



MINUTES

City of Kenora

Kenora Community Policing Committee

Date: February 18, 2014
Time: 4:30 pm
Location: City Hall Council Chambers

Present: Chair Bill Richards
Councillor Gallivan
Ralph Mosher
Diane Pelletier
Trudy Cederwall
Cst. Ronni Grosenick
Cst. Laurie Harkof

Regrets: Wayne Ficek
Kendall Trembath
Wendy Darling

Staff: Heather Lajeunesse, Deputy Clerk

1. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

- 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 R. Grosenick, Seconded by R. Mosher and Carried:-

That the Minutes of the last regular meeting of the Kenora Community Policing Committee held Tuesday, November 19, 2013 be confirmed as written and circulated.

3. Receipt of Correspondence

It was noted that a thank-you letter was sent to Evergreen Community Club for the use of the club for the Annual Policing Committee Halloween BBQ.

4. OPP Community Services Officers' Reports

Ronni introduced Kenora OPP Const. Laurie Harkof to the Committee. Ronni and Laurie are both Community Services/Media Relations OPP Officers. Laurie will be replacing Ronni on the Committee with Ronni to attend in Laurie's absence.

Ronni reported on the officers' recent activities in the community. The OPP KIDS program that was introduced in the fall was well received by teachers and students and some great material was shared with participants. The first group graduated in January and they are now running six classes for this semester.

Presentations have been made to local schools on the dangers of sharing inappropriate photos via text message (known as sexting), as well as through social media, and recent charges have been laid in the Kenora area relating to these activities. Those involved are amassing files of nude photos of their peers, investigations are being launched without consent which are leading back to the kids that have these files of photos. Even though photos have been exchanged consensually it is still considered child pornography according to existing child pornography laws, which date back to the 1970s. This recent activity has been keeping the officers busy, and these presentations are being made in the schools, as well as to sports teams and other organizations in order to give information and training on what is considered child pornography. The officers have been giving presentations on bullying as well.

December was busy with Christmas activities, Ronni thanked those who attended the OPP Stuff-a-Cruiser event. Another December event was Operation Crayola Crackdown, in which LCBO bags were distributed to students for colouring and decorating with Don't Drink and Drive messages and returned to LCBO for use during the Christmas season.

Ronni mentioned that a Beaver Brae High School Co-op student was working with them last semester and this semester there is one from Thomas Aquinas High School. The officers are also offering car seat clinics the first Thursday of each month, and at prenatal classes.

5. Other

There was discussion of the roundabout and how proper usage is to signal to get out of it and not signal to get into it. It was agreed that the roundabout

works well and has been well received by the community. It was mentioned that Council had received a report at one time from OPP with statistics on accidents and incidents on the roundabout. Heather Lajeunesse to distribute the report to the Committee.

6. Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

(March 11 date was an error on the February 18 Agenda)

7. Close Meeting

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