Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee
Report

7th Report of the Community Safety & Crime Prevention Advisory Committee
October 25, 2018
Committee Room #5

Attendance

PRESENT: L. Norman (Chair), J. Bennett, M. Melling, B. Rankin, M. Sherritt, B. Spearman and L. Steel and H. Lysynski (Secretary)

ALSO PRESENT: R. Brittan, L. Fisher, M. Hayward, P. Kavcic, D. Lebold, S. Shannon and J. Walter

ABSENT: S. Davis and B. Hall

The meeting was called to order at 12:17 PM

1. Call to Order
   1.1 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest
   That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

2. Scheduled Items
   2.1 Pedestrian Safety and Rail Crossings
   That it BE NOTED that the attached presentation from S. Shannon, Technologist II, with respect to pedestrian safety at railway crossings, was received.

   2.2 Informed Response
   That the following actions be taken with respect to Informed Response:
   
a) M. Hayward, City Manager, BE REQUESTED to attend a future Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee meeting to provide an update on the completion of the Informed Response project;

b) Dr. C. Mackie, Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer, Middlesex-London Health Unit, BE REQUESTED to attend the January, 2019 Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee meeting to provide information on the issuance of a Standing Order and the effects of crystal methamphetamine and other psychosis inducing drugs, including the following:

i) ways the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee can support solutions;
ii) providing examples of initiatives being undertaken in other cities; and,
iii) an outline of Dr. C. Mackie’s powers with respect to these matters;

it being noted that the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee reviewed and received the attached presentation from Mr. M. Hayward, City Manager, with respect to these matters.
3. Consent

3.1 5th and 6th Reports of the Community Safety & Crime Prevention Advisory Committee

That, the following actions be taken with respect to the 5th and 6th Reports of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee, from its meetings held on June 28 and September 27, 2018 respectively:

a) the 5th and 6th Reports of the CSCP BE RECEIVED; and,

b) L. Livingstone, Managing Director, Neighbourhood, Children and Fire Services BE REQUESTED to meet with M. Sands, Executive Director, Neighbourhood Watch London, to provide an update on the City of London’s undertaking relating to *Bill C-175, Safer Ontario Act, 2017*.


That it BE NOTED that the Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on July 24, 2018, with respect to the 5th Report of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee, was received.

4. Sub-Committees and Working Groups

None.

5. Items for Discussion

5.1 2019 Mayor’s New Year’s Honour List

That it BE NOTED that no nominations were received for the 2019 Mayor's New Year's Honour List.

5.2 Terms of Reference Discussion

That the City Clerk BE REQUESTED to consider the following amendments to the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee Terms of Reference, during the comprehensive Advisory Committee review that is currently being undertaken:

Mandate:

a) remove the reference to “the Neighbourhood Watch London Board of Directors and the Block Parent Central Committee and replace it with “participating organizations and or/partners”;

b) add the following community initiatives:

i) addiction;

ii) mental health; and,

iii) crime prevention;

Composition:

c) amend Voting Members by:

i) deleting “Traffic Safety Education Committee (Children’s Safety Village)” and replacing it with “Children’s Safety Village”; and,
ii) adding various representation by the following:

A) senior citizens;
B) indigenous citizens;
C) Urban League of London;
D) newcomers to London/multicultural groups; and,
E) London Economic Development Corporation;

d) amend Non-Voting Members by:
i) deleting the word “Bureau” at the end of “Fire Prevention”; and,
ii) adding “Addiction Services”;

Qualifications:

e) delete the words “the Block Parent Central Committee” and “the Council for London Seniors”;

Meetings:

f) adding the words “a minimum of” after “meetings shall be held”;

it being noted that the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee will further review their Terms of Reference at their next meeting.

5.3 Budget

That the expenditure of up to $2,150 BE APPROVED for the purchase of ten batteries for motorized cars, fifteen scooters and thirty bicycle seat clamps for the Children’s Safety Village; it being noted that the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee has sufficient funds in its 2018 Budget to accommodate this request.

5.4 Neighbourhood Watch London Update

That consideration of the Neighbourhood Watch London update by M. Sands BE POSTPONED to the next meeting of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee, as Ms. M. Sands was unable to attend this meeting.

5.5 London Fire Services Update

That it BE NOTED that a verbal presentation from D. LeBold, London Fire Department, with respect to the London Fire Department update, was received.

6. Deferred Matters/Additional Business

6.1 (ADDED) Community Safety Week

That it BE NOTED that the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee (CSCP) members were requested to prepare for the 2019 CSCP Community Safety Week which will be held during Emergency Preparedness Week.
6.2 (ADDED) Community Safety Audits
That it BE NOTED that the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee held a general discussion with respect to Community Safety Audits.

6.3 (ADDED) Middlesex-London Community Drug & Alcohol Strategy
That it BE NOTED that the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee received the Middlesex-London Community Drug and Alcohol Strategy: A Foundation for Action from R. Brittan, Middlesex-London Health Unit.

6.4 (ADDED) School Bus Safety Week
That it BE NOTED that the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee was advised by T. MacDaniel, Active and Safe Routes to School that the week of October 22 to 26, 2018 was “School Bus Safety Week” and October 24, 2018 was “School Bus Driver Appreciate Day”.

7. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 2:22 PM.
Rail & Pedestrian Safety

Background

- London is serviced by rail lines that move freight and passengers owned and operated by Canadian National Railway (CNR), Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR), and Goderich-Exeter Railway (GEXR).
- The City of London currently has 64 at-grade crossings and 27 grade separated crossings.

Overview

- In 2014 Transport Canada issued new Grade Crossing Standards of which will come into enforcement by 2021.
- The City of London procured CIMA+ to undertake detailed safety assessments of all at-grade crossings within the City.
- Ongoing infrastructure improvements to ensure compliancy by 2021.

Operation Lifesaver

- Operation Lifesaver (OL) is a not for profit organization co-funded by Transport Canada and the Railway Association of Canada.
- Three crossings in the City of London:
  - Richmond Street (South of Picadilly)
  - Rectory Street between York and Little Simcoe
  - Colborne Street between York and Bathurst
- Official launch event held during Operation Lifesavers 16th annual Rail Safety Week @ CP Tracks on Richmond Street.
Railway Safety Improvement Program

• The Railway Safety Improvement Program (RSIP) provides grants to improve rail safety and reduce injuries and fatalities related to rail transportation.
• Partner with CP for Pedestrian Gates on Pall Mall.
• City of London received funding for 2018/2019 for 10 crossings.
  • Approach surface replacement, Signage, Pavement Markings, Vegetation Clearing.
  • Applied for another 10 crossings for 2019/2020.
In London

- Increased risks from drug use
- Untreated mental illness
- Homelessness
- Pressures on the supports and treatment options available

Challenges

- Drug induced, unpredictable and disruptive behaviour
- Invagination and excessive garbage
- Disruption to and trespassing in businesses
- Urban camping
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What is London Already Doing?

- Collaboration
- Safety and Security
- Housing and Education
- Environment and Technology

Strategies

- Provide caring and compassionate response and enhance services available.
- Work collaboratively to solve homelessness through a housing first approach.
- Maintain the safety and cleanliness of private and public spaces.
- Protect and promote the well being and safety of all Londoners.
- Invest in collaborative work practices and infrastructure.

Our Response

Informed Response