



**PUBLIC MINUTES
STREET ACTIVITY STEERING COMMITTEE**

**March 16, 2016, 12:06 p.m.
Committee Room E, Ground Floor, City Hall**

PRESENT: Ms. S. Marchildon, Chair
Mr. B. Penner
Mr. R. Pshebylo
Senior Planner E. Miller

ABSENT: Ms. V. Charles
Inspector R. Friesen

ALSO PRESENT: Staff Sergeant A. Chevli
Community Support Program Supervisor L. Prefontaine
Committee Assistant J. Fast

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: B. Penner

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: B. Penner

That the minutes of regular meeting of the Street Activity Steering Committee held on January 20, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. REPORT OF THE CHAIR [File No. CK. 225-74]

The Chair acknowledged the new format of the Supervisor's reports which will ensure key indicators are captured and easily visible to those reading the reports. The Chair advised she is working on pulling together some of the key findings and trends and compiling a list for the Committee to review and discuss ways to proceed.

Moved By: B. Penner

That the information be received.

CARRIED

6. REPORT OF THE PROGRAM MANAGER [File No. CK. 225-74]

Mr. Brent Penner advised that the details are being finalized for the branding on the van and business cards for the Community Support Officers (CSOs). The CSOs will also have cards they will carry that have information on the various service providers and where an individual can go if needing help.

Moved By: R. Pshebylo

That the information be received.

CARRIED

7. COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM [File No. CK. 5605-3]

The Committee Assistant submitted a report from the Supervisor, Community Support Program for the reporting period January and February 2016.

Community Support Program (CSP) Supervisor Prefontaine summarized the information contained in her report and advised in January and February staff focussed on reaching the outlying areas of the Business Improvement Districts. Ms. Prefontaine advised that in February, the Lighthouse stabilization hours were reduced and they are now closed between 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. This means there are no longer daytime hours for Community Support Program staff to access the stabilization or detox beds.

CSP Supervisor Prefontaine advised there was a large number of addictions calls in this reporting period, and a more notable presence of drug use; specifically IV drug use. Consistent with this trend was the increase in needle pick up. The other trend noted was the increase in new people on the streets as CSP staff encountered 39 new clients.

Discussion followed regarding a place for intoxicated individuals to go to become sober when not violent but beyond means of caring for themselves. Although facilities exist currently for individuals, it is voluntary. It was noted that perhaps a meeting with the Action Accord regarding this matter could be arranged.

The Committee discussed what progress has been made with regard to the opportunity for provincial funding for the Community Support Program. To date an update has not been received from the Administration.

The Committee requested that a report on public intoxication prepared by the Chief of Police and considered by the Board of Police Commissioners at its meeting on February 17, 2016, be provided to the Committee. It was noted that the report will be placed on the Committee's next agenda for information.

Moved By: R. Pshebylo

That the information be received.

CARRIED

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

Ms. S. Marchildon, Chair

Ms. J. Fast, Committee Assistant