



**City of Kenora
Community Policing Committee
Minutes**

**Tuesday, February 15, 2011
4:15 p.m.
City Council Chambers**

Action

Present:

Bill Richards, Chair, Councillor Charito Drinkwalter, Cst. Dave Cain, Cst. Ronni Grosenick, Wendy Darling, Diane Pelletier, Kendall Trembath, and Joanne McMillin, City Clerk.

Regrets:

Trudy Cederwall, Wayne Ficek

A. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest & the General Nature Thereof

- i) On today's Agenda;
- ii) From a Meeting at which a Member was not in Attendance.

There were none declared.

B. Confirmation of Minutes

(Verbal Motion)

Moved by C. Drinkwalter, Seconded by D. Cain, and Carried:

That the Minutes of the last regular meeting of the Kenora Community Policing Committee held Tuesday, January 11, 2011 be confirmed as written and circulated.

C. Deputations

Catherine Lindsay, Program Co-ordinator and Barney Petiquan of the Kenora Native Street Patrol attended and would address Committee at the end of the meeting.

Receipt of Correspondence

➤ **Material for impaired driving vehicle**

Cst. Cain advised of an electric vehicle that could be used for this purpose and could perhaps be purchased through a provincial grant with a savings of 50%. Apparently the Fort Frances OPP recently went through the grant process to access funding for same.

Hold

OPP Community Services Officer Reports

A discussion ensued on the number of complaints with respect to parking due to the amount of snow in the area and that it is difficult to park; however the Committee agreed dealing with these types of items is not under their mandate. However it was noted there is a safety issue in some areas due to the snow banks.

Cst. Cain advised the OPP will be starting foot patrols in May within the community.

Old Business

➤ 2011 Options and Projects

Everyone was asked to put their 'thinking caps' on and come up with some ideas and suggestions for fundraising activities this year. Community barbeques were mentioned as these are usually very successful.

Cst. Cain mentioned the Road Safety Committee provides grants on certain activities in the spring and fall, to a maximum of \$5,000.00 so this is also something for the Committee to consider.

It was noted that perhaps Charlotte Edie could either be consulted or asked to attend a future meeting of the Committee to discuss matter relating to the process for turning the Committee's funds over to the City; accessing funds for the Committee's use once this has transpired, as well as the process that may apply to the Committee for grant applications.

The Winter Carnival taking place March 3 – 5 was mentioned and that there will be an OPP street hockey team carrying out activities; the Community Policing Committee was encouraged to come out and participate or cheer on the team.

➤ Committee Representative on behalf of KPDSB

It was noted we still do not know who the representative on this Committee will be for KPDSB, but perhaps Trudy Cederwall will be able to report on this item in March as she had been talking with that School Board regarding their rep.

Hold

New Business

➤ Committee identification items, i.e. logo for hat/t-shirt/button, etc.

It was advised the Community Policing logo is generic and can be used across the province by all communities for promotional purposes. Committee agreed there should be some type of item for them to wear for identification purposes, and a t-shirt would likely be best. It was discussed that a budget be identified for the t-shirts and perhaps a service group could be approached to assist the Committee with this purchase. Cst. Cain agreed to work on some ideas for t-shirt designs.

➤ Parking Concerns (Lakeside Baptist Church)

Concern was expressed regarding vehicles parked near the Lakeside Baptist Church and the dangerous condition that exists as those sliding often run out between the parked vehicles. It was suggested a letter be sent to the Church asking if they would agree to allow vehicles to be parked in their lot as a means to enhance public safety in that area for those who enjoy sliding at this location, with the necessary signage being provided for this purpose. Cst. Cain agreed to draft a letter to the Church for Joanne to prepare for Bill Richards.

Other Business

➤ OPP Youth Foundations

Cst. Cain advised he recently received funds towards the 'send-a-kid-to-camp' promotion and noted the amount of funds the Committee now has to use for this purpose. A discussion ensued on turning those funds in the amount of some \$10,000 over to the City to hold in trust.

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Cst. Cain gave an overview to Committee as to how the camp works, including eligibility, costs, numbers, ages, etc.

➤ **Safe Communities – Kenora**

It was discussed that in the past the Kenora Community Policing Committee has donated \$200 to the Seatbelt Campaign and Committee agreed that a donation of \$200 be made again this year to the cause.

A suggestion was made to hold a community barbeque to assist with raising funds for the Committee. Reference was made to a new program called “Just Drive” (a traffic awareness and education program aimed at curbing distracted driving and promoting safe driving). Cst. Cain explained the way the program works with the use of stickers for the back windows of vehicles, followed up with reviewing safety issues in conjunction with a contest on the radio; persons phone in to receive a prize. Last year there was a campaign implemented with the use of “BIZ Bucks” that worked well.

➤ **Kenora Native Street Patrol**

Catherine Lindsay and Barney Petiquan of the Street Patrol were in attendance at the request of Wayne Ficek and asked to address the Committee. Catherine advised she is the new Program Co-ordinator for the Street Patrol Program and Barney is an assistant; she advised they plan to regularly attend the Committee’s meetings. Catherine further explained the Street Patrol Program is still continuing despite a period where they were going through a transition period and operating in the absence of a Co-ordinator. She provided an overview of the various shifts and routes the Patrol uses noting that for the most part it is the expanded downtown area. She explained it typically takes a patroller about 5 hours to walk their route. She further advised the Program is not experiencing any issues at this time. Cst. Cain advised Catherine he would like to meet with her at some point to discuss matters of mutual concern.

Diane left the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

In conclusion, Catherine thanked the Committee for the free coffee which was approved last month, and particularly thanked Bill for arranging same at the Kenora Shell Station. It was suggested that the Husky Station be approached to determine if they would also provide for free coffee as they are open 24/7. Bill advised he will get in touch with the Husky.

➤ **OPP Charity Hockey Game (Kenora & Sioux Lookout)**

Committee was advised of the Charity Hockey game taking place this Friday evening at the Kenora Recreation Centre between the Kenora OPP and the Sioux Lookout OPP with donations at the door going to the Kenora Breast Cancer Society (Dragon Tamers).

Next Meeting

- **Tuesday, March 8, 2011 @ 4:15 p.m. – City Hall Council Chambers**

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

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