



PUBLIC MINUTES

STREET ACTIVITY STEERING COMMITTEE

July 20, 2016, 12:05 pm

Committee Room E, Ground Floor, City Hall

PRESENT: Mr. B. Penner (The Partnership), Chair
Ms. V. Charles (Saskatoon Anti-Poverty Coalition)
Mr. R. Pshebylo (Riversdale Business Improvement District)
Senior Planner E. Miller (Neighbourhood Planning, Community Services Department)

ABSENT: Inspector R. Huisman (Saskatoon Police Service)
Representative (Broadway Business Improvement District)

ALSO PRESENT: Staff Sergeant D. Pringle (Saskatoon Police Service)
Community Support Program Supervisor L. Prefontaine
Committee Assistant J. Fast

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Committee Assistant called the meeting to order.

2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

The Committee Assistant advised that the Committee was requested to appoint a Chair for the remainder of 2016.

Randy Pshebylo nominated Brent Penner. Brent Penner accepted the nomination.

Moved By: R. Pshebylo

That Brent Penner be appointed Chair of the Street Activity Steering Committee for the remainder of 2016.

CARRIED

3. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: R. Pshebylo

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: R. Pshebylo

That the minutes of regular meeting of the Street Activity Steering Committee held on May 18, 2016 be amended to include under Item 7.2 regarding the opportunity for provincial funding for the Community Support Program, that a verbal update was provided by Senior Planner Miller indicating that the matter was still on the desk of the General Manager, Community Support Program.

CARRIED

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

7. REPORT OF PROGRAM MANAGER

Mr. Brent Penner provided the following update:

- Contacted by the Ministry of Justice, Corrections & Policing to provide updated information regarding the Community Support Program. This information is included on the Federal Government website which shows the different programs that exist along with various resources. The updated information was provided as requested.
- One CSP officer has been selected to join the Saskatoon Police Service (SPS) effective August, 2016. The CSO position has been posted and interviews are being arranged. Once the new CSO is hired, the program will be staffed with six officers.
- The Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with the SPS which formalizes responsibilities between the Community Support Program and the SPS. The radios used by the program have been upgraded and now also have GPS locators. This is a safety improvement and also allows SPS Communications staff to dispatch CSP officers who are in the vicinity to calls that are made by businesses or individuals which in turn will improve response times.

Moved By: V. Charles

That the information be received.

CARRIED

8. COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM

The Committee Assistant submitted a report of the Supervisor, Community Support Program, for the reporting period May and June 2016.

Community Support Program Supervisor Prefontaine summarized the information contained in her report and noted the following:

- Started weekly meetings with the Saskatoon Police Service and the management from The Lighthouse to discuss common concerns regarding individuals needing the most support.
- In June attended all the Saskatoon Police Service parades for all platoons to provide presentations on the Community Support Program. Plans to also provide a presentation to Communications staff are underway.
- Court attendance is up with staff attending court on eight matters to provide evidence in prosecutions.
- Monitoring and tracking how the radios are working is ongoing.

Discussion followed and Ms. Prefontaine answered questions of the Committee.

It was noted that "Successful Outcomes" (Table 1) are nearly double within a year which indicates the success of the program and that it is doing what it is intended to do.

The matter of the opportunity of provincial funding was raised and the Chair undertook to contact the General Manager, Community Services Department.

Moved By: R. Pshebylo

That the information be received.

CARRIED

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

Mr. B. Penner, Chair

Ms. J. Fast, Committee Assistant