



MINUTES
Community Policing Advisory Committee

September 16, 2020

9:00 am

Video Conference

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

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

Staff Present: Brent Kittmer, Chief Administrative Officer
Jenna McCartney, Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

A request was made to include agenda item 8.3 - Correspondence regarding Police Response in Town and agenda item 9.3 - Halloween Activity.

Moved By Paul Dunseith

Seconded By Doug Diplock

THAT the September 16, 2020 Community Policing Advisory Committee agenda be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved By Paul Dunseith
Seconded By Doug Diplock

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

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None.

6. DELEGATIONS

None.

7. REPORTS

7.1 POLICE MONTHLY STATISTICS

Deputy Chief Foster reviewed the previous police monthly reports as presented in the agenda.

Chief Skinner provided an overview of the Maslow project that has been implemented by Stratford Police Service which includes increased afterhours focused patrols to support the needs of disenfranchised citizens.

In response to Doug Diplock's inquiry about the occurrence of drug offences over the last few months, Deputy Chief Foster stated they are monitoring the situation.

Chief Skinner acknowledged the increase in calls for service related to mental health, domestic issues, conflict and addiction including impaired driving. Chief Skinner stated that some of the calls are not criminal in nature, resulting in no criminal charges. While these calls for service have not been the historical focus of police forces, many forces are adapting to the increasing need for social support of citizens. As such the work accomplished during the pilot program Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Team in partnership with Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance has been paramount.

Chief Skinner identified that he continues to search for funding models that support this shared approach to community safety and wellbeing.

In response to Paul Dunseith's inquiry how the committee can contribute, Chief Skinner stated that the next steps include expanding the hours of

operation for the Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Team from typical business hours.

Brent Kittmer explained the Town's approach to the mandated Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan and outlined that the Town's administration will be recommending to Council for the 2021 draft budget that \$30,000 is earmarked to support this initiative.

It is anticipated there will be more to report on in the coming months.

Moved By Doug Diplock

Seconded By Jacqueline Hibbert

THAT the June 2020, July 2020 and August 2020 police monthly statistics reports be received.

CARRIED

7.2 CRIME STOPPERS REPORT

Chief Skinner presented the Crime Stoppers reports as presented in the agenda.

Moved By Mayor Strathdee

Seconded By Doug Diplock

THAT the June 2020, July 2020 and August 2020 Crime Stoppers reports be received.

CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Ministry of the Solicitor General re: Reopening Ontario Act

Moved By Paul Dunseith

Seconded By Mayor Strathdee

THAT the correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor General regarding the *Reopening Ontario Act* be received.

CARRIED

8.2 Minister of the Solicitor General re: Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Program

Moved By Jacqueline Hibbert

Seconded By Doug Diplock

THAT the correspondence from the Minister of the Solicitor General regarding the Court Security and Prisoner Transportation program be received.

CARRIED

8.3 Correspondence - Police Response in the Town over the Long Weekend

Mayor Strathdee stated that he was in receipt of correspondence following Thanksgiving regarding the response time of Stratford police.

Chief Skinner outlined the protocol for response of calls for service and explained how calls are triaged. Some key notes include:

- In theory an officer and patrol vehicle will be in the geographical boundary of St. Marys 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- In practicum, an officer may need to provide backup within Perth South, transport to Stratford police station or already be responding to a call for service in St. Marys which results in a brief scattering of available officers.
- In situations when officer's deployment have been altered from the original plan or rendered briefly unavailable, the deployment will be reconfigured to provide support while calls for service continue to be triaged based on urgency.

Chief Skinner provided a summary of the specific call for service and detailed the response time based on an internal investigation regarding the specific concern. It was determined that the response time for the specific call was within the department's average response.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 2020 Park Patrol Program Final Report

Deputy Chief Foster provided an overview of the park patrol program as presented in the agenda.

Moved By Paul Dunseith

Seconded By Doug Diplock

THAT the 2020 Park Patrol Program Final Report from the Stratford Police Service be received; and

THAT the Community Policing Advisory Committee recommend to Council:

THAT the Park Patrol Program be continued in 2021 with the necessary budget allocated.

CARRIED

9.2 Vehicular Licence Plates

There have been reports of stolen licence plates in St. Marys over recent months. Chief Skinner confirmed that any persons that have experienced a stolen licence plate should report the matter to police which will result in a police report that the victim may submit to the Ministry of Transportation to support the need for replacement licence plates.

9.3 Halloween

Chief Skinner stated that the police will support and enforce public health recommendations that are anticipated to unfold in advance of Halloween.

10. UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chief Skinner stated that the auxiliary program will resume with training sessions scheduled in the near future. It is anticipated that auxiliary officers should be available for patrol by mid-October.

Moved By Mayor Strathdee

Seconded By Jacqueline Hibbert

THAT this meeting of the Community Policing Advisory Committee be adjourned at 10:16 am.

CARRIED

Chair Winter

Brent Kittmer, Chief Administrative Officer