



Ward Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 10, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium

1. McKellar Ward Meeting

Chair: Councillor Brian Hamilton

2. Resource Persons

Acting Police Chief Dan Taddeo

Police Chief Designate Darcy Fleury

Gordon Stover, Committee & Meeting Management System Coordinator

3. Welcome and Opening Remarks

The Chair provided introductory comments and introduced the resource persons.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the McKellar Ward Meeting held on February 1, 2023, for information.

5. Crime & Community Safety Discussion with Police Services

Acting Chief Dan Taddeo provided a brief overview relative to the following:

- increase in crime, police enforcement, homicides, gang violence and upcoming government funding

Chief Designate Darcy Fleury provided a brief overview relative to the following:

- attending meetings around the city, talking to the public, community engagement and agency partnerships

Discussion was held relative to the following:

- Police relationships with social agencies and the Police Service's Community Outreach Division.
- Drug related violence including recent the incident at an Amelia Street apartment complex.

Questions from the public included the following:

- Security concerns for residents at Paterson Court on May Street North.
- Homelessness and poverty, need for further social and transitional housing
- Mental health and substance abuse
- Police input in sentencing submissions for convicted drug dealers
- Crime and safety concerns on Cumming Street. More officers are needed in the area.

6. Ward and City Issues

6.1 Garbage - May and Brodie Streets

Concerns were expressed relative to excessive garbage and litter located in the lane ways between May and Brodie Streets.

The Chair advised that the Solid Waste and Recycling Division has been notified and crews will be sent to the area. Further issues and concerns can be directed to By-law enforcement.

6.2 Homeless Encampments

Discussion was held relative to homeless encampments and tents located in areas of the City. Social services are working with these individuals but any enforcement is difficult.

Concerns were expressed relative to neighbourhood safety.

6.3 Vacant Buildings

Concerns were expressed relative to vacant buildings throughout the city. Fire damaged and abandoned buildings have led to various health and safety concerns.

7. McKellar Ward Infrastructure Updates

The Chair provided an overview of the following projects:

- Road work on Memorial Avenue from Central to Harbour Expressway
- Repaving McLeod Street from Christie Street to Pacific Avenue
- Crown Street from John Street to Cornwall
- Cameron Street to be completed from May to Simpson
- Hillcrest parking lot repaving
- Court Street revitalization
- Work on the festival site at marina park and the parking lots to begin this summer
- Simpson Street repaving will be scheduled in the next couple years.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.