups and individuals (229 participants). Christiane shared that this is about as far and wide as you can go in terms of research for the plan. In addition, there was the Kenora Youth Photo Contest in which young people in Kenora shared the spaces and places that they enjoy, she added that there are many young talented people in your community.

Christiane explained the reason why we did all that is because we wanted to talk to as many people as possible, not by way of town hall style but by way of the three methods we chose. She indicated that we started to hear the same stuff over and over. Now that we have all of this data, how do we narrow it down and decide what to do as we can't do it all. When we see something one way, we rarely have the capacity to see it all.

c) Listening to what we are hearing to select Priority Areas

Three supporting documents were sent out in advance of the meeting/workshop session by Christiane. Committee members were divided up into three groups for members of each to just read their designated document, being it was lots of reading for each member to read all documents. The job is to now figure out what the priorities will be and how we can make meaning of this plan. Based on the reading of the supporting documents it was asked of each of the groups what are the priority areas that are rising to the top. Christiane suggested that the "buckets" need to be comprehensive enough to cover each of the areas but small enough to fit in buckets.

A main list was created on a flipchart page and a second list (parking/narrative lot) was created on another flipchart page as follows for each group based on their assigned document to read:

i. The Kenora data profile group

This group looked at the official data gathered. Councillor Manson indicated that she was surprised from the data that 27% are male lone parent households. Regan indicated that the data shows there is projected need for addictions support in Kenora.

Main flipchart:

- Housing and support services on a continuum
- addiction or problematic substance use
- health on a continuum

Parking Lot flipchart:

- need for a quick fix
- social disorder and housing
- change narrative re indigenous demographics

ii. The survey group

Main flipchart:

- youth in care
- really early interventions (for youth)
- feeling welcome and belonging and engagement
- communication/education
- justice or enforcement
- (partner) violence
- (sexual) violence
- community spaces

Parking Lot flipchart:

- housing for staff
- polarization/dichotomy
- make it everyone's job

iii. The consultation data group

Main flipchart:

- community spaces (infrastructure/bylaws)
- DT

Narrative Lot flipchart:

- strength based (why are we good at, what are we good at?)
- land based healing
- make prevention pop

6. Adjourn to Closed Session

Moved by J. Hager, Seconded by C. MacDougall 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 10:30 a.m. to discuss items pertaining to the following:

-Educating & Training Members of Council (workshop) session