



The Corporation of the Town of Midland

Minutes of the Ad Hoc Community Safety Task Force held on Wednesday, June 12, 2018, at 2:00 pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Office.

Present: Gord McKay, Mayor
Doriano Calvano, County of Simcoe
Barb Kettle, Midland Public Library
George Dixon, Police Services Board
Kathy Charlebois, OPP
Steve Pelletier, Guesthouse Shelter

Staff Present: Amanpreet Sidhu, Director of Corporate Services/Solicitor
Angela Grenier, Recording Secretary

Regrets: Scott Campbell, Midland BIA
Denis Laurin, Salvation Army, Street Outreach
Julia McFadden, CMHA

1. Review Draft Agenda

Mayor McKay called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

The Committee reviewed the agenda. It was then

Moved by Barb Kettle

Seconded by George Dixon

That the June 12, 2018 Ad Hoc Community Safety Task Force meeting Agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None were declared.

3. Review of Minutes

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the meeting held June 6, 2018; following which, it was

Moved by Barb Kettle

Seconded by George Dixon

That the minutes of the Ad Hoc Community Safety Task Force meeting held June 6, 2018 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED.

4. Downtown Safety Survey

The Committee was updated that the survey is live with 3 different logic options based on the respondent's initial response regarding feelings of safety.

Town staff issued a media release to various Simcoe County radio media agencies on June 11 regarding the program and survey. The link to the CSTF web page and survey has been uploaded to the Town's social media links (Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram) with reminders on a regular basis. A newspaper ad will appear in the Midland Mirror on June 14th.

The Committee agreed that the survey should close July 4th to provide an opportunity for visitors to take part.

The Library has prepared a Library-specific survey in electronic form on the Library website and in hard copy. The Library web page also hyperlinks to the main CSTF survey on the Town website. The Guesthouse Shelter and Street Outreach are working together to provide a separate paper survey to those with lived-experience, and will assist them with completing it. A copy of the survey will be circulated to the Committee once completed.

5. Workshops and Interviews

Information was provided on-desk for the Committee to review regarding the stakeholder workshops, the Town Hall meeting and the individual interviews.

The Committee discussed the draft work plans for the community outreach:

a) Stakeholder Workshops:

- The Committee was updated on the community groups that were invited to the workshops;
- It was suggested to ask the workshop attendees if they are able to provide potential solutions to provide their input toward a solution. The last question will be revised to ask for input on potential solutions.

b) Town Hall Meeting:

- Request CMHA to be part of the panel for the Town Hall Meeting.

c) Interviews:

- One-on-one interviews to be conducted by Mayor McKay with OPP, Street Outreach, BIA, Library, and Guesthouse;
- Interviews will be set at a convenient time for all during the week of June 25th.

6. Other Business

a) OPP Report

The Committee discussed the OPP report. The report includes statistics of calls which were focused on 5 types of incidents that are prevalent in the downtown, under categories including calls regarding drugs, theft, disturb the peace, and also under the Mental Health Act and Liquor License Act. The report further categorized calls for service originating from the Library and the Guesthouse.

After some discussion the Committee requested the report be broadened to include other calls such as assaults, weapons, murder, and threats. Kathy Charlebois will follow up and report back to the Committee.

b) Consultant

Town staff reached out to all nineteen bid takers to request their feedback on the RFP. Five of the nineteen responded, indicating their reason for not submitting a bid. One of the proponents had expressed interest in completing a portion of the work, and staff will follow up further and report back to the Committee.

In the interim the Committee will continue with the problem statement with the objective of obtaining a consultant in mid-July. If we are unsuccessful in obtaining a consultant staff will report back to Council for direction.

7. Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting of the Ad Hoc Community Safety Task Force will take place on June 27th at 2pm. It was then

Moved by Barb Kettle

Seconded by George Dixon

That this meeting of the Ad Hoc Community Safety Task Force be adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

CARRIED.

Minutes approved: June 27, 2018

Mayor G. McKay, Chair