



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

April 17, 2019  
9:00am  
Council Chambers, Town Hall

Committee Members Present: Councillor Winter  
Councillor Craigmile  
Doug Diplock  
Jacqueline Hibbert  
Paul Dunseith

Committee Member Regrets Mayor Strathdee

Stratford Police Services Present: Chief Greg Skinner  
Community Resources Officer Keating

Staff Present: Jenna McCartney, Secretary

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Winter called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

**2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None declared.

**3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Doug Diplock asked that one item be added under Other Business; 1. High Incidence / High Enforcement Areas.

Chief Skinner asked that two items be added under Other Business; 1. Ontario Cannabis Legalization Implementation Fund, and 2. Bicycle Patrol.

**Moved By** Jacqui Hibbert

**Seconded By** Paul Dunseith

**THAT** the April 17, 2019 Community Policing Advisory Committee agenda be accepted as amended.

**CARRIED**

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

**Moved By** Doug Diplock

**Seconded By** Paul Dunseith

**THAT** the minutes of the March 20, 2019 Community Policing Advisory Committee meeting be approved and signed by the Chair and Secretary.

**CARRIED**

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

##### **5.1 Stratford Police Services Board Meeting**

All members and the Secretary will be present at the Stratford Police Services Board meeting on May 15, 2019.

##### **5.2 Minutes of Stratford PSB and Perth South CPAC**

Chair Winter confirmed that the minutes of Stratford Police Services Board meetings and Perth South Community Policing Advisory Committee will be posted on their respective websites for public review.

##### **5.3 Recommendation to Council Regarding Speed Limit Reduction**

Chair Winter updated the Committee on the proceedings at Council.

Paul Dunseith asked if the police or the Town would be able to qualify whether the number of Highway Traffic Act infractions laid is comparative to the traffic volume in the area. Chief Skinner confirmed that the Stratford Police Service would be able to qualify if the rate of traffic incidents is typical for the traffic volume.

Jacqui Hibbert suggested that all parties wait an additional six months to determine if there is a need to reduce the speed limit along Queen Street.

The Committee was of the consensus that it await the pending staff report.

#### **6. DELEGATIONS**

Chair Winter reported that there was a photograph taken of the Chair and the Community Resource Officer for the Town's website.

#### **7. REPORTS**

##### **7.1 Stratford Police Service Monthly Operating Report - March 2019**

The Crime Stoppers March report was provided to the Committee at the beginning of the meeting. No further discussion on the matter occurred.

Chief Skinner provided an overview of the March operations report.

In response to Chair Winter's inquiry about training, Chief Skinner stated that the police receive regular intervals of training related to supporting persons with mental health complexities.

In response to Paul Dunseith's inquiry about statistics, Chief Skinner stated that the police will break out the nature of proactive charges in the future (ie: HTA charges vs. others)

Chief Skinner stated that the sexual assault report noted in the monthly statistics originated from a nursing home and the complaint was deemed unfounded. No further action on this matter.

Chief Skinner acknowledged that the police check and media release numbers are reflective of Perth South, not St. Marys. Correct data was verbally shared with the Committee.

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

## **9. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **9.1 Areas of High Incidence and High Enforcement**

In response to the concerns addressed by the Committee about a specific apartment building in St. Marys, Chief Skinner stated that the police and Stratford Social Services have engaged in conversation about the situation. Stratford Social Services have acknowledged recent placement issues and will put additional checks in place in the future to reduce the occurrence. Both parties are actively looking for solutions to improve the situation, and Stratford Social Services is planning for investments in additional security technology for the building.

In response to the concerns addressed by Doug Diplock about high incidence and high enforcement areas, Chief Skinner stated that a number of factors contribute to the development of high enforcement areas including community engagement, criminal incident analysis and consultation with the Committee.

In response to Doug Diplock's inquiry about the areas of high incidence for Highway Traffic Act infractions, Community Resource Officer Nick Keating stated that all arterial entries to Town are being monitored by the police.

### **9.2 Cannabis Legalization Implementation Fund**

Chief Skinner stated that the provincial government will provide St. Marys with Cannabis Legalization Implementation funding in installments. There are a number of programs with which the municipality may decide to direct the use of the funds.

Chief Skinner stated that the police are seeking consent from the Town to develop a plan that identifies a strategy for responsible use of cannabis.

**Moved By** Doug Diplock

**Seconded By** Paul Dunseith

**THAT** the Community Policing Advisory Committee approve request of the Stratford Police Service to work towards developing a plan in cooperation with other stakeholders for implementing programs related to the use of cannabis legalization implementation funds.

**CARRIED**

### **9.3 Bicycle Patrol**

Chief Skinner stated that the Stratford Police Service is seeking approval from the Committee to draft a proposal for a seasonal bicycle patrol.

The Committee was of the consensus that a bicycle patrol in St. Marys would be ideal.

**Moved By** Doug Diplock

**Seconded By** Jacqui Hibbert

**THAT** the Community Policing Advisory Committee approve the request from Stratford Police Service to develop a plan for implementing a bicycle patrol within the Town of St. Marys and to report back to the Committee at a future date.

**CARRIED**

## **10. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

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

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved By** Jacqui Hibbert

**Seconded By** Paul Dunseith

**THAT** this meeting of the Community Policing Advisory Committee be adjourned at 10:09 am.

**CARRIED**

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Chair Winter

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Brent Kittmer, CAO / Clerk, Secretary