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Minutes of the Ad Hoc Community Safety Task Force held on Monday, May 7, 2018, at 10:00 am in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Office.

Present: Gord McKay, Mayor
Amanpreet Sidhu, Director of Corporate Services/Solicitor
Jamie Moran, County of Simcoe
Scott Campbell, Midland BIA
Barb Kettle, Midland Public Library
George Dixon, Police Services Board
Kathy Charlebois, OPP
Rachel Perrin, CMHA
Steve Pelletier, Guesthouse
Denis Laurin, Salvation Army, Street Outreach
Catherine LeMesurier, Recording Secretary

1. Introductions

Mayor McKay welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that the purpose of the first Ad Hoc Community Safety Task Force meeting was to review the draft Terms of Reference, as well as discuss the consultation process; following which a round-the-table introduction took place.

2. Review of Background and Task Force Terms of Reference

a) Scope

Mayor McKay advised that the purpose for Ad Hoc Community Safety Committee is to address issues affecting the downtown core and the Midland Public Library and work together to develop a solution and recommendation to Council.

Mayor McKay spoke to the mandate and overall objective of the committee, which would include the broad community and stakeholder consultation process for the purpose of the development of a Community Safety Plan that meets the needs of the Community and addresses the requirements of the *Safe Ontario Act* (Bill 175).

Mayor McKay advised that the Community Safety Task Force is mandated to provide its final report to Council by August 31, 2018, in order to ensure any material implications to the 2019 Budget are appropriately identified for future Council consideration.

Mayor McKay provided a review the draft Terms of Reference. The Committee determined the boundaries in the downtown that are most critical.

A discussion ensued with respect to a phrase used under the mandate section - "Conduct a community and stakeholder consultation respecting safety in the downtown area, specifically the Library". The Committee agreed that the wording, "specifically the Library" be removed, as the Library is part of the downtown area.

Following a review of the draft Terms of Reference, the Committee had no further changes.

b) Timeframe

Mayor McKay advised that the Committee shall dissolve upon completion of the Committee's mandate and final reporting by the Committee to Council.

The Committee is mandated to submit its final Report to Council before August 31, 2018.

c) Output

The Committee will report directly to Council through the Clerk by way of Committee minutes and Report. The Minutes of the Committee meetings will be approved by the Committee at its next meeting and forwarded to Council as information through the Council Information Package (CIP).

The Committee will provide a deputation to Council outlining the Committee's accomplishments and providing an overview of its objectives.

3. Discussion of consultation process - Core Group, advisory groups, consultant

Mayor McKay advised that he has been approached by other stakeholder organizations that would be interested in getting involved in this project and he suggested that a broader focus group be organized in order to engage in a broader discussion. The Committee agreed that a Problem Solving Workshop would be beneficial in order for everyone to work together in identifying each unique situation; such as crime, mental health, violence, homelessness, addiction, food security, needle exchange and prostitution; then determining the appropriate solution for each situation.

Following a discussion, the Committee agreed that a Problem Solving workshop was necessary in order to identify the issues. The Committee also agreed to identify and organize smaller target population "interviews" to ensure that stakeholders who may not want to participate in a workshop are properly consulted. These may include those with lived experience.

The workshop will be advertised in the media. Individual invitations will be sent to all identified stakeholder groups. The Clerk will circulate a list of prospective stakeholder groups to Committee members for their review.

A. Sidhu advised that the RFP process for the hiring of a Consultant to provide external expertise and work in concert with the Community Safety Task Force, has begun and the deadline to receive proposals is May 25, 2018. The external consultant will work with the Committee, organize the consultations, provide advice and prepare the final report to Council by August 31, 2018.

S. Pelletier advised that he can gather and bring to the next meeting, some information from the Situation Table, which is a group of agencies working together with other appropriate agencies to make a plan to connect an at-risk individual with the right services.

K. Charlebois advised that she will run the numbers that will show how many calls the OPP receives with respect to downtown area issues, and the purpose of the call. She also distributed a handout entitled "Ontario's Mobilization and Engagement Model of Community Policy", for information purposes.

4. Discussion of anticipated challenges and resources

Mayor McKay advised that funding of \$50,000 has been designated for the purpose of retaining the appropriate external expertise to work with the Community Safety Task Force.

He also advised that should a member of this Committee be unable to attend a meeting, that they send an alternate; since there is a tight time frame for the completion of this project.

5. Conclusion

Mayor McKay thanked everyone for their input and advised that the next meeting will start with the voting of a Vice-Chair. The meeting will then focus on the Problem Solving Workshop and the compilation of a list of attendees. Committee members were asked to forward a list to C. LeMesurier of potential attendees to the workshop and provide issues that need to be discussed.

Mayor McKay advised that C. LeMesurier will provide the Committee with a list of potential attendees to the workshop.

6. Adjournment and Next Meeting

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 23, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

Minutes approved May 23, 2018.

Mayor G. McKay, Chair