



Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, September 13, 2023, 3:00 p.m.

McNaughton Room - 3rd Floor, City Hall

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1. **Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee Meeting**
Chair: Jeff Upton

2. **Members**
Mayor Ken Boshcoff
Councillor Kasey Etreni
Chief Darcy Fleury - Thunder Bay Police Services (TBPS)
Vacant - Thunder Bay Police Services Board
William Bradica, District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board
Albert Brulé, United Way Thunder Bay
Paul Capon, Matawa First Nations Management
John Dixon, Dilico Anishinabek Family Care
Jennifer Hyslop, Canadian Mental Health Association
Brice Morriseau, Fort William First Nation
Vacant, Advisor - Multicultural Community
Shannon Robinson, Thunder Bay District Health Unit
Jeff Upton, Lakehead Public Schools
Diane Walker, Children's Centre Thunder Bay
Vacant - Advisor - Indigenous Community

3. **Officials**
Shane Muir, Chief - Superior North EMS
Cynthia Olsen, Acting Director - Strategic Initiatives & Engagement
Lee-Ann Chevrette, Community Safety & Well-Being Specialist
Rilee Willianen, Policy & Research Analyst
Lori Wiitala, Committee Clerk/Legislative Specialist

4. **Guests**

5. **Welcome and Disclosures of Interest**
The Chair will call the meeting to order and ask for any disclosures of interest.

6. **Land Acknowledgement**

A member of the CSWB Advisory Committee will provide a land acknowledgement.

7. Agenda Approval

WITH RESPECT to the September 13, 2023, meeting of the Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

8. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of Meeting 02-2023 Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee, held on May 24, 2023, to be confirmed.

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THAT the Minutes of Meeting 02-2023 Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee, held on May 24, 2023, be confirmed.

9. Situation Tables and Risk-Driven Tracking Database

Jenny Leadbeater, Northwest Community Mobilization Coordinator - Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA), to provide a presentation relative to Situation Tables and Risk-Driven Tracking Database (RTD) for Thunder Bay & Region.

10. Phase 1 Report: Quality of the Mental Health & Addictions System

Diane Walker, Executive Director - Children's Centre Thunder Bay, to provide a presentation relative to the Phase 1 Report on the Quality of the Mental Health & Addictions System in Thunder Bay & District.

11. CSWB Implementation and Action Table

Community Safety and Well-Being Specialist Lee-Ann Chevrette, to provide an update relative to the above noted.

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12. Coordinator's Report

Cynthia Olsen, Acting Director - Strategic Initiatives & Engagement, to provide an update relative to additional CSWB-related activities.

13. Round Table and Announcements

14. New Business

15. Meeting Schedule

Meetings of the Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee will be held in the McNaughton Room, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., on the following date:

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

16. Adjournment



Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 24, 2023, 3:04 p.m.

McNaughton Room - 3rd Floor, City Hall

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Chair: Jeff Upton

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Councillor Kasey Etrene

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Vacant - Advisor - Multicultural Community

Vacant - Advisor - Indigenous Community

3. Officials

Karen Lewis, General Manager - Development & Emergency Services

Shane Muir, Chief - Superior North EMS

Cynthia Olsen, Manager - Community Strategies

Lee-Ann Chevrette, Community Safety & Well-Being Specialist

Rilee Willianen, Policy & Research Analyst

Kelly Hell, Council & Committee Clerk (Acting)

4. Guests

Gwen O'Reilly, Executive Director and Jen Hastings - Gender-Based Violence Navigation Advocate, Northwestern Ontario Women's Centre

5. Welcome and Disclosures of Interest

The Chair called the meeting to order. There were no disclosures of interest declared.

6. Land Acknowledgement

Diane Walker, Children's Centre Thunder Bay, provided a land acknowledgement.

7. Agenda Approval

MOVED BY: Jeff Upton
SECONDED BY: Diane Walker

WITH RESPECT to the May 24, 2023, meeting of the Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

8. Minutes of Previous Meeting

MOVED BY: Jeff Upton
SECONDED BY: Diane Walker

THAT the Minutes of Meeting 01-2023 Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee, held on February 8, 2023, be confirmed.

CARRIED

9. Deputation - Systemic Response to Inmate Partner Violence

Gwen O'Reilly, Executive Director, and Jen Hastings, Gender-Based Violence Navigation Advocate, Northwestern Ontario Women's Centre provided a thorough presentation relative to the above noted.

The presentation will be emailed to the Community Safety & Well-Being Advisory Committee.

The presentation confirmed Intimate Partner Violence and Gender-Based Violence has reached epidemic levels. The violence is pervasive and entrenched in our society and often pre-meditated, intentional and in many cases worse after police involvement.

Another concern is the children. When they experience violence in their formative years, they need to unlearn the behaviour so the violence does not continue with them.

A discussion was held regarding declaring Intimate Partner Violence and Gender-Based Violence an epidemic in the City of Thunder Bay.

There is an increased and urgent need of support from the Solicitor General to ensure accountability of those charged.

MOVED BY: John Dixon
SECONDED BY: Diane Walker

WITH RESPECT to Gender Based Violence being a priority area in the Community Safety & Well-Being Plan, the CSWB Advisory Committee supports bringing a recommendation to Council, for their consideration, to declare Intimate Partner Violence and Gender Based Violence an epidemic in Thunder Bay.

CARRIED

Next steps will be to prepare a report and presentation for City Council. Jeff Upton will keep the Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee informed regarding the progress.

10. Terms of Reference - Working Group Update

MOVED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni
SECONDED BY: Albert Brulé

WITH RESPECT to suggested edits to the CSWB Advisory Committee Terms of Reference, the CSWB Advisory Committee approves the changes as presented.

CARRIED

A discussion was held relative to who is responsible to move the Community Safety and Well-Being plan forward. The City of Thunder Bay is mandated to prepare and adopt the plan.

11. Community Strategies Update

Cynthia Olsen, Manager - Community Strategies, provided the following update relative to the above noted.

A Corporate Report was presented to City Council in regards to adopting a human rights-based approach to respond to unsheltered homelessness/encampments. Council approved the recommendation, which also included a recommended to conduct community consultation on the feasibility of designated locations in Thunder Bay, and to continue with advocacy related to housing and homelessness.

The Opioid Task Force of the Drug Strategy has completed an updated situational assessment on opioid-related morbidity and mortality, including information in the District. When the report is available to share, will be distributed to the CSWB Advisory Committee.

Community Strategies and Recreation & Culture are co-leading a Youth Gang Prevention Project. In early stages, have hired a consultant team to assist. A Steering Committee has been established and held their first meeting last week. The consultants will be conducting an environmental scan, and facilitating community engagement through individual interviews, insights table and design labs. Will bring updates as appropriate to the CSWB Advisory.

12. Roundtable

Pride Month is next month. The Thunder Bay Children's Centre staff is planning an event around inclusivity in hockey. The children's book 'Who's Hockey' validates that everyone is welcome to play hockey.

A copy of 'Who's Hockey' will be at the Children Centre location for the month of June to allow citizens to go in and sign it. Once all of the signatures are received, the Children's Centre would like to gift it to the City of Thunder Bay. A discussion was held regarding a plan moving forward that will have a positive spin when the book is presented. Cynthia Olsen will reach out to Krista Power, City Clerk to

provide direction as to who and how the book is to be presented.

Councillor Kasey Etrene will provide a list of the hockey organizations in Thunder Bay to the Children's Centre in the hope they will take part in the presentation of the book donned in their team jerseys.

The Release for Custody Task Force recommended that a proposal be submitted to apply for a Community Justice Centre in Thunder Bay, which would include both an Ingenious reconciliation and gender-based violence component. Proposal due to Federal Public Security in mid-June. The Community Re-integration Planning Table will be starting in June and planning for the fall.

Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board received 5.6 million dollars in 2022 and 16.5 million dollars for 2023 as of April 1, 2023 for 3 years. Some of the funding can be allocated to capital expenses.

Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board is seeking an Expression of Interest from non-profit organizations wishing to create transitional and/or supportive housing within the District of Thunder Bay. The link was emailed to the committee for their review.

13. CSWB Specialist's Report

Lee-Ann Chevrette provided the following update relative to additional CSWB-related activities.

Respect Award 2023 recipients, Carolyn Karle and Roots Community Food Centre.

To view video [Respect - City of Thunder Bay](#)

14. New Business

Westfort Ward Meeting was held at the West Thunder Community Centre on Tuesday May 23, 2023. The meeting revolved largely around a May 2, 2023, daytime exchange of gunfire at an apartment complex that saw over 20 rounds of ammunition fired wildly across the building's parking lot.

Lack of adequate resources around mental health facilities, substance addiction facilities, detox centers are assumed to play into what is happening in the city.

The citizens that attended the meeting expressed concern, fear of their safety and frustration.

A discussion was held regarding making assumptions that all crimes are a result of the impoverished population.

15. Meeting Schedule

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16. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

CSWB Specialist Report- September 2023

CSWB PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

The CSWB Specialist continues to support the Action Tables with Implementation. The Seven Action Tables include:

- Diversity Thunder Bay (Priority: Anti-Racism & Discrimination);
- Thunder Bay Housing and Homeless Coalition (Priority: Housing);
- Thunder Bay District Mental Health & Addictions Network (Priority: Mental Health & Substance Misuse);
- Thunder Bay District Coordinating Committee to End Woman Abuse (Priority: Gender Based Violence);
- Thunder Bay Police Service-Project Prevent (Priority: Community Violence);
- Poverty Reduction Strategy (Priority: Poverty Reduction & Financial Empowerment); and
- Healthy Kids HOME Steering Committee (Priority: Supports for Children, Youth & Families).

We continue to work together to identify alignment between their work plans/priorities and the Targeted Outcomes identified within the CSWB Plan. We are also identifying gaps for further discussion.

CSWB ROUNDTABLE EFFORTS

CPTED Training and Audit

On September 19, in partnership with the Thunder Bay Police Service, CSWB will be coordinating a full day of training on Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED). Barry Horrobin, Safety & Security Specialist from Windsor Police Service will lead the training, as well as a CPTED audit of a local organization.

Annual CSWB Forum

Planning is underway for the 2nd Annual Forum, which will take place October 12, 2023. October 2023. The theme of the **Forum is Adverse Childhood Experiences**. On the evening of Wednesday October 11, we will be screening a documentary film for the community, free of charge. To register for the Forum, click [here](#).

2023 Mayor's Community Safety Awards

Planning for the 2023 Mayor's Community Safety Awards is underway. The event will take place on Monday November 6 during Crime Prevention Week. Nominations will open on Monday September 11 and close Friday October 6.

CSWB PRIORITY-SPECIFIC INITIATIVES

PRIORITY AREA: ANTI-RACISM & DISCRIMINATION

Youth In Solidarity Against Racism & Hate (Solidarity Collective)

The Solidarity Collective project wrapped up in March 2023. This was a funded project through the Anti-Racism Directorate and was focussed on building solidarity among youth in our community to address racism and hate. Community conversations and diverse workshops have been held over the last two years. This work builds on work related to Recommendation 112 from the Seven Youth Inquest. The Solidarity Collective continues to engage diverse youth across the community to help make our community safer for everyone. Check out their Facebook page [here](#) for highlights and upcoming opportunities.

Truth and Reconciliation Toolkit

The CSWB Specialist coordinates the Truth & Reconciliation Toolkit Working Group, which is focused on developing a toolkit to support our community's journey towards reconciliation. This work follows a recommendation by Diversity Thunder Bay following their review of the Truth & Reconciliation Commission of Canada's 94 Calls to Action. Diversity Thunder Bay is the CSWB Action Table for the Anti-Racism and Anti-Discrimination.

We are working with several community partners to develop this toolkit, as well as a Community Conversation Guide, to provide a framework for facilitating conversations about reconciliation in Thunder Bay. We worked with a Leadership Thunder Bay Community Action Project (CAP) group (September 2022-June 2023) to facilitate seven Community Conversations using the Guide and develop a framework for the Toolkit.

PRIORITY AREA: MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE MISUSE

Adverse Childhood Experiences Initiatives

National Scan of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

In partnership with the Thunder Bay District Health Unit and the Canadian Municipal Network on Crime Prevention, we conducted the National Scan in 2022. The final report – [National Scan of Adverse Childhood Experiences \(ACEs\) Prevention and Intervention Approaches](#), was released during the Canadian Municipal Network's National Virtual Conference in November 2022. We will be speaking about this report at the October 12 CSWB Forum.

Submission to Ontario Trillium Foundation for Resilient Communities Fund

In partnership with the Thunder Bay District Child & Youth Mental Health and Addictions Planning Table (CSWB's Action Table for Mental Health & Substance Misuse Priority Area), on January 31, 2023 we submitted a \$200,000 grant application to help advance ACEs work in Thunder Bay and District. This grant is related to



COVID-19 Recovery efforts. The proposed project – *“The Brain Story”: Advancing recovery through preventing and mitigating adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) by building knowledge and nurturing resiliency* would mobilize knowledge related to the Brain Story Certification Program, adapt the Brain Architecture Game, and train service providers, educators and other sectors across the community to deepen collective understanding and action towards building better brains and consequently increase health, safety and well-being outcomes. The original submission was unsuccessful; however, we are re-submitting.

PRIORITY AREA: COMMUNITY VIOLENCE

Building Safer Communities-Development of a Youth Gang Prevention Strategy

The City of Thunder Bay identified by Public Safety Canada (PSC) to receive funding for a 3-year program aimed at preventing youth gang involvement. This initiative is part of a larger program where PSC designates municipal governments to receive funding and collaborate with community representatives to develop programs addressing youth risk factors associated with gang activity. The City's role is to bring together community partners to collaboratively determine how and where these resources should be best used. To assist in this effort, we have established a Steering Committee and enlisted the services of a consultant, who is tasked with supporting the community-led Situational Assessment process. Engagement opportunities have been taking place over the last couple of months and a report, which will inform strategy development and activities over the next three years, is forthcoming.

PRIORITY AREA: GENDER BASED-VIOLENCE

Trauma- and Violence-Informed Response to Sexual Violence and Human Trafficking

CSWB, in partnership with Thunder Bay Police Service, Sexual Abuse Centre Thunder Bay, and other local partners, completed a project to improve the trauma and violence-informed response to Human Trafficking and Gender-Based Violence in Thunder Bay and region. Two days of training were held in February 2022 for over 100 officers and Crowns were in attendance. Two days of training were held in February 2023 for community partners and service providers. Over 150 people attended in person, with close to 350 attending virtually. Additional elements of the project included the development of an education and awareness campaign on sexual violence and human trafficking, which was launched late in 2022. The CSWB Specialist supported the Program Evaluation activities. The final evaluation report demonstrated positive impacts.

Intimate Partner Violence Deputation to CSWB Advisory Committee

On May 24, staff from the Northwestern Ontario Women's Centre brought a deputation on Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) to the CSWB Advisory Committee. The presentation included information about IPV/Gender-Based Violence in Thunder Bay the Renfrew County Coroner's Inquest and other municipalities' efforts regarding declaring IPV an



epidemic. A motion was passed to bring a recommendation to City Council to declare Intimate Partner Violence an Epidemic.

A Corporate Report with this recommendation will be brought to City Council on September 25, and will include a joint deputation from the Thunder Bay District Coordinating Committee to End Woman Abuse and the Naadmaaggwin Indigenous Domestic Violence Coordinating Committee.

Funding Submission for Youth Dating Violence Prevention Project

CSWB is supporting a grant submission to the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) for *Preventing Gender-Based Violence: the Health Perspective Teen/Youth Dating Violence Prevention*. This project will build on the Youth Violence Prevention Program that has been running for the last few years.

PRIORITY AREA: SUPPORTS FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

Youth Inclusion Program

The Youth Inclusion Program wrapped up at the end of June 2023. The CSWB Specialist supported the evaluation, which was led by the Centre for Rural and Northern Health Research at Lakehead University. The Final Program Evaluation Report was submitted to Public Safety Canada in August 2023. The Report identifies the positive impacts of the program and includes recommendations for next steps.

Healthy Kids HOME Initiative

Thunder Bay District Health Unit, in partnership with Our Kids Count and The City of Thunder Bay Recreation and Culture Division, received funding from the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC), and in-kind contributions from local community partners to implement the Healthy Kids H.O.M.E. (Health on the Move for Equity) Program hubs in the Windsor Street, Academy Heights and Dease-McKellar-Ogden-Simpson. Satellite programming is taking place in the Westfort neighbourhood. The program includes a third-party evaluation and is demonstrating positive outcomes. Programming is ongoing. See their [website](#) for more information.

OVERARCHING INITIATIVES

City Studio

CSWB Thunder Bay has partnered with the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University, Lakehead University, Confederation College, University of Ottawa Medical School, and Community Safety & Well Being Ottawa (City of Ottawa) to receive a grant from the Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR). The project is focused on implementing the CityStudio model – a proven experiential learning and civic engagement model that works by harnessing the expertise, innovation, and energy of university resources (i.e., faculty and students), to work on community-oriented projects



identified by the municipality. CityStudio has been implemented successfully in 15 cities worldwide to date. A full-time CityStudio Coordinator has been hired to provide specialized coordination to support this project for its duration. We are planning a formal launch of the program in the fall of 2023. Learn more about CityStudio [here](#).

Canadian Municipal Network on Crime Prevention (CMNCP)

Thunder Bay continues to be an active member of the CMNCP. The CSWB Specialist participates in a Community of Practice for communities across Canada who are receiving Building Safer Communities funds. This CoI will be an opportunity for municipalities to come together to discuss best practices and challenges related to gang and gun violence across the country.

The CSWB will attend the CMNCP's Annual Conference in Regina October 23-25 and has been invited to participate in a panel discussion about CSWB governance models.

Voluntary Local Review (VLR) for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs)

The CSWB Specialist attending the C2U Expo at Lakehead University from June 5-8, 2023, and participated in a presentation about Thunder Bay's VLR and its implications for CSWB. The Thunder Bay VLR report can be found [here](#).

UN SDG Cities Initiative

The City of Thunder Bay was invited to participate in the SDG Cities Initiative. *SDG Cities* is a global initiative aimed at encouraging and supporting 1000 cities worldwide to catalyze their potential to accelerate their achievement of the SDGs. The UN is in the process of developing the SDG Cities in Canada initiative and are compiling a report on the progress of selected Canadian cities toward the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. The City of Thunder Bay was invited to participate and be included in this report.

The report on the achievement of the SDGs in Canadian cities will be published by UN-Habitat, in collaboration with the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) and presented to the Federal Government of Canada for use in its reporting to the UN on how it is achieving the SDGs. It will as well be presented at upcoming global events such as the United Nations Habitat Assembly later this year and the World Urban Forum in 2024. Thunder Bay submitted its report in June.

Upstream Community of Interest

In partnership with the Thunder Bay District Health Unit, CSWB Thunder Bay was successful in its application to the Centre for Addictions and Mental Health's Evidence Exchange Network for support to establish an Upstream Community of Interest. A Knowledge Broker has been assigned to our team until March 31, 2024, to help us develop and mobilize information related to Upstream Approaches. Work is ongoing through a Working Group that has been established to develop knowledge translation materials. A wrap-up event is being planned for February 2024.



Participation in Other Groups

- i. C2U Expo Steering Committee
- ii. Canadian Municipal Network on Crime Prevention (Thunder Bay Representative)
- iii. City Studio Steering Committee (Chair)
- iv. Diversity Thunder Bay
- v. Healthy Kids HOME Steering Committee
- vi. Incident Reporting Working Group
- vii. Inquest Recommendation 91 Working Group
- viii. Inquest Recommendation 112 Working Group (Chair)
- ix. Inquest Recommendation 116 Working Group (Chair)
- x. NorthWest Community Mobilization Network
- xi. Poverty Reduction Strategy
- xii. Project Prevent-Thunder Bay Police Service
- xiii. Release from Custody Task Force
- xiv. Respect Working Group (Chair)
- xv. Tech-facilitated Violence Working Group (Chair)
- xvi. Thunder Bay District Coordinating Committee to End Woman Abuse (Board of Directors)
- xvii. Thunder Bay Drug Strategy Implementation Panel
- xviii. Thunder Bay Coalition to End Human Trafficking (Steering Committee)
- xix. Truth & Reconciliation Toolkit Working Group (Chair)
- xx. United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination-Planning Committee
- xxi. United Way Thunder Bay (Board of Directors)
- xxii. Upstream Community of Interest Working Group (Co-Chair)
- xxiii. Voluntary Local Review (VLR) Working Group for UN UNSDGs
- xxiv. Community Supports Planning Table (Previously Vulnerable Populations Planning Table)
- xxv. Youth Inclusion Program-Internal Working Group (Chair)
- xxvi. Youth Inclusion Program-Evaluation Team (Chair)
- xxvii. Youth Inclusion Program-Evaluation Advisory Committee (Chair)
- xxviii. Youth Violence Prevention Project Thunder Bay (Steering Committee)

