



MINUTES
Community Policing Advisory Committee

May 15, 2019
9:00am
Council Chambers, Town Hall

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

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

Staff Present: Brent Kittmer, Secretary
Jed Kelly, Director of Public Works
Jenna McCartney, Deputy Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None declared.

3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Paul Dunseith asked that "qualify" be changed to "quantify" in both references on page 2, item 5.3, second paragraph.

Doug Diplock asked that "compliant" be changed to "complaint" on page 3, item 7.1, second last paragraph.

Moved By Doug Diplock

Seconded By Paul Dunseith

THAT the minutes of the April 17, 2019 Community Policing Advisory Committee meeting be approved as amended and signed by the Chair and Secretary.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

5.1 Report Back - Summer Bicycle Patrol

Deputy Chief Gerald Foster confirmed that the 2019 budget was sufficient to purchase the equipment necessary to establish a bike patrol and spoke to the patrol plan that will be unveiled this summer in St. Marys.

6. DELEGATIONS

None received.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Stratford Police Service Monthly Operating Report - April 2019

Deputy Chief Foster stated that report is now broken out by municipality.

Deputy Chief Foster provided an overview with the diversion program.

Doug Diplock inquired if there is a correlation between the location(s) that speeding tickets are being issued and accidents are occurring.

Deputy Chief Foster clarified that most accidents are minor in nature and are not the result of spending. At this point in time no trends have been identified. The Deputy Chief noted that the police are focusing their traffic enforcement efforts on the major thoroughfares.

Moved By Paul Dunseith

Seconded By Jacqui Hibbert

THAT the April 2019 Stratford Police Service monthly report be received.

CARRIED

7.2 Crime Stoppers Monthly Report - April 2019

Deputy Chief Foster reviewed the crime stoppers report and responded to questions from the Committee.

Moved By Mayor Strathdee

Seconded By Paul Dunseith

THAT the April 2019 Crime Stoppers report be received for information.

CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE

None received.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 CAO 39-2019 Police Space Needs and CPAC Priorities Discussion

Brent Kittmer provided an overview of CAO 39-2019 report.

Chief Skinner provided a verbal update on the past six months of service in the Town of St. Marys. Chief Skinner stated that the deployment to St. Marys has been positively received by the public thus far. It was noted that the next six months, including summer, will be very beneficial to grasp a comprehensive understanding of policing needs in St. Marys.

Chief Skinner stated his view that the Police Service should complete a full year service to the Town of St. Marys before providing comments on space needs for the policing service. Upon completion of a one year review of service, Stratford Police Services will report back to the Committee.

Doug Diplock inquired about the status of moving police vehicle parking to Queen Street East from Church Street North.

Brent Kittmer stated an amending by-law to the Traffic and Parking By-law is expected to go before Council in Q2. If Council passes the by-law, work will begin immediately to implement the change.

Brent Kittmer asked the each member what their view of Committee priorities are for the duration of the term.

Doug Diplock stated that a good facility and working environment for the police should be determined within one year. Mr. Diplock also stated that it would be beneficial for the Committee to have historical statistics available of past policing in St. Marys as a comparator and to set future priorities in conjunction. The goal would be to determine a baseline or comparator set of data for CPAC to be able to determine adequate enforcement of the law balanced against a public perception of not being over policed.

Paul Dunseith stated that good, open discussion within the Committee and from the public should be a priority, with an endo goal to have the public view the police in a friendly manner. Mr. Dunseith stated that reviewing community trends and making the public aware of Committee actions should be considered, with a goal to building a strong positive relationship between the community, the police and CPAC.

Mayor Strathdee stated that community engagement should be a priority of the Committee to ensure that there is a strong public communications program and an awareness in the public that they can attend CPAC to have their concerns heard. A goal of the committee should be active participation with the community so that the community needs are well understood.

Doug Diplock stated that it would be beneficial for the Town to have a generic email address for members of the public to forward comments and concerns to the Community Policing Advisory Committee.

Chair Winter stated that the Committee should determine if cadets or auxiliary police are a priority.

Chief Skinner stated there is a commonality of policing between Stratford and St. Marys. Chief Skinner would like the Police Services' strategic plan to focus on all the municipalities they service as a whole rather than setting different priorities for each municipality. Chief Skinner stated that some of the common issues that come to mind at present are facilities, drug and property crime, and social issues.

Jacqui Hibbert would like the Committee to review opportunities to expand the role of community resources officer.

Moved By Jacqui Hibbert

Seconded By Doug Diplock

THAT CAO 39-2019 Police Space Needs and CPAC Priorities be received for discussion.

CARRIED

10. UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Mayor Strathdee

Seconded By Doug Diplock

THAT this meeting of the Community Policing Advisory Committee be adjourned at 10:00 am.

CARRIED

Brent Kittmer, CAO / Clerk, Secretary