

## Mar 26, 2026 | 📅 Downtown Safety Meeting

📍 Chamber of Commerce, 205 Main St East

Attendees: Brannyn Hale, Ray Ladouceur, David Jackowski, Claude D'Aigle, Jamie Peters, Donna Forget, Rod Bilz, Bruce Robertson, Gary Gardiner, Dan Pinheiro, Ron Melnyk, Mark Thomas, Bev Hillier, Amber Livingstone, Katie Bevan, Brent Kalinowski, Joe Gardiner

### **MINUTES**

1. City notifications (ex. Committee of Adjustments)
  - Planning Act regulates how notices go out and what information is required. How residential units will be occupied is not included. No appeal mechanism in the Planning Act other than from the applicant (none by third parties).
  - Property owners are not required to advise municipality what type of housing is involved; no regulation of the income makeup of residential building/area.
  - Garbage plans are not part of the building permit.
  - Suggestion for Property Standards to require garbage plan, sprinklered building from developers.
2. Fire Prevention Discussions
  - Fire prevention and accountability: Stairwells cannot be closed if the garage is in use; suggested keyfob entry & crash bar on doors when exiting. Fire code does not make provisions. Legally, an alternative solution is required that must meet life safety for occupancy.
  - Studies happening with garage through CNB. Anticipate having necessary data in 12 months.
3. POST Updates:

Moving operations to Nipissing First Nation as of June 1, 2026. Beacon Community Network and True Self are collaborating and responding to an RFP by DNSSAB to continue an outreach program to maintain 8am-8pm weekday operations and 9am-5pm on weekends. They also offer peer support with a housing retention program. A letter of support would be helpful. Proposal deadline is March 30, 2026.