



MINUTES
Community Policing Advisory Committee

April 18, 2018
9:00am
Council Chambers, Town Hall

Committee Members Present: Peter McAsh
Mayor Strathdee
Fred Stam
John McGarry
Councillor Don Van Galen

OPP Present: Detachment Commander Rob Scott
Staff Sargent Stephane Pilon

Staff Present: Brent Kittmer, Board Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Van Galen called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None declared.

3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Moved By J. McGarry

Seconded By F. Stam

That the agenda for the April 18, 2018 Community Policing Advisory Committee be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved By P. McAsh

Seconded By F. Stam

THAT the minutes of the March 21, 2018 Community Policing Advisory Committee be approved and signed by the Chair and Secretary.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None raised.

6. DELEGATIONS

None received.

7. REPORTS

7.1 POLICE MONTHLY STATISTICS

R. Scott reviewed the March 2018 OPP Monthly report.

In response to Chair Van Galen, Rob Scott explained the following related to school lockdowns:

- School has protocols to make a decision regarding a lockdown. Not always are the police involved.
- If the OPP are involved, they will issue public media releases.
- If the OPP are not involved, the communications procedures are determined by the school board.

In response to Mayor Strathdee, Rob Scott explained there was an error in the monthly report regarding focused patrols. Rob Scott clarified that there is a current focused patrol in St. Marys regarding noise complaints and a downtown entertainment.

Moved By F. Stam

Seconded By J. McGarry

THAT the March 2018 OPP Monthly report be received for information.

CARRIED

7.2 MONTHLY FALSE ALARM REPORT (March 2018)

Moved By P. McAsh

Seconded By F. Stam

THAT the March 2018 False Alarm report be received for information.

CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE

None received.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Discussion - Community Concerns re: Increased Graffiti and Tagging

Chair Van Galen raised this item for discussion at the request of Council from the April 10, 2018 Town Council meeting.

Rob Scott offered the following information and suggestions:

- The recent tagging in St. Marys is likely youth oriented and not gang related. As a result, it can be difficult to identify culprits because there is no commonly known tag used.
- The OPP will reach out to the School officer to educate youth, and review social media to determine if anyone is taking credit for the work.
- The OPP will increase patrol hours in affected areas.
- Work to encourage downtown property owners to call the police if they see someone suspicious in their alley ways, or affected areas.
- File reports with the OPP after tagging occurs so that the OPP can focus their patrols to these areas.
- Quick removal of tags is a good strategy so that no publicity is drawn to the tag. This can have a discouraging effect to the tagger.
- Work with youth to develop an area where tagging and graffiti art is promoted. This has been a successful strategy employed in larger centres.
- Reach out to other communities to determine strategies they have taken to reduce graffiti and tagging.

10. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Chair Van Galen noted the upcoming meetings as listed on the agenda.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By F. Stam

Seconded By J. McGarry

THAT the April 18, 2018 meeting of the Community Policing Advisory Committee be adjourned at 9:50am.

CARRIED

Chair Don Van Galen

Brent Kittmer, CAO / Clerk, Board Secretary