

November 19th, 2015

Report from Councilor Jo-Anne Cartner

Hub Meetings – Community Safety and Wellbeing

I attended two more meetings to discuss what this committee hopes to achieve moving forward. At the October 19th meeting each agency participating in this initiative gave a summary of the services they provide to the community and discussed how to achieve an effective overall communication strategy between their different agencies to deal with high risk individuals. Staff Sgt. Rick Witty of the Kirkland Lake OPP was invited to attend the meeting on November 12th to discuss and give a brief outline of his community's pilot safety planning project which puts emphasis on preventing crimes before they happen. His presentation was well received and can be used as an example for the South Temiskaming committee to follow. Both Kirkland Lake and South Temiskaming are hoping to achieve the same outcome, which is to identify high-risk individuals and deal with them before issues escalate and they enter the justice system.

Brent Cecchini, Detachment Commander of Temiskaming OPP is putting together Terms of Reference to present at the next meeting and will be forwarding a sample case for discussion amongst the participants at the next meeting on December 8th.

I worked with Lise and Theo to make sure the number of households and commercial/industrial properties the OPP are billing us for in 2016 is correct. We went through the entire assessment roll and the collector's roll and came up with almost the same numbers. Considering these numbers can change throughout the year, we think MPAC and the OPP are pretty accurate. If you've reviewed our OMPF funding for 2016, you'll see that they have used 240 households as part of their data input as well.

Trudy, Perry and I met with Nicky Paige to discuss and come to agreement on the rental terms for the library space in the Fred Keenan Centre for her new venture.