

Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee

Report

The 7th Meeting of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee
November 28, 2019
Committee Room #3

Attendance PRESENT: B. Gibson (Chair), J. Campbell, M. Hackett, T. Khan, L. Krosbisch, D. MacRae, B. Madigan, B. Rankin and J. Slavin and H. Lysynski (Clerk)

ALSO PRESENT: D. Lebold and K. Oldham

ABSENT: I. Bielaska-Hornblower, L. Fay, B. Fragis and D. Luthra

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 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 Fire Prevention Office Roles and Responsibilities

That it BE NOTED that the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee heard the attached presentation from D. Lebold, Chief Fire Prevention Officer, London Fire Services, with respect to the Fire Prevention Office roles and responsibilities.

2.2 Safety Audits

That B. Madigan BE APPOINTED as the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee representative to the Safety Audit; it being noted that the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee heard the attached presentation from K. Oldham, Manager, Neighbourhood Development and Support, with respect to this matter.

3. Consent

3.1 6th Report of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee

That the 6th Report of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee from its meeting held on September 26, 2019, BE AMENDED in clause 5.1 by deleting the words "Advisory Committee on the Environment" and replace them with "Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee".

3.2 Municipal Council Resolution - Automated Speed Enforcement Program

That it BE NOTED that the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee reviewed and received a Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on October 1, 2019, with respect to the Automated Speed Enforcement Program.

3.3 Municipal Council Resolution - Area Speed Limit Program

That it BE NOTED that the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee reviewed and received a Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on October 1, 2019, with respect to the Area Speed Limit program.

3.4 Municipal Council Resolution - 6th Report of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee

That a Working Group BE ESTABLISHED to review statistics and crime patterns in city parks and city-owned facilities and to report back at the January 23, 2020 Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee (CSCP) meeting; it being noted that the CSCP reviewed and received a Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on October 15, 2019, with respect to the 6th Report of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee.

3.5 (ADDED) Notice of Withdrawal from Appointments to City of London Advisory Committees - Z. Gorski

That it BE NOTED that the resignation for Z. Gorski from the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee was received with regret.

4. Sub-Committees and Working Groups

None.

5. Items for Discussion

None.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 PM.

Fire Prevention Roles & Responsibilities

Responsibility for Fire Protection Services

- The Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997 (FPPA) states:

“Every municipality shall,

- a) Establish a program in the municipality which must include public education with respect to fire safety and certain components of fire prevention, and
- b) Provide such other fire protection services as it determines may be necessary in accordance with its needs and circumstances.”



Fire Prevention Division – London Fire Department

- At present, the Fire Prevention Division is comprised of 17 Fire Inspectors, a Public Information Co-ordinator, a Public Fire and Life Safety Educator, a Chief Fire Prevention Officer, and an Assistant Chief Fire Prevention Officer.



Fire Prevention Inspectors

- Each Inspector is certified as a Fire Prevention officer with the Ontario Fire Marshal and are also Certified Fire and Explosion Investigators.
- All Inspectors are delegated as an Assistant to the Fire Marshal under the FPPA.
- All Inspectors are Provincial Offences Officers for the purpose of enforcing the Open Air Burning and Fireworks By-laws.
- Basic role is enforcement of the Ontario Fire Code. Inspections of commercial, industrial and residential buildings.
- Will conduct fire investigations where warranted (e.g. explosion, injury, fatality, suspected arson, over \$100,000.00)



Fire Prevention Inspectors Rights of Entry

- A Fire Prevention Inspector may, without a warrant, enter and inspect land and premises for the purposes of assessing fire safety.
- The power to enter and inspect land or premises without a warrant may be exercised at all responsible times.
- An inspector who enters land or premises may bring a police officer or such other person they consider advisable to assist.



Fire Prevention Inspectors Powers During Inspection

- An inspector conducting an inspection may,
 - a) Examine a document or other thing that is relevant to the inspection;
 - b) Demand the production for inspection of a document or other thing that is relevant to the inspection;
 - c) Remove any thing that is relevant to the inspection for review and examination and remove any document that is relevant to the inspection for review and copying;
 - d) Conduct tests, take and remove samples, take photographs and make videotapes and other images, electronic or otherwise, that are relevant to the inspection;
 - e) In order to produce a document in readable form, use data storage, information processing or retrieval devices or systems that are normally used in the premises being inspected; and
 - f) Question a person on matters relevant to the inspection.



Fire Prevention Inspectors Enforcement Options

- Inspection Order
- Electrical Safety Authority Order
- Immediate Threat to Life
- Order to Close
- Order to Pay Costs
- Part I Ticket
- Part III Charges



Fire and Life Safety Educator

- In the community providing fire and injury prevention programs to schools, senior centres, workplaces and community events.



Public Information Coordinator

- Responsible for media interviews, social media content, co-ordinating events for Fire Department, relaying fire safety information through media to community.





What is a Safe Neighbourhood?

A place where anyone may live, work, play or visit without fear or risk of harm or injury.

What is a Safety Audit?

- A tool used to collectively identify problems related to physical space and social issues
- Done from the perspective of people in the neighbourhood

METRAC's Safety Audit

- METRAC's Safety Audit was created in 1989
- First developed to address the reality of women's safety concerns
- Used internationally to evaluate the safety of many environments

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METRAC
Metropolitan Action Committee on
Violence Against Women and Children



Neighbourhood Safety Audit


Practical community based action tool used to evaluate the safety of an area by:

1. Identifying safety concerns
2. Discussing solutions
3. Developing a resident-led action plan to create safer neighbourhoods



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Everyone is an expert on their own sense of safety



How to Conduct a Neighbourhood Safety Audit...





What information is collected?

The Safety Audit collects information on:

- General Impressions
- Physical Environment

General Impressions

Focus on how you feel about the safety of the area

This includes:

- If you feel safe alone
- If you change your actions because you do not feel safe
- If you avoid certain places in the area

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Physical Environment Survey

Focus on physical features of an area

Physical Safety issues include:

- Lighting
- Signs
- Traffic
- Public Transit
- Visibility
- Maintenance
- Accessibility
- Police
- Fire

After Safety Audit Walkabout

- Identify the **4 top priorities** and discuss recommendations on how to resolve them
- Write down suggestions for change
- Submit surveys and feedback forms to the group leader

Safety Audit Report Cards

- Written together by Program Coordinator and Group Leaders
- Includes:
 - Details of Safety Audit, area and group
 - Tabulation of surveys
 - Key highlights
 - Top four safety priorities
 - List of city and community contacts
 - Strategies for follow up
 - Resources for community organizing

Follow-up After Safety Audit

- Organize a follow-up meeting to share and discuss Report Card and next steps for the group

Safe Neighbourhoods Leadership Table

The Safe Neighbourhoods Leadership Table is made up of representatives from various safety organizations in London. The group meets biannually to review Neighbourhood Safety Audit Reports and Action Plans, discuss opportunities for support and to explore opportunities for greater cooperation toward the goal of safe neighbourhoods. The table is made up of representatives from:

- London Police Services
- London Fire Services
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Transportation Division, City of London
- Community Development & Funding, City of London
- Security and Emergency Management, City of London
- Healthy Communities and Injury Prevention, Middlesex-London Health Unit
- Environmental and Parks Planning, City of London
- Canada Post



Safety Audits Completed Since Inception

Year	Neighbourhood	Neighbourhood Area
2015	Argyle	Marconi LMHA
2015	Medway	Denlaw Estates
2016	Lambeth	Masterson Cres
2017	Uplands	Canvas Way
2017	Bishop Helmuth	Grosvenor St
2017	Oxford Park	Edinburgh St and Foster Ave
2017	Old North	Patricia Ave and Steeles
2018	Kensall Park	Berkshire Club
2018	Old North	Baldwin Flats
2018	Old North	Bridport Street
2018	Central	Talbot and Central
2019	Medway	Orchard Park
2019	Medway	Limberlost Middlesex London Community Housing
2019	Stoneybrook	
Total to date		14

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