



MINUTES

City of Kenora

Kenora Community Policing Committee

Date: February 18, 2015
Time: 4:00 pm
Location: City Hall Council Chambers

Present: Cst. Laurie Harkof
Cst. Ronni Grosenick
Jill Van Toen
Trudy Cederwall
Councillor Colin Wasacase

Regrets: Diane Pelletier
Councillor Mort Goss, Council Alternate

Staff: Kerri Holder, Administrative Assistant

1. Call Meeting to Order

Kerri called the meeting to Order at 4:01 p.m.

2. Chair Election

Given that this was the first meeting with quorum since the new Committee had been appointed, a chair would need to be elected. There was discussion about the size of the new Committee and the sustainability of the Committee. It was noted that there are other strong community groups promoting safety, such as the Kenora Substance Abuse and Mental Health Task Force or Safe Communities Kenora. It was questioned does it make sense to continue this Committee or could there be way to combine efforts with one of the other groups in the community. It was thought that further research was needed to make a decision on the status of the committee. Cst. Grosenick will investigate options and report back next meeting. It was expressed that the Committee does provide good services to the community, such as the BBQ and other communication pieces. Councillor Wasacase requested that the Terms of Reference be sent to the group to review the role and responsibilities.

A concern about the size of the Committee was raised. It was suggested to contact both school boards to recruit members. Cst Harkof and Grosenick will contact the

public school board and Trudi will contact the Catholic school board. There was also mention of a considering a modified meeting schedule to assist with attendance. It was agreed to discuss the chair election and the Committee status at the next meeting.

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None were declared.

There was a reminder about the Conflict of Interest Training Sessions for committee volunteers on March 5th, 2015 (noon or 6:30 p.m.) at the Kenora Recreation Centre.

4. Confirmation of Previous Minutes – September 9, 2014

Moved by L. Harkof, seconded by J. Van Toen and Carried –

That the Minutes of the last regular meeting of the Kenora Community Policing Committee held Tuesday, September 9, 2014 be confirmed as written and circulated.

5. OPP Community Services Officer Report

Cst Grosenick and Cst Harkhof reported on their January and February activities. Presentations were done at high school law classes with various guest speakers on the canine unit, ERT, and impaired driving. SNAP (Stop Now and Plan) training was done at Firefly. Arrangements are being made to attend local schools to discuss lock down procedures.

Cst Grosenick has been working on various programs:

- KIDS programs with SMB and King George School
- Online safety messaging at St. Thomas Aquinas High School
- Safe Grad messaging about sexual and alcohol based violence
- Car seat safety at the Kenora Library
- Car seat clinic at the OPP detachment

Cst Harkof has been working on additional programs:

- KIDS program with 2 classes at PJP School
- Sexting and Bullying presentations at Beaver Brae
- Host Open House each Wednesday at Beaver Brae
- Sourcing for drug card handed out at pharmacies

Mayor Canfield arrived at 4:17 p.m.

6. Other

- Annual Halloween BBQ Report

It was reported that the BBQ was a success with the new location (Central Community Club) and the turnout was higher than previous BBQs held. This event raised \$261.48. The cost of the armbands was \$440.70 so no profit was made and the balance was offset by the Committee's existing funds. The Committee account continues to hold a positive balance of approximately \$2,600.00 nevertheless. All agreed this event is a great way to start

Halloween evening and all would like to host it again next year. It was suggested to expand the BBQ to include a "trunk or treat" event. There was further discussion about hosting two events per year to promote community safety. There was a concern raised that more help is needed to run the BBQ next year and with a smaller committee it may be difficult to run two events. It was decided to focus on the BBQ for now.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting was set for Wednesday, April 15, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m.