



**City of Kenora
Community Policing Committee
Minutes**

**Tuesday, November 22, 2011
4:15 p.m.
City Council Chambers**

ACTION

Present:

Bill Richards, Chair, Councillor Drinkwater, Cst. Dave Cain, Ralph Mosher, Kendall Trembath, Wendy Darling, Trudy Cederwall and Joanne McMillin, City Clerk.

Also Present:

Catherine Lindsay, Street Patrol

Regrets:

Wayne Ficek, Diane Pelletier, Cst. R. Grosenick

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.

None Declared.

B. Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by D. Cain, Seconded by K. Trembath, and Carried:-

That the Minutes of the last regular meeting of the Kenora Community Policing Committee held Tuesday, October 18, 2011 be confirmed as written and circulated.

C. Deputations

N/A

1. Receipt of Correspondence

N/A

2. OPP Community Services Officer Reports

Cst. Cain advised of the DARE Programs scheduled to take place in schools with the first set to be done after Christmas and the second group to follow. He also indicated there is an Internet Awareness Program going on for the students as well.

It was noted the Kenora Feast was held under the new Harbourfront tent and Committee discussed various upcoming events such as the Festival of Trees, Stuff-a-Cruiser Day; and the radio campaign running between December 2 and 17 regarding "Impaired Driving." There is also the other "Mom and Dad Don't Drink and Drive" campaign that will take place again this year between December 16 and 18 for Grade 4 students messaging in conjunction with the LCBO using the liquor bags with the various drawings by the students.

3. Halloween BBQ – Follow-up

Approximately 75 people attended the BBQ which Committee felt was a good turn-out for the first year and with not a lot of pre-advertising. Cst. Cain advised he returned some burgers and provided the \$40 cash in return. About 75 people participated.

Councillor Drinkwalter reported on the costs associated with the Halloween BBQ and while there wasn't much money raised, it was a good attempt and one that will likely take place again next year. Those who did attend appreciated the BBQ as it saved them having to go home and cook supper.

4. Neighbourhood Watch Session – Follow-up

It was noted the attendance was not that great at the session held at the Rotary Room but there has been a lot of follow-up phone calls and information provided. Cst. Cain has an updated list of those families who would like to participate and see the program in their neighbourhood. It was discussed that there were some specific areas identified for participation such as: the Keewatin; Rabbit Lake Road/Donkirk Heights and Lakewood School area.

Those persons on the list should be contacted to advise of next steps, which would likely be getting signage in place. Cst. Cain has all the information on signs such as size, design, etc. and that the signs would be metal.

Joanne is to check with the City on the process to put the signs up in the various residential areas and if any permit would be required. Homeowners would be required to put the static-type stickers in their windows and this is something the Committee would order as well for the homeowners. It was noted that The Standard as well as BIZ and the Chamber of Commerce have indicated an interest in sponsoring the program and such sponsorship may cover the cost of the signs but we are not sure yet to what level as we do not know the cost of purchasing say 20 signs. Bill Richards will attempt to get a couple of local quotes for the cost of the metal signs and the static window stickers.

Cst. Cain advised he will be able to do some outreach and information sessions in the various neighbourhoods regarding the program.

King George School area was referenced and concerns expressed by some neighbours regarding cleaning up an area in that neighbourhood where there are a lot of trees and hidden areas that pose a health and safety risk for kids travelling in that area.

Safety Issues addressed during Neighbourhood Watch Session

Concern has been expressed regarding the vehicular parking on the north side shoulder of Highway 17 West near Keewatin Place and the Funeral Home and that it poses a health and safety issue for persons walking along the highway. It was mentioned this should be addressed with the City; it was noted there are 'no parking' signs along the highway but with gaps for parking in between the signs and those walking potentially have to step out into traffic to get around the vehicles and it is even a bigger concern during the winter months when snow is built up or when there are many parked vehicles.

It was questioned who would enforce this, OPP or By-law Enforcement? Bill Richards indicated that as Chair he will contact the Operations Department to determine if there is something that can be done and if the history regarding the parking in this area can be looked at.

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A homeowner in the Sixth Avenue South area expressed concern about street lights going out for long periods of time when power is off in the Lakeside area.

It was explained that recently the entire street was out (Sixth Avenue South) all weekend and the City would not send out a crew to fix the lighting and it had to wait until Monday. The street was apparently a black out situation and it posed a health and safety issue in the neighbourhood.

Committee agreed we should find out what the City's protocol is when street lights go out after-hours and on weekends; Joanne will make some inquiries and advise Committee so those who made the inquiry can be contacted.

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Another concern expressed was the speed of police vehicles in the area of Drewry Drive off Valley Drive. There are a lot of kids playing in this neighbourhood as it is a quiet street but police cruisers have been speeding through for no apparent reason. Cst. Cain explained these types of concerns should be directed to the OPP office in future, but in the meantime he will bring this matter to the attention of Inspector Lucas.

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5. Other

11th Annual Stuff-a-Cruiser

Cst. Cain advised the Stuff-a-Cruiser campaign will be held Saturday, December 3 taking place at Wal-Mart, Canadian Tire, Safeway and the Shoppers Mall and volunteers are needed for about an hour at these locations between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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Cst. Cain advised that such things as food, toys, Salvation Army kettles for cash and Canadian Tire money will be gratefully accepted; and that it has been a very successful program in the past but difficult to get gifts donated for the 'young teen' age, i.e. 11 to 15 year olds. Joanne advised she will get the Stuff-a-Cruiser notice posted on the City Portal and have copies available at City Hall. Cst. Cain advised all proceeds stay in our community.

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Street Patrol - Hours

Catherine Lindsay advised the Street Patrol will only be conducting one shift between 8:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m. from December 23 to January 7.

Reference was made to a recent concern regarding the banking foyers as many street people are using these areas to keep warm and concern has been expressed by the public who cannot or do not want to use ATM's as they feel it's a safety issue. Cst. Cain advised the OPP is aware of this concern and while the financial institutes do not want to do a 'lock down' on their doors they may have to take that action.

Committee T-shirts

Cst. Cain will check if the t-shirts are ready and everyone can pay once he receives the invoice.

6. Next Meeting

- Tuesday, January 17, 2012 – 4:15 p.m. City Hall Council Chambers

7. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.