



MINUTES
Community Policing Advisory Committee

January 20, 2021
9:00 am
Video Conference

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

Stratford Police Services Present: Chief Greg Skinner
Deputy Chief Foster
Community Resources Officer Aaron Mounfield

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

3. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Chair Winter vacated his seat for the purpose of appointments of Chair and Vice-Chair.

Jenna McCartney opened the floor for nominations for the Chair of the Committee.

Jacqui Hibbert nominated Doug Diplock. Doug Diplock accepted the nomination.

Jenna McCartney called for any further nominations. None were received and nominations for chair were closed.

Moved By Paul Dunseith

Seconded By Jacqui Hibbert

THAT Doug Diplock be appointed as the Chair of the Community Policing Advisory Committee effective immediately to January 19, 2022.

CARRIED

Jenna McCartney opened the floor for nominations for the Vice - Chair of the Committee.

Jacqui Hibbert nominated Paul Dunseith. Paul Dunseith accepted the nomination.

Jenna McCartney called for any further nominations. None were received and nominations for vice chair were closed.

Moved By Mayor Strathdee

Seconded By Doug Diplock

THAT Paul Dunseith be appointed as the Vice-Chair of the Community Policing Advisory Committee effective immediately to January 19, 2022.

CARRIED

The Chair was passed to incoming Chair Diplock.

4. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councillor Winter requested that agenda item 7.4 be added titled General Safety.

Chair Diplock requested that agenda item 7.5, Correspondence, be added in addition to item 7.6, Police Media Releases.

Moved By Jacqui Hibbert

Seconded By Paul Dunseith

THAT the January 20, 2021 Community Policing Advisory Committee agenda be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

5. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

In response to an inquiry about minutes stating "Member Absent" when in fact the member has provided their regrets in advance of the meeting, Jenna McCartney stated that the meeting agenda software that the municipality uses is programmed to automatically populate "Member Absent" whether the member has provided regrets or not.

Moved By Councillor Winter

Seconded By Mayor Strathdee

THAT the November 25, 2020 Community Policing Advisory Committee meeting minutes be approved by the Committee and signed by the Chair and the Secretary.

CARRIED

6. REPORTS

6.1 CRIME STOPPERS REPORT

Chief Skinner presented the November and December Crime Stoppers reports to the Committee.

In response to Chair Diplock's inquiry whether follow up calls are from the tipster of the investigating officer, Chief Skinner stated that it is both.

Moved By Jacqui Hibbert

Seconded By Paul Dunseith

THAT the November 2020 and December 2020 Crime Stoppers reports be received.

CARRIED

6.2 POLICE MONTHLY STATISTICS

Deputy Chief Foster presented the November and December 2020 police monthly statistics.

In response to Councillor Winter's inquiry about the quantity of time that it takes for an officer to process a domestic violence call, Chief Skinner stated a call may result in a minimum of 4 hours of police work up to 60 hours, dependent upon the severity of the call.

In response to Councillor Winter's inquiry about the quantity of paperwork prepared required in response to a domestic violence call, Chief Skinner stated that the amount is significant. It not only involves paperwork but includes investigation and possibly court appearances. The minimum

Chief Skinner noted that two new MCRRT staff have begun working with Stratford Police Service and the Ontario Provincial Police in Huron and Perth Counties. These new members will join a rotation with the current MCRRT member.

Moved By Paul Dunseith

Seconded By Councillor Winter

THAT the November and December 2020 Police Monthly Statistics reports be received.

CARRIED

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Overnight Parking

Councillor Winter stated he has received concerns from the community about vehicles parking overnight on public highways within the downtown core which impede waste and recycling collection throughout the week.

Jenna McCartney and Aaron Mounfield stated that the police and by-law enforcement officers have been made aware of the situation and have increased patrols and enforcement in this area.

7.2 Event Parking and Traffic Control

Councillor Winter identified that a member of the public raised concerns about traffic control at the entrance to Milt Dunnell field during the recent fireworks display in 2020.

Chief Skinner stated that operational plans are beneficial for major events and the Stratford Police Service would be happy to review the plan in advance of the event and work with the organizers to ensure the smooth delivery of the event.

7.3 Enforcement of Provincial Orders

Brent Kittmer updated the Committee that the Town has received numerous inquiries about the logistics of enforcing the provincial orders from the public since the recent lockdown was implemented.

Chief Skinner stated that a number of the community members have been compliant with following provincial orders. In instances where a person is found not to be complying, the police educate the person about the expectations and how it may impact their daily lives.

In response to Paul Dunseith's inquiry about a complaint or tip line for concern persons to contact, Chief Skinner stated that a new email has been created for persons to forward their inquiries and complaints related to the pandemic.

During the pandemic, the City of Stratford's Social Services department has noticed a gap between access to general healthcare and have

implemented access to an RPN and pharmacist that visit with the marginalized, vulnerable population.

7.4 General Safety

Mayor Strathdee inquired how the Town can instill general safety within the community during the recent provincial orders and how to support messaging from the police about compliance with these orders.

Chief Skinner stated that positive messaging is the best approach. With the transition from the previous Community Resources Officer to the new person, additional information can be released that acknowledges the new contact.

7.6 Media Releases

In response to Chair Diplock's inquiry whether a media release was distributed regarding a recent call to an address on Church Street North, Chief Skinner confirmed that it had.

Town staff will investigate adding Committee members to the SPS distribution list for media releases.

7.5 Correspondence

In response to Chair Diplock's inquiry whether the Town's administration have replied to recent correspondence from the City of Windsor, it was confirmed that a response was provided.

7.7 Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan

Chief Skinner stated that the initial draft has been reviewed by advisory committee and the final report will be presented to partnering municipalities in February.

8. UPCOMING MEETING

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

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Paul Dunseith

Seconded By Councillor Winter

THAT this Community Policing Advisory Committee meeting adjourn at 10:16 am.

CARRIED

Chair Diplock

Brent Kittmer, Chief Administrative Officer