



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

February 20, 2019  
9:00am  
Council Chambers, Town Hall

Committee Members Present: Mayor Strathdee  
Councillor Winter  
Jacqueline Hibbert  
Paul Dunseith

Committee Member Regrets Doug Diplock

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

Staff Present: Brent Kittmer, Secretary

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Winter called the meeting to order at 9:11 am.

**2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None declared.

**3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Paul Dunseith requested that future agenda's reflect the firehall/police colocation discussion scheduled for the May meeting.

Mayor Strathdee requested to add a 9.2.4 regarding concerns received about the social housing in St. Marys.

**Moved By** Mayor Strathdee

**Seconded By** Paul Dunseith

THAT the February 20, 2019 Community Policing Advisory Committee meeting agenda be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

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

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It was noted that Item #4 of the minutes should be amended to reflect the election of the Vice-Chair for the committee.

**Moved By** Jacqueline Hibbert

**Seconded By** Paul Dunseith

THAT the January 16, 2019 Community Policing Advisory Committee meeting minutes be approved as amended and signed by the Chair and Secretary.

**CARRIED**

## **5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

### **5.1 Follow-Up - Public Education re: CPAC Members**

Brent Kittmer reported that Corporate Communications was developing an updated police webpage for the Town, and would organize public communications regarding the role of CPAC and its members.

Brent Kittmer confirmed that Corporate Communications would review the Town website to ensure that all OPP contact information is deleted.

## **6. DELEGATIONS**

None received.

## **7. REPORTS**

### **7.1 Stratford Police Service Monthly Operating Report**

Chief Greg Skinner and Deputy Chief Gerry Foster provided an overview of the January operations report. They noted the changes in the level of detail in the report as requested by the CPAC. The goal is to make minor changes to the report over the next few months to develop a template that is satisfactory to the Stratford Police Services Board, and the St. Marys and Perth South CPACs.

In response to Mayor Strathdee, the Deputy Chief confirmed that Crime Stoppers is run by the County. The Stratford Police Service receives information from the service and reports back on investigations.

The Chief reviewed the Stratford Police Services organizational structure, and identified each of the services that are available from Stratford. He confirmed that the service does have undercover capacity, and that the service has officers ranging from level 2 to level 4 in traffic collision investigations. In complex situations like accident reconstruction, the service will call in additional expertise from other departments.

In response to Paul Dunseith, the Deputy Chief confirmed that Stratford does have CVSA trained officers, but not to the level of being able to complete a full roadside inspection. During blitzes, MTO staff are arranged to assist.

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **8.1 Director of Public Works re: James Street South Traffic Calming Efforts**

The committee received the correspondence from the Director of Public works with thanks. The committee also extended thanks to the Stratford Police Department for their efforts in reducing speeding in Town.

The committee requested that the Secretary follow-up with Public Works to see if the charts could be modified to show speeds at various times of day.

## **9. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **9.1 CAO 17-2019 Fees for Police Checks for Volunteers**

Secretary Brent Kittmer spoke to CAO 17-2019 and responded to questions from the Committee.

Deputy Chief Foster noted that the online system that the police use may not be capable of waiving the fee. The committee briefly discussed the Town rebating volunteers who provide adequate proof of the costs.

**Moved By** Jacqueline Hibbert

**Seconded By** Paul Dunseith

THAT CAO 17-2019 Fees for Police Checks for Volunteers be received;  
and

THAT the Community Policing Advisory Committee recommends to Council:

THAT Council pass a resolution setting a policy decision that police checks for volunteers in St. Marys be completed at no charge.

**CARRIED**

### **9.2 Report on Community Concerns Received**

#### **9.2.1 James Street South Round About - Traffic Impact**

Paul Dunseith spoke to concerns he's received from members of the public regarding safety issues at the James Street South and

Highway #7 intersection. Mr. Dunseith also explained safety concerns for volunteer firefighters who have to control traffic at accidents at this intersections.

The committee acknowledged that this topic was likely outside of their mandate, but agreed safety of motorists and volunteer firefighters is important. The committee requested that the Secretary follow-up with the MTO to determine if a round-about was planned for this intersection.

#### **9.2.2 Overnight Parking and Enforcement**

Brent Kittmer explained that parking enforcement was delayed due to delivery issues with the parking tickets. Since tickets have been available, the police have been regularly enforcing.

Deputy Chief Foster spoke to the difficulty of CMV parking enforcement in the core. He explained that it is difficult for an officer to differentiate between a vehicle parked for deliveries and a vehicle parked illegally. The Deputy Chief suggested that the Town look for appropriate signage as a first step of enforcement through education.

#### **9.2.3 Downtown Pedestrian Crosswalks - Illegal Pedestrian Crossings**

Paul Dunseith explained the public's concerns that had been raised to him, and the concern for pedestrians who choose to cross illegally.

Mr. Dunseith also noted that there have been instances of eastbound pedestrian lights lighting up on their own.

The committee discussed how to encourage compliance. Staff were requested to consider re-issuing the public education campaign that occurred when the lights were first installed.

#### **9.2.4 Social Housing Resident Concerns**

Mayor Strathdee brought forward recent concerns he had received from residents of the social housing in St. Marys, and thanked the Stratford Police for all of their response efforts.

The Chief and Deputy Chief confirmed that they would be meeting with Stratford Social Services to review current issues and possible solutions.

Chief Skinner explained that the Stratford Police do have a mental health strategy. One initiative has been to have a representative from the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance complete ride alongs one to two days per week to provide support in the community.

**10. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Chair Winter reviewed the upcoming meetings as presented on the agenda.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved By** Paul Dunseith

**Seconded By** Jacqueline Hibbert

THAT this meeting of the Community Policing Advisory Committee be adjourned at 10:13 am.

**CARRIED**

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Chair Winter

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Brent Kittmer, CAO / Clerk, Secretary