



MINUTES

City of Kenora

Kenora Community Policing Committee

Date: September 24, 2013
Time: 4:30 pm
Location: City Hall Council Chambers

Present: Chair B. Richards
Councillor C. Gallivan
Wayne Ficek
Ralph Mosher
Diane Pelletier
Cst. R. Grosenick
Wendy Darling

Regrets: Kendall Trembath
Trudy Cederwall

Staff: Heather Lajeunesse, Deputy Clerk
Joanne McMillin, City Clerk
Charlotte Caron, Property & Planning Manager

1. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof

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

There were none declared.

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

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

That the Minutes of the last regular meeting of the Kenora Community Policing Committee held Wednesday, April 16, 2013 be confirmed as written and circulated.

3. Deputations

N/A

4. Receipt of Correspondence

4.1. Letter from Judi Green - NWO Student Services Consortium

A Briefing Report from Judi Green, General Manager for the NWO Student Services Consortium, was submitted and distributed to the Committee prior to the meeting. The report provides detailed information on the Consortium and explains what they do, in response to the Committee's earlier inquiry with Ms Green as there had been conflicting information provided to the Committee on the protocol for picking up/dropping off students (Board vs. Consortium).

4.2. Letter from Ron Christie - Rabbit Lake Road Safety

A letter from Ron Christie to the Mayor was submitted by the OPP for the meeting. The letter expresses concerns about the Rabbit Lake Road area from the Hydro One station to the Log Cabin Tavern, in that there is increased speeding along this route as well as poor lighting, which can be hazardous to pedestrians who use the road. It was agreed this is a concern and was suggested to inquire with the police to see what they say about dealing with these concerns. Ronni offered to check with the OPP for information on occurrences in the Rabbit Lake Road area and will report back to the Committee. From there it can be determined whether or not a recommendation should go forward to Council. There was discussion of the lighting and whether or not it is required in the area. It was agreed that once incidences are determined with the speed/safety then the lighting can be reviewed. Increased enforcement was also suggested for the Community Safety Zone, which is at the other end of Rabbit Lake Road, as this may slow down overall traffic on the road.

Prior to release of these Minutes it was determined this matter had been addressed by letter in late August by the City's Operation's Department, a copy which was circulated to Committee.

5. OPP Community Services Officer's Reports

Ronni mentioned there were not many programs implemented during the summer but coming up in October they will be launching a new program called OPP Kids, which will be replacing the current DARE Program. OPP Kids is owned by the OPP therefore program materials will no longer have to be purchased through DARE. She mentioned they are optimistic about the new program as it has some great components. Drug use and awareness will continue to be addressed but there are also components that address youth and the law and how crime during youth can affect people over their lives, peer to peer relationships, as well as mental illness. There has not been anything in place in a program before to address these items. The

program was developed with the school boards and works very well with the curriculum. Ronni indicated there will still be books and other parent resources and she will bring a book on the program to the next meeting to review. She added the program is Ontario wide but not all communities will use it as some are still running DARE, but they can choose to take sections of the new program to use as well.

6. Items for Review

6.1. Annual Halloween BBQ

It was agreed to proceed with the Annual Halloween BBQ again this year. It was suggested to put out information at the BBQ to create awareness of what the Community Policing Committee is and what they do. It was suggested to send the BBQ information out to the school boards by way of letter to the school parent councils. It was mentioned that Q104 will promote the BBQ on the radio again this year.

The BBQ will take place on Thursday, October 31 beginning at 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person. Ronni will contact Evergreen Community Club to see if the location can be used again this year. Ronni also agreed to contact the media and schools as well as arrange for a BBQ to use. Charito will take care of the food arrangements. Heather will prepare the advertisement for the BBQ and arrange for posting on the City Portal and Facebook pages.

It was agreed to use the Halloween ad as a way to promote the Kenora Policing Committee and share information about what the Committee does. Ronni will prepare information for the media release on the BBQ and include committee information with it. She also indicated she will talk about the Policing Committee on the Good Morning Kenora show this Thursday.

6.2. October Meeting Date & Future Meeting Times

It was decided to leave the meetings as the same Tuesday as Council meetings which is the third Tuesday of the month, with the exception of October's meeting which will be held on October 22; meetings will remain with a 4:30 p.m. start.

7. Other

Homelessness was discussed and it was agreed this is an ongoing issue in Kenora. A Work Plan has been developed by the City's Homelessness & Behavioural Issues Task Force to begin to address the issues in Kenora. Heather will send the Work Plan to committee members.

Bill indicated it has been brought to his attention by Buck Matowski (K.A.R.) that they have been finding excessive amounts of used needles on the Harbourfront and he inquired if there is a better way for the Northwestern Health Unit to deal with the needle exchange program. It was agreed this is an ongoing concern. Ronni shared that it has been confirmed Kenora has a higher return rate of needles than in other areas and that research indicates the needle exchange program prevents harm which alleviates pressures on the health care system. It was noted there are sharps disposals located around the city and some that use the program have their own sharps containers. Ronni confirmed she can arrange for the NWHU to make a presentation for the Committee if they choose.

Diane announced the Sasquatch Bush Crawl will take place this coming weekend on September 28, a fundraiser for the Kenora Association for Community Living and the Evergreen Ski Club.

8. Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 22 at 4:30 p.m. – Council Chambers

9. Close Meeting

That this meeting be now declared closed at 5:18 p.m.