



**Seniors and Law Enforcement Together**  
*Making a Difference in our Communities*

**February 28, 2012**

**11:00 AM, Super 8 Motel**

**Attendance:**

**Krista Nielson, NWHU**

**Robert Schulz**

**Nell Laur**

**Mike Bird**

**Gloria Bergner**

**Sue Drew**

**Vicky Wishart**

**Donna McKelvie**

**Marjorie Katerick**

**Tracy Oshie-Horton**

**Bob Armit**

**Anne McCoy, OPP**

**1.01 Introductions were made for the members present. Tracy Oshie-Horton was introduced as a representative of Rainy River First Nation. Robert briefly described the history, activities and mission statement of the SALT group.**

**1.02 Report: meeting of February 15, re: Expansion of the Sister Kennedy Centre (Gloria, Sue, Mike, Nell & Donna attended):**

- Suggestions for expansion were taken, although Coun. Hallikas made it clear that the town does not currently have any money to build on to the Sister Kennedy Centre. Expansion of the centre is necessary to accommodate any additional activities or meetings to take place at the centre**
- Interest was shown by Sister Kennedy board members to attend a SALT meeting, but although the invitation was extended by the SALT, no members have attended a meeting so far**
- Those running the meeting were not able to answer questions posed to them, ie: in regards to which seniors groups they would like to include (other than SALT), about money, etc. The Sister Kennedy board is appointed by the town council – there is a concern from SALT that if they were to join the Sister Kennedy centre, there would be no representation on the board**
- The Centre wants other groups to use Sister Kennedy centre, but not if doing so will interfere with regularly scheduled card games and activities**
- The process to use the Sister Kennedy centre is as follows: One must apply; the application is then brought to a board committee; *if* there are no conflicts, the application *may* be approved**

**1.08 Report: Safe School – Traffic Safety Initiative meeting of February 9 (Robert attended):**

- **Each school made a presentation in regards to what has happened since the November meeting. Each school was in favour of the Kiss & Ride program, and agreed that volunteers would wear reflective vests.**
- **Problems identified at the schools isn't necessarily the children, but the parents sitting in vehicles parked on both sides of the street – many parents choose to drive their children to school to ensure safety, but congestion outside of schools creates a major problem – the Kiss & Ride program will eliminate this by creating 1 way traffic and quick drop-offs**
- **There may be a need for crosswalk supervision at Kings Highway - this will not be the responsibility of SALT, but rather of a paid town employee**
- **If any physical changes are necessary, the costs associated with such will be borne by the school board**
- **Kiss & Ride may be implemented this fall at J.W. Walker school**
- **It was agreed that all schools must maintain open and strong communication with one another to ensure effectiveness of the program**

**1.15 Media: Robert currently notifies the Fort Frances Times about SALT and ALAG meetings; Randy Thoms of B93 has noted that the radio station will also announce meetings as well as any press or media releases. Telephone number is 274-5341.**

#### **1.16 Report: Restorative Justice Circle (Robert & Nell):**

- **The first restorative justice circle, held Feb.2 was a success. Since the session, Nell has contacted 2 of the participants, who have reported that they are satisfied with the results. The other participant could not be contacted, but the others reported that the outcome seems positive. Both Nell & Robert agreed that it was a nerve-wracking experience at time, but in the end was very positive and definitely worthwhile**

**1.18 OPP 2011 – 2013 Business Plan (Anne): SALT will continue to need technical support. Robert will contact Steve Shouldice to discuss.**

**1.19 OPP & Community Partners workshop (Anne): This workshop is scheduled for March 22 & 23, and will be held at the Fort Frances Library. The focus is Crime prevention (public safety, technology, scams/frauds, etc.) and is being held through Technology Enforcement. Victim Services and RRDSB will also be in attendance. This is the Northwest region launch. Mike Bird will attend on behalf of the SALT.**

**1.20 Continued role of OPP at SALT (Anne): as a community services officer, Anne will continue to attend SALT meetings but will be stepping back to more of a resource than a leader. The SALT group has grown and found much success since coming**

together a couple of years ago and has strong leadership at present.

- 1.21 **Report: Funding & Finances – nothing to report as of yet from New Horizons – *if* the grant is approved, we may find out in April.**
  
- 1.22 **Update: Elder Abuse Presentations – the presentations and presenters are ready to go. Technical support may be needed, although partners hosting presentations will often have media required. In early April, Robert will contact Kim Tarrant at DSSAB to begin setting up dates for presentations.**
  
- 1.23 **Update: ALAG Strategic Planning Session – the session is tentatively scheduled to be held at the Sister Kennedy Centre, on either March 26 or April 2, and will consist of approximately 40 people representing organizations throughout the district. The end result of this session will be moving ahead with the surveys to determine needs of seniors.**
  
- 1.24 **Update: SALT website – lots of new information has been added to the site. Mike & Nell are adding photos, meeting minutes and more. The two will discuss an official public launch date for the website, which will be advertised widely.**
  
- 1.25 **Adjournment: The next meeting of the SALT will take place on March 27, 2012 at 11:00 AM at the Super 8.**