



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

June 17, 2020  
9:00 am  
Video Conference

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

Committee Members Absent: Jacqueline Hibbert

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

Staff Present: Brent Kittmer, CAO / Clerk  
Jenna McCartney, Deputy Clerk

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Winter called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

**2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None.

**3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

In response to Paul Dunseith's inquiry about enforcement measures for pick up trucks with tires that extend past the wheel wells, Chief Skinner stated that Stratford Police Service is aware of the situation and is taking proactive measures for enforcement.

**Moved By** Doug Diplock

**Seconded By** Mayor Strathdee

**THAT** the June 17, 2020 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 May 20, 2020 Community Policing Advisory Committee meeting minutes be approved by the Committee and signed by the Chair and the Secretary.

**CARRIED**

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Chief Skinner provided an update to the Committee regarding the summer park patrol program. Two students have been hired to patrol in St. Marys for the summer. Their schedule will be Wednesday to Sunday from 2:00 pm until 10:00 pm anticipating their start date for July 8.

Chief Skinner stated that the park patrollers will be able to enforce certain municipal by-laws.

**6. DELEGATIONS**

None.

**7. REPORTS**

**7.1 POLICE MONTHLY STATISTICS**

Chief Skinner presented the May 2020 police monthly statistics and responded to questions from the Committee.

**Moved By** Doug Diplock

**Seconded By** Paul Dunseith

**THAT** the May 2020 police monthly statistics be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**7.2 CRIME STOPPERS REPORT**

Chief Skinner presented the April and May 2020 Crime Stoppers reports and responded to questions from the Committee.

In response to Chair Winter's inquiry about the incident of impersonation, Community Resources Officer Nick Keating confirmed that the impersonation was of a police officer and the situation has been resolved.

**Moved By** Paul Dunseith

**Seconded By** Mayor Strathdee

**THAT** the April 2020 and May 2020 Crime Stoppers report be received for information.

**CARRIED**

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **8.1 Stratford Police Service News Release re: COVID Crime Stats**

Chief Skinner provided a review of the news release and responded to questions from the Committee.

**Moved By** Doug Diplock

**Seconded By** Paul Dunseith

**THAT** the information provided through the Stratford Police Service media release regarding COVID crime stats be received.

**CARRIED**

## **9. DISCUSSION ITEMS RAISED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

### **9.1 Update on Progress of Vision Zero Approach**

Brent Kittmer provided an update regarding the status of the Vision Zero approach in St. Marys. Mr. Kittmer stated that resources have been redeployed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic however, as the Town and the province ease restrictions, staff will be able to resume research related to the approach. It is anticipated that a report will be presented at the end of the third quarter of 2020.

In response to Paul Dunseith's inquiry whether it would be pertinent to hold a survey related to the public's perception of the Vision Zero approach, Mr. Kittmer stated that staff will consider the suggestion.

### **9.2 Need for Signage on Police Station**

Chief Skinner provided that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there is no public admittance to the community policing office at Town Hall. Chief Skinner stated that there is a risk of installing signage at Town Hall that indicates the presence of a police station at the office is not staffed twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

Chief Skinner will investigate a communication that explains the level of service provided at Town Hall and then review with the Committee.

### **9.3 Concerns Regarding Speeding on Queen Street East**

Paul Dunseith stated that this concern has been presented in the past and it remains a concern at the time of the meeting.

Chief Skinner acknowledges that enforcement was decreased during the initial COVID-19 response which may have triggered increased speeding however, Stratford Police Service will take the concern under advisement and respond accordingly.

#### **9.4 Health and Safety Inspection of Police Office**

Community Resources Officer Nick Keating stated that the community policing office at Town Hall serves the purposes as originally intended. Officer Keating stated that if the members have concerns with the health and safety of the office at Town Hall, they raise them with their internal joint health and safety committee or discuss them with the Town.

Brent Kittmer stated that the Town of St. Marys have staff versed in conducting monthly health and safety inspections of Town Hall and the police are welcome to raise these concerns with the Town's health and safety representatives.

#### **9.5 Fireworks - Reports of People Discharging Contrary to By-law**

Chief Skinner reported that two calls for service related to the discharge of fireworks have been logged in the last month. On the first occasion, police were able to educate the person acting in contravention to the municipal Fireworks By-law however, on the second incident the suspect was not located.

Jenna McCartney stated that the Town is currently reviewing the Fireworks By-law and will be engaging the public for feedback prior to the draft being presented to Council.

### **10. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Chair Winter reviewed the upcoming meeting 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 10:03 am.

**CARRIED**

Chair Winter

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Brent Kittmer, CAO / Clerk