



## **PUBLIC MINUTES**

### **STREET ACTIVITY STEERING COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, March 18, 2015, 11:02 a.m.  
Committee Room E, City Hall**

**PRESENT:** Mr. B. Penner, Chair  
Ms. S. Marchildon  
Mr. R. Pshebylo  
Senior Planner E. Miller, Planning & Development Division

**ABSENT:** Inspector R. Friesen  
Ms. V. Charles

**ALSO PRESENT:** Staff Sergeant AJ 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:** R. Pshebylo

1. That Bylaw 2954, The Street Use Bylaw, be added for discussion as Item 5.2; and
2. That the agenda be confirmed as amended.

**CARRIED**

#### **3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Moved By:** R. Pshebylo

That the minutes of meeting of the Street Activity Steering Committee held on January 14, 2015 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

#### **4. CHAIR'S REPORT (File No. CK. 225-74)**

The Chair provided the following update:

- Street Activity Update Survey Timeline - Inshtrix will begin the survey in the next few weeks with a final report to the Committee by the end of June, 2015.
- Audit - the Community Support Program is subject to the same audit requirements as the Downtown BID, and the 2014 audit will commence at the end of March.
- Retail Meeting - the Downtown BID held a retail meeting on March 11, 2015 with approximately 30 downtown retailers present. One of the topics was safety in the downtown and what merchants thought about the Community Support Program. There was overwhelming support for the Program and for the response time of the officers when called by businesses to help with a situation. This information was passed along to the members of the program.
- Panhandling – possibility of adding locations within *Bylaw 7850, The Panhandling Bylaw*, under section 6(2) to include performing arts venues, movie theaters, parking pay stations.

**Moved By:** S. Marchildon

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

#### **5. COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM**

##### **5.1 Community Support Program Supervisor's Report (File No. CK. 5605-3)**

The Committee Assistant submitted a report dated March 12, 2015 from the Supervisor, Community Support Program.

Community Support Program Supervisor Prefontaine reviewed her report for the reporting period January–February 2015 and answered questions put forward by the Committee.

The staff attended 249 calls for service assisting 420 individuals. In January and February the CSP team contacted 224 businesses within the three Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to reinforce connections, collect information, and share any information on current issues.

Ms. Prefontaine advised that January and February 2015 showed a marked increase in an existing trend regarding aggressive or coercive panhandling as well as panhandling in groups. Hotspot areas have been identified, individuals assisted and enforcement procedures taken, but still concerns are being reported.

**Moved By:** R. Pshebylo

That the Street Activity Steering Committee write to the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development & Community Services requesting a review of *Bylaw 7850, The Panhandling Bylaw*, based on information that has been obtained, and changes that have been identified and experienced through the Community Support Program.

**CARRIED**

**5.2 Bylaw 2954, The Street Use Bylaw (File No. CK. 5605-3)**

The Committee discussed *Bylaw 2954, The Street Use Bylaw* and noted that this Bylaw is not currently covered by the Community Support Program.

**Moved By:** R. Pshebylo

That the Street Activity Steering Committee pursue amending and including *Bylaw 2954, The Street Use Bylaw* in the list of Bylaws enforced by the Community Support Program.

**CARRIED**

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved By:** S. Marchildon

That the meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

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Mr. Brent Penner, Chair