Meeting held on February 28, 2008, commencing at 12:17 p.m.


ALSO PRESENT: R. Black, G. Van Oosten and J. Wever.

REGrets: A. Mak, S. Polhill, L. Steel and D. Szpakowski.

I YOUR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Pedestrian Safety

1. That the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee (CSCP) heard a verbal presentation from G. Fowler, 962 Eagle Crescent, with respect to pedestrian safety issues. The CSCP was advised of the following by Mr. G. Fowler:

(a) he has previously asked the Environment and Transportation Committee to establish a Pedestrian Safety Committee;

(b) the newly-appointed Municipal Council dealt with this issue in camera;

(c) a report was prepared and given to the Board of Control, but Mr. Fowler has not seen the report;

(d) he has been advised by the Civic Administration that the Transportation Master Plan is not being updated at this time;

(e) he feels that the City of London does not care about its citizens; and

(f) he was successful in having a traffic study done by the London Police at the corner of Commissioners Road and Pond Mills Road; it being noted that the conclusion of the study is that the intersection is dangerous to pedestrians.

The CSCP asked its Committee Secretary to provide it and Mr. Fowler with a copy of the report dealing with pedestrian safety issues. The CSCP indicated it will review the report and make recommendations and will invite Mr. Fowler back when this issue is dealt with by the CSCP.

Update on Police Activities

2. That the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee (CSCP) heard a verbal presentation and received the attached statistics from R. Black, London Police Services, with respect to the Police Statistics for the month of January, 2008.

Update on Fire Activities

3. That the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee (CSCP) heard a verbal presentation and received the attached statistics from J. Wever, London Fire Services, with respect to the Fire Statistics for the month of January, 2008.

Neighbourhood Watch London Update

4. That the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee (CSCP) heard a verbal presentation from M. Murton with respect to the activities of Neighbourhood Watch London (NWL). The CSCP received the thanks of NWL for its letter of support for the NWL budget submission and that its Annual General Meeting will be held at the Hilton on April 19, 2008.

Community Safety Week / Community Events

5. That the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee (CSCP) postponed consideration of its discussion on Community Safety Week, and the communication from Child Safety Middlesex-London with respect to its timetable of events, to its next meeting when details of other public safety events are anticipated to be received.
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Public Input Sessions

6. (6) That the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee (CSCP) held a general discussion with respect to holding Public Input Sessions to hear concerns from the community and to inform the public of what services are available in the community. The CSCP asked that the Ward Councillors be advised that it intends to hold Public Input Sessions this year. The CSCP further discussed having presentations forwarded to the appropriate Civic Department for follow-up, with a copy of the response being provided to the CSCP for its information.

Violence in Video Games & On Television

7. (7) That the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee (CSCP) received a communication from L. Steel and V. Eldridge with respect to having Colonel D. Grossman provide a presentation on violence in video games and on television. The CSCP deferred the decision on a date for Mr. Grossman's presentation until it receives the timetable of public safety events happening in the community. The CSCP asked L. Steel, V. Eldridge and B. Brock to provide it with potential dates for Colonel D. Grossman's presentation and to ensure that the dates do not conflict with the preparation of report cards for the schools.

Our Children, Youth and Families

8. (12) That the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee (CSCP) heard the attended presentation from M. Reid, Manager of Children's Services. The CSCP asked Ms. Reid to attend a meeting in the Fall when the Children and Youth Agenda is completed.

Updates

9. That the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee (CSCP) was advised of the following updates:

(a) B. Brock advised the CSCP that the London Block Parent Program is working on its 40th Annual Conference to be held in London from April 13 to 16, 2008;

(b) M. Sherritt has asked several London seniors what their safety concerns are and the response has been the recent swarmings and the lack of shovelled sidewalks;

(c) L. Norman attended the Racing Against Drugs (RAD) Program and highly recommends that the CSCP consider supporting the RAD Program;

(d) J. Bennett attended the evening that L. Steel organized with Dr. Wolfe as the guest speaker at Central High School; it being noted that there were approximately 300 people in attendance; and

(e) G. Van Oosten provided the Committee Secretary with the schedule of events for the Active & Safe Routes to School program and the “Spring Into Spring” information that was provided to all London schools.

10. That the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee (CSCP) received and noted the following:

(a) (1) the 1st Report of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee (CSCP) from its meeting held on January 24, 2008;

(b) (9) a communication dated February 19, 2008 from L. Steel asking The University of Western Ontario, Fanshawe College, the Thames Valley District School Board and the London District Catholic School Board for nominations for a youth representative;

(c) (10) a communication dated February 19, 2008 from L. Steel acknowledging the contributions of D. Anstead on the CSCP; and

11. That the Community Safety & Crime Prevention Advisory Committee (CSCP) will hold its next meeting on March 27, 2008.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.
Meeting held on March 27, 2008, commencing at 12:23 p.m.


ALSO PRESENT: R. Black, A. Mak, D. Szpakowski and G. VanOosten.

REGRETS: J. Bennett, L. Steel and J. Wever.

I YOUR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Update on Police Activities

1. (2) That the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee (CSCP) heard a verbal presentation and received the attached statistics from R. Black, London Police Services, with respect to the Police Statistics for the month of February, 2008.

Update on Fire Activities

2. (3) That the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee (CSCP) received the attached statistics from J. Wever, London Fire Services, with respect to the Fire Statistics for the month of February, 2008.

Calendar of Public Safety Events

3. (5) That the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee (CSCP) received the "draft" Calendar of Public Safety Events from its Committee Secretary; it being noted that the "draft" Calendar will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Budget Update

4. (6) That the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee (CSCP) was advised by its Committee Secretary that it received its budget request of $7,039.00 for 2008.

Pedestrian Safety Information

5. (7) That the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee (CSCP) received communications from its Committee Secretary and heard a verbal presentation from G. Fowler, 962 Eagle Crescent, with respect to pedestrian safety issues. The CSCP asked for the following information:

   a. any by-laws, both municipal and provincial, relating to pedestrian safety issues;

   b. the statistics for pedestrian-related accidents and the number of times the pedestrian is at fault to be included in the Police Statistics provided to the CSCP on a monthly basis; and

   c. statistics from hospital emergency rooms relating to the number of pedestrian injuries;

   it being noted that the CSCP received information on its February 22, 2007 Agenda with respect to this matter.

Injury Centre Connection, Spring, 2008

6. (8) That the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee (CSCP) asked its Committee Secretary to ensure that the CSCP is added to the distribution list for the "Injury Centre Connection" newsletter.

Chair’s Report

7. That the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee (CSCP) heard a verbal presentation from L. Norman, Acting Chair, with respect to the request for a youth representative from the Thames Valley District School Board, the London District Catholic School Board and the University of Western Ontario; it being noted that all the organizations have expressed an interest in having a youth representative on the CSCP. The CSCP was also advised that the North East London Community Engagement Committee has asked for an update on the public input sessions that have been held previously.
8. That the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee (CSCP) received and noted the following:

(a) (1) the 2nd Report of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee (CSCP) from its meeting held on February 28, 2008; and

(b) (4) the February Report of Neighbourhood Watch London.

Next Meeting

9. That the Community Safety & Crime Prevention Advisory Committee (CSCP) will hold its next meeting on Thursday, April 24, 2008.

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.