



MINUTES
Community Policing Advisory Committee

November 27, 2019
9:00am
Council Chambers, Town Hall

Committee Members Present: Councillor Winter
Councillor Edney (interim)
Doug Diplock
Paul Dunseith
Jacqueline Hibbert

Stratford Police Services Present: Chief Greg Skinner

Committee Members Present: Mayor Strathdee

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Winter called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Moved By Doug Diplock

Seconded By Jacqui Hibbert

THAT the November 27, 2019 Community Policing Advisory Committee agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved By Doug Diplock
Seconded By Paul Dunseith

THAT the October 16, 2019 Community Policing Advisory Committee minutes be approved by the Committee, and signed by the Chair and the Secretary.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

5.1 Vision Zero Approach

Jed Kelly provided an update on the research regarding the vision zero approach and stated that a report back would be available in the New Year.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Town of St. Marys re: Interim Appointment to Community Policing Advisory Committee

Moved By Councillor Edney
Seconded By Doug Diplock

THAT the correspondence from the Town of St. Marys regarding an interim appointment to the Community Policing Advisory Committee be received.

CARRIED

6.2 City of Sarnia re: Theft of Copper and Other Metal Products

Chief Skinner advised the committee that to date the police have not received any reports of local issues regarding the theft of copper and metal products.

Moved By Jacqui Hibbert
Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT the correspondence from the City of Sarnia regarding theft of copper and other metal products be received.

CARRIED

7. DELEGATIONS

7.1 Perth District Health Unit re: Community Sharps Kiosk Initiative

Jacqui Tam and Martha Leduc of Perth District Health Unit spoke to the community sharps kiosk initiative and responded to questions from the

Committee. The Health Unit has identified the Town of St. Marys as a significant gap in this service provision, and is seeking a space with 24/7 access for a needle drop off box and is seeking a location to implement a local sexual education clinic and needle exchange program

The Committee discussed locations throughout St. Marys that could house a community sharps drop box and possibly offer a location in a municipal facility for a sexual health clinic to be made available to the public.

Moved By Jacqui Hibbert

Seconded By Paul Dunseith

THAT the Community Policing Advisory Committee recommends to Council:

THAT the Town of St. Marys supports the Perth District Health Unit initiative for community sharps drop box and staff investigate a potential location for a sexual health clinic.

CARRIED

8. REPORTS

8.1 POLICE MONTHLY STATISTICS

Chief Skinner provided an update on the opioid strategy situation in Perth County.

Chief Skinner spoke to the October 2019 monthly policing report and responded to questions from the Committee.

Chief Skinner clarified that the hit and runs noted in the monthly report are generally located in parking lots and are not occurring on Town streets.

In response to the question regarding the sexual assault that resulted in no charges, Chief Skinner stated that a review of all sexual assaults resulting in no charges laid is conducted on a quarterly basis to ensure best practices are achieved.

In response to the question regarding K9 training, Chief Skinner stated there is annual K9 training offered through London and Waterloo police services and that the event attended in Michigan is a once-per-year event most K9 units attends

The Committee asked if the e-ticket statistics include Part 3 offenses. This will be confirmed by Chief Skinner.

Chief Skinner provided an update on the proposed auxiliary program. The police service is creating ten auxiliary positions, has received applications, and hopes to have it started for March.

In response to the question regarding volunteer police check reimbursement, Brent Kittmer stated that a report back to Council is pending regarding the policy on full reimbursement of the fee for any volunteer residing in the geographic area of St. Marys.

Moved By Doug Diplock

Seconded By Paul Dunseith

THAT the October 2019 monthly policing report be received for information.

CARRIED

8.2 MONTHLY CRIME STOPPERS REPORT

Chief Skinner spoke to the October 2019 monthly crime stoppers report.

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Jacqui Hibbert

THAT the October 2019 monthly Crime Stoppers report be received for information.

CARRIED

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Neighbourhood Watch

In response to Chair Winter's inquiry about the relevance of a neighbourhood watch program in St. Marys, Chief Skinner stated he is unaware of the current status of the program in St. Marys.

Brent Kittmer provided an update to the committee that this initiative had been considered by the PSB during the last term of Council and it was determined that there was no longer a central organization or service club that organized or provided support to these situations. The former PSB decided against pursuing this initiative on the understanding the Town did not have the internal resources to administer the program.

9.2 2020 Budget

Brent Kittmer spoke to the 2020 police service budget and explained the process that has been prescribed to the Committee regarding the review of the budget.

Chief Skinner stated that the budget has not been approved by the Police Services Board at this time. Chief Skinner explained the budget line by line. Key points of note in the budget include:

- Various line items have been decreased to offset and increased fuel usage.
- The Police are regularly switching out vehicles with the Stratford fleet to stabilize wear and tear more equally
- IT service model is being reviewed to determine if cost savings can be found, or more likely, enhanced service
- Training dollars have been reduced.
- The basis to compare the overall approximate \$37,000 increase is against the 2018 estimates because the 2018 estimates were carried forward into 2019.

In response to an inquiry of how this budget compares to the last OPP budget, Mr. Kittmer stated the last OPP budget in 2017 was \$1.051 million and the proposed budget of \$1.045M received from the Stratford Police is still under that 2017 OPP value.

In response to an inquiry of why certain line items are not listed on the draft 2020 budget, Chief Skinner stated that the numbers were small enough to be absorbed by the Stratford Police Service budget line for policing in Stratford and the difference was used to offset the unanticipated increase to the fuel usage.

In response to an inquiry about the existence of reserves, Mr. Kittmer stated that the Town has created a policing reserve in which any operating surplus can be directed to, and alternatively in the event of a deficit, the reserve can be accessed.

In response to an inquiry about relocation options for the police office in St. Marys, Mr. Kittmer stated that terms of reference must be approved by the Committee to move forward with the one year review process. The conversation related to location options will be held during the one year review.

Moved By Doug Diplock
Seconded By Jacqui Hibbert

THAT the Community Policing Advisory Committee accept the Police Service 2020 budget and forward to Council with a recommendation for approval.

CARRIED

10. UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Edney
Seconded By Doug Diplock

THAT this meeting of the Community Policing Advisory Committee be adjourned at 10:50 am.

CARRIED

Chair Winter

Brent Kittmer, CAO / Clerk, Secretary