



MINUTES
Community Policing Advisory Committee

October 17, 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 Sgt. Stephane Pilon

Stratford Police Services Board Present: Chief Greg Skinner
Deputy Chief Gerald Foster

Staff Present: Brent Kittmer, Committee Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Chair Van Galen requested an update from the OPP regarding the local concern of mobility scooters using roadways unsafely. S. Pilon will speak to this during the OPP monthly report.

Moved By Peter McAsh

Seconded By Fred Stam

THAT the agenda for October 17, 2018 Community Policing Advisory Committee be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

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Moved By Fred Stam
Seconded By Mayor Strathdee

THAT the September 19, 2018 Community Policing Advisory Committee meeting minutes be approved and signed by the Chair and the Secretary.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None.

6. DELEGATIONS

None received.

7. REPORTS

7.1 OPP Monthly Report - September 2018

R. Scott spoke to the OPP Monthly report.

Mayor Strathdee inquired if there is anything the community should be doing to assist in the increased mental health calls. R. Scott noted that the OPP looks to crisis response, and integrating all service providers and community supports when responding. The OPP is investigating developing support hubs. Member McGarry updated the Committee that the United Way is raising funds locally to assist with hub development and that he will connect with the OPP.

S. Pilon spoke to the concern of unsafe operation of scooters on town streets, and the concern about loitering on Widder Street. The OPP sent out a zone alert to its patrol officers and requested that increased patrols be dedicated to reviewing these two issues. As of the date of the meeting no statistics were available if these patrols had revealed anything. If the problems persist, a dedicated focused patrol will be initiated.

Moved By Fred Stam
Seconded By John McGarry

THAT the September 2018 OPP monthly report be received for information.

CARRIED

7.2 False Alarm Report - September 2018

Moved By Peter McAsh
Seconded By Mayor Strathdee

THAT the September 2018 False Alarm Report be received for information.

CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE

None received.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Verbal Update - Town's Consideration of the Impact of Cannabis Legalization

B. Kittmer updated the Committee on Council's consideration of the municipal impacts of cannabis legalization. Council will consider a staff report on October 30, 2018 and any police enforcement related matters will be brought to the Committee for discussion and advice.

9.2 Verbal Update - Stratford Police Transition Activities

B. Kittmer introduced Stratford Police Chief Greg Skinner and Deputy Chief Gerald Foster to the Committee.

Chief Skinner and Deputy Chief Foster provided the Committee with an update on the transition activities ahead of the November 5, 2018 change in service date.

10. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The Committee agreed to reschedule the November meeting to November 22, 2018 at 9:00 am.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By John McGarry

Seconded By Peter McAsh

THAT this meeting of the Community Policing Advisory Committee be adjourned at 9:54am.

CARRIED

Chair Don Van Galen

Brent Kittmer, CAO / Clerk, Board Secretary