



**PUBLIC MINUTES
STREET ACTIVITY STEERING COMMITTEE**

**November 18, 2015, 11:05 am
Committee Room E, Ground Floor, City Hall**

PRESENT: Mr. B. Penner, Chair
Mr. R. Pshebylo, Vice Chair
Ms. S. Marchildon
Staff Sergeant A. Chevli
Senior Planner E. Miller

ABSENT: Ms. V. Charles
Inspector R. Friesen

ALSO PRESENT: Community Support Program Supervisor L. Prefontaine
Committee Assistant J. Fast

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: R. Pshebylo

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: R. Pshebylo

That the minutes of regular meeting of the Street Activity Steering Committee held on September 16, 2015 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

The Chair welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Committee since the Community Support Program was made permanent by City Council at its meeting held on September 28, 2015.

The Chair provided the following update:

- Work is being done on the preliminary budget for 2016.
- The Panhandling Bylaw and Street Use Bylaw are being reviewed.
- Looking at branding of the program.
- Possibly replacing the van now that the program is continuing and wrap with branding that reflects the program so it is more visible.
- The posters on the streetscape directories need to be updated as they still refer to the program as a pilot project.

Discussion followed regarding revisions to the Bylaws that give the Community Support Officers the tools to deal with situations on the street.

Moved By: R. Pshebylo

That the information be received.

CARRIED

5.1 Rotation of Chair [File No. CK. 225-74]

The Chair suggested the position of Chair could be a Committee member and asked members to give this consideration prior to the January meeting.

Moved By: R. Pshebylo

That the information be received.

CARRIED

6. COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM PILOT PROJECT - REVIEW FOR PERMANENT STATUS [FILE NO. CK. 5605-3]

The Committee Assistant submitted the public resolution from the minutes of meeting of City Council held on September 28, 2015, where City Council resolved, in part:

9. That the matter of public intoxication in Saskatoon be referred to the Board of Police Commissioners and Street Activity Steering Committee for a review; and
10. That the matter of the possibility of locating the Community Support Program head office in the Lighthouse be referred to the Administration to review with the Business Improvement Districts and the Lighthouse. Information regarding Item 9 above forms part of the Community Support Program Supervisor's Report (Item 7.1).

Discussion followed regarding possibly locating the program at the Lighthouse. It was noted that space currently is not available there, and there is not a pressing need to move out of the current location as it is most neutral and not biased to any Business Improvement District or any service provider.

Moved By: R. Pshebylo

That the Street Activity Steering Committee currently supports the present location of the Community Support Program as it fits its mandate, budget, and the location is suitable.

CARRIED

7. COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM

7.1 Community Support Program Supervisor's Report [File No. CK. 5605-3]

The Committee Assistant submitted a report from the Supervisor, Community Support Program and noted that Community Support Program (CSP) staff attended a total of 292 calls for service and assisted 380 individuals in the months of September and October.

Community Support Program Supervisor Prefontaine summarized the information in her report regarding public intoxication and how issues are currently handled. It was noted that the issue is when services are unavailable to certain individuals. The officers try to find out details of a ban or exclusion of a particular service and act accordingly. Unfortunately, there are still people falling through gaps, who are banned from all services and there is an added concern with winter coming.

It was noted that 83% of calls were made directly to the CSP office, discovered on patrol, or self-initiated, which indicates the program is working. Discussion followed regarding the calls for service for public intoxication and banning of individuals.

Community Support Program Supervisor advised on page 3 of her report under Key Indicator Update it should read "In September and October the following key indicators were captured," not July and August as stated.

Moved By: R. Pshebylo

That the information be received.

CARRIED

7.2 Program Database [File No. CK. 5605-3]

Senior Planner Miller advised that the database requires updating as there have been some difficulties pulling out some of the information for the Supervisor's reports, and noted that the database is invaluable for collecting, analyzing, and reporting out on information.

The Committee discussed updating the database since the program is now permanent, and Senior Planner Miller undertook to meet with the IT staff that developed the original database, along with Community Support Program Supervisor Prefontaine in this regard.

Moved By: S. Marchildon

That the information be received.

CARRIED

7.3 Service Provider Group Meetings [File No. CK. 5605-3]

Senior Planner Miller advised that the Service Provider groups have not been meeting regularly and discussion followed as to how to strengthen the connection and what format this could take.

Senior Planner Miller undertook to arrange a meeting with the Service Provider groups the week prior to the Committee's January meeting and following this will provide an update to the Committee.

Moved By: S. Marchildon

That the information be received.

CARRIED

8. MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2016 [File No. CK. 225-74]

The Committee Assistant submitted the following proposed schedule of meetings for 2016:

Wednesday, January 20
Wednesday, March 16
Wednesday, May 18
Wednesday, July 20
Wednesday, September 21
Wednesday, November 16

Moved By: S. Marchildon

That the meeting dates for the Street Activity Steering Committee for 2016 be approved.

CARRIED

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

B. Penner, Chair

J. Fast, Committee Assistant