



MEETING #09-13
Wednesday Sept 11, 2013
Victoriaville Centre ~Suite #72

Minutes of Meeting

Present: Jim Hupka, Frances Larizza, Councillor Larry Hebert, Councillor Paul Pugh, Andrew Coffey, Kathy Skirving, JP Fraser, recording secretary ~ Tina Huk, BIA coordinator

Regrets: Bill Scollie

Absent: Tom Petrie,

Meeting was called to order at 8:02am

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

That the agenda for meeting # 09-13 be accepted as presented

Moved by: Councillor Larry Hebert Seconded by: Frances Larizza
Carried

2. GUEST: Inspector Sylvie Hauth

She has been a Police officer for 21 years – in charge of Community Services (zone policing, the Beat offices, 911 etc.)

In the past there were officers deployed in the North or the South ~ but there was no consistency. The new model will have officers assigned to one side.

The dividing line is the Harbour expressway for the North & South. They did a review of the nature of the calls to determine where they are busy and where they are not. The study of the calls showed that the following are the calls for service in a year.

1. Traffic Stops - 8741
2. F/U by officers – 5238
3. Liquor Licence Violations – 3747
4. Motor Vehicle Collisions – 2945
5. Domestic Disputes (weapons/suspect present) – 1931
6. Domestic Disputes (suspect not present) – 686

The idea of this module is to have ownership of the problems, improve police visibility,

increase job satisfaction and provide neighbourhood-based level of policing. The officers are to commit to 1 year.

Domestic Disputes take each officer a minimum of 2-3 hours providing it is a simple call (i.e. No weapons, a basic he said she said)

There are 5 officers assigned to this area – a Sergeant and 4 officers. They are working 24/7

Liquor Licence - looking at ways to improve services. Currently there are only 7 crisis beds (looking to increase to 21 beds) so anyone that is picked up over and above the 7 beds go to the police station to sober up.

Sometimes officers are called out for calls that are not police related – dead bird on the road, moose, picking up needles etc.

Zone Watch is a citizen based program. It is based on the same principal as the Zone policing.

Beat officers will be given Zones 2, 3, 4 & 5 as this is what they are doing now. The Beats will continue in their same areas and there will be better communication with other officers.

Zone Policing was supposed to roll out in October but there are some issues with the computer system. Once this is resolved it will be rolled out.

It was recommended that we invite the inspector to our AGM in March to make a presentation on Zone Policing

3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST: Andrew Coffey & Frances Larizza for the approval of invoices

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
That minutes from Meeting # 08-13 held on Wednesday August 14, 2013 be approved

Moved by: Councillor Larry Hebert Seconded by: Frances Larizza
Carried

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PAST MINUTES

6. TREASURER'S REPORT
6-1 Financial Analysis
6-2 Invoices to be approved – total \$3147.68

Moved by: Councillor Paul Pugh Seconded by: Councillor Larry Hebert
Carried

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7-1 Beautification
(a) Banners - nothing to report
(b) Trees/Lights -nothing to report
(c) Flowers - All planters are now up
(d)Furniture/Receptacles- To be stored for the winter - Oct 14, 2013
(e) Maintenance – nothing to report
(f) Streetscape – nothing to report

(g) Capital Projects – nothing to report

7-2 Promotion: The BIA coordinator gave a report on the successful Fall Festival. Participants will be sent surveys to ask for ideas of improving

7-3 Transportation: nothing to report

7-4 Lighting, Security & Safety- nothing to report

7-5 Communication - nothing to report

7-6 Crime & Security Issues: There was a huge window smashed at Ham's Optical. We need to ensure that the trees are trimmed so that there is a clear view of all business. It was suggested that we ask for a meeting with Charles Campbell, Darrell Matson, Shelley Veschio and Mark Smith– to discuss the line of sight and Eye on the Street.

Frances Larizza has offered the top of the Chapple Building or the top of Centennial Square for Camera's

8. Victoriaville Centre update – Kathy Skirving

- The elevators should be up and running by the end of Sept.
- Dec 3-7 Native arts & Craft Show
- Flu clinic in October
- Lake Superior Art Gallery will be planning the PA days for the year.
- Derek Silver's photographic display attracted a lot of attention – it will remain until the end of the month.
- Fort William Male Choir will be inducted in the Hall of Fame

9. Associate Memberships - nothing to report

10. CORRESPONDENCE / FOR YOUR INTEREST

11. NEW BUSINESS

1. *Blocking Justice Ave* after 10am – the board discussed the importance of ensuring that trucks that are loading and unloading do not block the road to through traffic.
2. *In camera session*
A motion by that the board go in camera to discuss HR issues

Moved by JP Fraser seconded by Councillor Larry Hebert

Carried

BIA Coordinator left the room

A motion to resume the regular meeting

Moved by JP Fraser seconded Kathy Skirving

Carried

A motion was put forward to ask the current p/t maintenance worker to continue on until the end of December

Moved by: Councillor Larry Hebert Seconded by Frances Larizza
Carried

3. The Board discussed *sharing minutes with the membership*. The BIA Coordinator spoke with the City Clerk about sharing minutes with members. The City charges .50/page for copies. A motion that we adopt a charge of .50/page to be consistent with the City

Moved by JP Fraser Seconded by Kathy Skirving
Carried

4. *Crime Prevention Council*: This committee needs a new BIA representative as our current representative is stepping down. It was recommended that we send out an email to the Downtown Zones committee to seek interest.
5. *Member benefits*: A number of BIA members have most recently had windows broken. JP Fraser was speaking to a member about the idea of approaching businesses' to see if they would partner with the BIA to offer a benefit. A motion that the coordinator contact glass companies to discuss possibility of partnership.

Moved by: JP Fraser Seconded by: Andrew Coffey
Carried

12. Next Meeting –October 2, 2013

13. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 9:05am