



**City of Kenora
Community Policing Committee
Minutes**

**Tuesday, January 17, 2012
4:15 p.m.
City Council Chambers**

ACTION

Present:

Councillor Drinkwater, A/Chair, Cst. Dave Cain, Ralph Mosher, Diane Pelletier, Kendall Trembath, Wendy Darling, and Joanne McMillin, City Clerk.

Regrets:

Bill Richards, Wayne Ficek, Trudy Cederwall, Cst. R. Grosenick

A. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest & the General Nature Thereof

Councillor Drinkwater then asked if any Member had any Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature thereof pertaining to any items as follows:-

- 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

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, November 22, 2011 be confirmed as written and circulated.

C. Deputations

N/A

1. Receipt of Correspondence

Community Policing T-Shirts - Invoice

Cst. Cain advised he received a copy of the invoice from Talbot Marketing for the t-shirts and Charlotte Edie, Treasurer advised that each member that ordered a shirt is required to pay the City \$47.46 (can be made directly at City Hall).

Signage for Neighbourhood Watch Program

Cst. Cain referred to Joanne's email on the possible presentation to Committee of the Whole of Council by the Chair requesting Council to consider including the purchase and maintenance of the required signage for this Program in its 2012 budget.

Protocol for Street Light Outages (After Hours)

This correspondence refers to a complaint received by a Committee Member regarding several street lights that went out last fall in the Sixth Avenue South block and that there

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was no response to the request that was made by the resident so the area was not addressed until the following Monday. Dave Sinclair from Kenora Hydro responded noting it is a City decision and not a Kenora Hydro decision on these call-outs. In the past the Roads Department made that call but it was noted there is an issue around overtime. It was indicated that only if it was a major problem would the call-out likely happen. Joanne will follow-up with Operations to determine if that Department has a protocol for this purpose as a health and safety issue had been cited by the resident and in particular the number of seniors that were affected in the Sixth Avenue South area.

Joanne

Don't Drink and Drive Campaign

Cst. Cain indicated he has paid bills associated with the "Don't Drink and Drive" campaign done over the holidays. He advised that \$50.00 was donated by MADD and the cheque is being sent to Cst. Cain for depositing.

Cst. Cain

2. OPP Community Services Officer Reports

Cst. Cain reviewed the number of activities for the month of December and advised that the Grade 4 students from all schools participated in the LCBO "Don't Drink and Drive Campaign." He explained that just over 600 bags were designed by the students for the LCBO and used the weekend before Christmas. There were lots of good comments received about them and this is now the second year for art program and it went very well.

Cst. Cain explained the "Impaired Driving Campaign" took place between December 2 and 17 on the radio with a question to be answered to win a cab drive as well as an emergency car starter and car kit. Cst. Cain acknowledged the taxi companies were generous in donating \$200 each for the rides and MADD Ontario donated \$50.

December 3 was the Stuff-a-Cruiser Day and every year gets better than the previous one; the OPP was very happy with the results and that it was well attended. The Salvation Army moved their receiving area and it was phenomenal how many donations were collected. It was suggested that since cruisers are in many various locations for this program that people should get stickers when they donate (much like a tag day) and then when they go to a different outlet it can be seen they have already donated.

Cst. Cain mentioned he will work on this for next year through the OPP Headquarters to design some type of sticker such as a police cruiser which would likely be done at no charge. Cst. Cain mentioned a thank you was done through the OPP regarding the campaign and letters sent from Inspector Lucas to all agencies and businesses that participated and allowed the cruisers to set up at the various locations.

Cst. Cain

3. Neighbourhood Watch Program

Signage was referred to and it was mentioned that Bill Richards as Chair should make the deputation before the February 6 Committee of the Whole meeting at 3:30 p.m. Joanne will send Bill the request form to submit for this purpose.

**Joanne/
Bill**

Cst. Cain mentioned he is getting lots of inquiries as to when and where the program is going to start and he explained he did a presentation at the New Horizons Seniors Centre regarding the program. It was noted the launch will be Rabbit Lake, Lakeside and the Fifth Street area near the Keewatin water tower, and signage will be needed in those locations.

Diane Pelletier indicated she received a lot of interest from those she contacted off the original comprehensive sign-up list for the program.

It was agreed it would be great if the City would look after the signage on behalf of the Committee for such matters as installation and maintenance.

A discussion ensued on the Block Parent Program which is a completely separate program (kids run to a particular house that has a block parent sign) but it is a very involved and significant process to go through and would be the next step after the Neighbourhood Watch Program is established.

It was noted the community is voicing its concerns for the Neighbourhood Watch Program and therefore the Committee is responding and is supportive of getting the program up and running as a means to deter crime and assist police.

4. Other

N/A

5. Next Meeting

- Tuesday, February 14, 2012 – 4:15 p.m. City Hall Council Chambers.

7. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.