



**MINUTES**  
**Community Policing Advisory Committee**

November 22, 2018  
9:00am  
Council Chambers, Town Hall

Committee Members Present: Peter McAsh  
Mayor Strathdee  
Fred Stam  
Chair Don Van Galen

Committee Members Present: John McGarry

Stratford Police Services Board Present: Chief Greg Skinner  
Deputy Chief Gerald Foster  
Community Resources Officer Nick Keating

Staff Present: Brent Kittmer, Secretary

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None declared.

**3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

The committee reviewed the agenda as circulated.

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Moved By** Fred Stam

**Seconded By** Peter McAsh

**THAT** the October 17, 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 STATISTICS**

### **7.2 OPP FALSE ALARM REPORT**

**Moved By** Peter McAsh

**Seconded By** Fred Stam

**THAT** the October 2018 OPP monthly report be received for information;  
and

**THAT** the October 2018 False Alarm Report be received for information.

**CARRIED**

### **7.3 STRATFORD POLICE MONTHLY REPORT**

Chief Greg Skinner distributed a summary of the St. Marys contract statistics over the first two weeks of Stratford having policed the Town. He reviewed the transition activities, and noted that by all accounts the transition went smoothly. He further reported that the Stratford Police Service and the OPP collaborated on the first day with Stratford having officers start shift at 7:00 pm on November 4 and the OPP having officers finishing shift at 7:00 am November 5. The Committee members reported that they had received only positive comments regarding the transition.

Deputy Chief Gerry Foster reviewed the calls for service received by the police over the first two weeks of the contract. In total, 159 calls for service were received over the two week period. This is comparable, but slightly lower than a regular Stratford patrol zone.

Officer Nick Keating reviewed his activities at the local schools, as well as his efforts to walk through the downtown to meet with business owners.

Moving forward, the CPAC requested that the monthly report include a general update on the activities/initiatives/campaigns the police were undertaking in Town and a report on the activities at local schools.

**Moved By** Fred Stam

**Seconded By** Peter McAsh

**THAT** the Stratford Police Monthly Report verbal update be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

**8.1 Wanda Mossey re: Skateboard Park Patrol**

**Moved By** Peter McAsh

**Seconded By** Fred Stam

**THAT** the correspondence from Wanda Mossey regarding skateboard park patrol be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**9. OTHER BUSINESS**

**9.1 Discussion - Amend Traffic By-Law to Prohibit Scooter Use on Town Streets**

The Committee members discussed the recent public concerns of scooters using the roadways. Officer Keating clarified that the recent accident involving a scooter was not a result of the scooter operator's fault. The driver was at fault in that situation.

The Committee provided direction to staff to collect further information on this topic and to report back to the Committee for review. The committee would like to know what advice is provided by medical suppliers to scooter users, how a scooter is defined in the *Highway Traffic Act*, the recommendation of the Accessibility Advisory Committee and the Senior Services Board.

**9.2 Discussion - Police Check Fees for Volunteers**

The Committee discussed the possibility of the Town foregoing police check revenue to allow for volunteer positions to continue to receive checks free of charge. Staff was given direction to collect historical stats and report back on police checks so that the financial impact can be determined.

**10. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

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

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved By** Peter McAsh

**Seconded By** Fred Stam

**THAT** this meeting of the Community Policing Advisory Committee be adjourned at 9:40am.

**CARRIED**

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Chair Don Van Galen

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Brent Kittmer, CAO / Clerk, Secretary