



**City of Kenora  
Community Policing Committee  
Minutes**

**Tuesday, March 19, 2013  
4:30 p.m.  
City Council Chambers**

**ACTION**

**Present:**

A/Chair Councillor C. Drinkwalter, Cst. D. Cain, Cst. R. Grosenick, Ralph Mosher, Wayne Ficek, Diane Pelletier, Wendy Darling, Kendall Trembath, and Joanne McMillin, City Clerk.

Also in attendance: Richard Perchuk

**Regrets:**

Chair Bill Richards, Trudy Cederwall.

**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**

**Moved by D. Cain, Seconded by R. Mosher, and Carried:-**

That the Minutes of the last regular meeting of the Kenora Community Policing Committee held Wednesday, February 20, 2013 be confirmed as written and circulated.

**C. Deputations**

**N/A**

**1. Receipt of Correspondence**

N/A

**2. OPP Community Services Officer Reports**

**Safe Communities Kenora**

It was discussed that the Safe Communities group is not interested in participating in the Home Show this year but they are very interested in the Community Safety Nights being planned which have not taken place in quite some time. Those events will most likely take place this fall and are very worthwhile programs. Dave explained all emergency services participate in the events and other groups involved in making our community safe are also

encouraged to take part. In the past there has been equipment available for kids to climb on along with hands-on demonstrations together with a charity BBQ. As it is a fall event it is more of a community target than tourist oriented. Last time it was held was in 2006 at the south parking lot at the Harbourfront.

### March 26 – OPP Community Presentations

Dave advised the OPP will be hosting its first of many public community presentations at the Library on March 26, entitled “Surviving Facebook” to be mainly directed towards older parents concerned about their kids, as well as for seniors. Dave hopes these community nights will be held on a monthly basis and will take place Tuesdays at the Library between 7:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. The sessions will be different each month, free of charge and open to the public.

### 3. Keewatin School Surveys and Safe Walking (R. Perchuk)

Rick discussed the results of the two Keewatin school surveys noting he was surprised there were not as many walkers as he expected to St. Louis and Keewatin Public School.

It was noted there is a group of 3 walkers from the Beach Road that do the loop to the Bay Street underpass and back down Superior Street to St. Louis school rather than crossing the highway which is a much shorter loop.

Apparently there is a path off the dead end on Wharf Street to St. Louis school as well but it is not used as a corridor for students to get to the school.

It was noted only 10 kids are walking towards the Keewatin Public School across the highway and it was questioned if a crossing guard is warranted at that location.

Indication is that Superior Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Street in front of Keewatin Public School is the main area where students cross. Traffic control at the Superior/6<sup>th</sup> Street location was reviewed by Operations and it doesn't appear there needs to be a school zone established or a 4-way stop at that location at this time.

It was noted there is also a safety concern for children at St. Louis school due to the lack of any designated unloading/loading area which results in an increased danger as buses load/unload students on the street in front of the school. It was mentioned that putting up “Kid Zone” signs may be distracting for the travelling public and/or eventually drivers simply become oblivious to them so that type of signage is not the solution.

Committee discussed there is no real recommendation to change Superior Street and the 6<sup>th</sup> Street intersection; however it was questioned if the OPP could be asked to make that area a priority for patrolling since there are a number of kids walking and a great concern with vehicular traffic; particularly with the speed in which some travel that roadway. It was discussed that education of the students and the public about this concern would be beneficial. Rick advised the City

spends approx. 60,000 a year on Crossing Guards in the city. He reviewed the eight locations and that to-date a crossing guard in Keewatin has not been warranted. However demographics change so it was discussed perhaps there should be another review for a Keewatin guard(s) since there are many young families and children in Keewatin. Peer crossing guards, as done in Manitoba were mentioned but Dave Cain said the schools are not comfortable with having say Grade 6 students being responsible for this purpose. It was also mentioned the City of Dryden has pulled their crossing guards.

Reference was made to the bus consortium and apparently they take direction from the two school boards under contract in terms of pick-up locations, distances, etc. Concern was expressed on children of age 5 having to walk to school and crossing the highway if they live within a kilometre from their school.

Rick indicated he will contact Karen Redden and/or Judy Green about the bus rules and report back to Committee for clarification; it was suggested that one of them may be able to attend a future meeting of Committee so that we can be informed as to what the rules are and to discuss the health and safety concerns surrounding the bus issue as there are no safe crossings, no four way stops and no crossing guards in Keewatin. Rick will report back to Committee.

**RPerchuk**

#### **4. Other**

##### **Home Show – May 3 – 5, 2013**

It was questioned if we have enough funds in our account as well as enough volunteers to participate in the Home Show on our own this year. Joanne indicated she would check the account balance with Treasurer, Charlotte Edie.

**JMcMillin**

After some discussion and other commitments at that time, Committee agreed to pass this year on the Kenora Home Show.

#### **5. Next Meeting**

Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. – Council Chambers

#### **6. Close Meeting.**

The meeting was declared closed at 5:10 p.m.