

Sep 24, 2026 | 📅 Downtown Safety Meeting

📍 Chamber of Commerce, 205 Main St East

Attendees: Katie Bevan, Ray Ladouceur, Dan Pinheiro, Joe Gardiner, Katina Connelly, Bruce Robertson, Ron Melnyk, Brannyn Hale, Maureen Bentley, David Jackowski, Bev Hillier, Brent Kalinowski, Amber Livingstone

MINUTES

1. Parking garage concerns
Increased activity with groups clustering around the kiosk on the McIntyre level.
Invite Mark Thomas to future meetings.
2. Parking Study update
Another public & stakeholder consultation is forthcoming. Next round will see consultants bringing back information to the municipality.
3. NB Police Services update
Continuing to move people along. 24-hour shelter is open.
4. HOPE program update
Currently have four outreach staff in place and are in the process of hiring relief staff to ensure they maintain a full complement. The team continues to conduct daily downtown outreach walks and daily encampment outreach work. In addition, staff complete weekly visits to Sturgeon Falls and monthly, or as-needed, visits to Mattawa.
5. Fire prevention tips coming from Joe Gardiner to share with membership.

We will pause the November meeting, and reconvene January 28, 2027.