



**City of Kenora
Community Policing Committee
Minutes**

**Tuesday, September 27, 2011
4:15 p.m.
City Council Chambers**

ACTION

Present:

Bill Richards, Chair, Councillor C. Drinkwalter, Cst. Dave Cain, Cst. R. Grosenick (arrived late) Ralph Mosher, Diane Pelletier, Wendy Darling, and Joanne McMillin, City Clerk.

Regrets:

Trudy Cederwall, Kendall Trembath, 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 was none declared.

Also in Attendance:

Catherine Lindsay, Coordinator, Street Patrol

B. Confirmation of Minutes

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

That the Minutes of the last regular meeting of the Kenora Community Policing Committee held Tuesday, May 17, 2011 be confirmed as written and circulated.

C. Deputations

N/A

Receipt of Correspondence

Letter from Lakeside Baptist Church – Use of Parking Lot.

Committee was pleased to have the cooperation from the Church in allowing their parking lot to be used on Transmitter Road for the public to park in when kids are sliding in that area. There will be Community Service announcements on the radio to get the message out and it was suggested that Bill Richards as Chair should do these announcements. A further suggestion was made to put flyers on the windows of parked cars to make them aware they may park in the Church lot rather than on the road.

B. Richards

OPP Community Services Officer Reports

Cst. Cain gave an overview of the Community Services activities, noting that both he and

Cst. Ronni Grosenick are the two Community Services Officers. He reviewed the various summer activities such as Hunger Takes No Vacation; the Tom Sawyer Fishing Derby, and the Dragon Tamers. Educational programs will be starting up now with school back in and officers will soon be on foot patrols rather than on bikes. It was noted that the quad patrol was used quite a bit this summer and the snow machine patrol will start again this winter.

In response to a question by Ralph, it was explained that Cst. Grosenick works with the various seniors groups and Dave noted the seniors drive-wise and home security programs that have taken place with the seniors at the Rec. Centre. Ralph mentioned the 'Lunch and Learn' program that is coming up with a guest speaker from the Health Unit. Ralph will advise Ron Brown from the Seniors to contact Cst. Grosenick for various programs to be conducted with them by the OPP.

3. Halloween BBQ (Cst. Grosenick)

It was noted that Halloween is on a Monday this year and the Halloween BBQ is a program undertaken in cooperation with the schools and parent-Councils. It allows families to attend a BBQ (with kids in costumes) so they can eat before they go trick or treating. This makes it easier for parents not having to go home and cook supper. The BBQ is tentatively planned to take place at the OPP Hwy 17 East location and would be a fundraiser for the Committee (so Committee is encouraged to dress-up and take part). The OPP will be providing other information at that time to the public, such as the Neighbourhood Watch Program.

It was discussed that it would be great to have an indoor location for the BBQ in the event of inclement weather and Lakewood School was mentioned as a good venue since there is lots of parking. Cst. Grosenick will contact the school to determine if it can be used; it was noted that for the BBQ the Health Unit has to be contacted and Diane volunteered to contact them.

Cst. Grosenick

D. Pelletier

Sample KCPC T-shirts for Members

Dave apologized for not having the t-shirt samples today for sizing but will get them picked up from Tina Brookes at Talbot Marketing and have them here for next month.

Cst. Cain

5. Other

Bill advised he has not yet been able to get in touch with Tim Horton's in Norman for the coming winter season to provide free coffee to the Street Patrol however Catherine Lindsay indicated they have ample outlets to receive coffee so there is no need to contact Tim's in Norman.

Neighbourhood Watch Program

Approximately 89 families within the city indicated an interest to participate in the program. Dave advised of the number of property crimes as being very high and with the Neighbourhood Watch program the public can assist when they notice something suspicious in their neighbourhood. He noted that in three (3) months OPP has had 437 calls (and many go unreported as well); and even though they are somewhat minor in nature, they demand a lot of time and resources from the police. Dave provided a number of statistics involving these various misdemeanours.

The Neighbourhood Watch Program basically trains the community to watch for certain and unusual things and to call the police as necessary. It was discussed the Community

Policing Committee should be undertaking this initiative rather than the OPP and Dave suggests setting up some dates and making arrangements with those who signed up to attend an information/session, and to start some advertising and publicity on the program. It was mentioned there will likely be an insurance company interested in sponsoring signs, as well as BIZ and the Chamber of Commerce. Dave explained he has all the relevant information for the public sessions, such as a Power Point presentation and videos, etc., and that there would be minimal start-up costs (advertising and signage). The City of London was mentioned as an example that can be given during the sessions to outline their successes with the program that has resulted in a decline in crime with having this program in place.

Committee

It was agreed arrangements be made by the Committee to start contacting those who signed up. The Committee's role would be to make sure the public is made aware and to encourage participation in both the Program and the information sessions. Joanne indicated she would look into booking the Rotary Room at the Rec. Centre and the Committee suggested having two sessions back to back on different days (at no charge), and to provide coffee.

J. McMillin

Bill and Diane will look at their schedules to determine if and when they can start with the arrangements and participate, however **all Members** of the Committee are encouraged to help out with the arrangements and attend. Joanne mentioned there might be an opportunity for advertising on the City Portal for the training and getting the information and meeting dates out to the public; possibly with a sign-up section. Once the dates are confirmed Joanne will inquire if this is available to the Committee.

B. Richards/
D. Pelletier

Committee

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, October 18, 2011 – 4:15 p.m. City Hall Council Chambers

Adjournment

The meeting was declared closed at 4:55 p.m.