



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

June 16, 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: 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. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved By** Councillor Winter

**Seconded By** Doug Diplock

**THAT** the June 16, 2021 Community Policing Advisory Committee agenda be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**Moved By** Paul Dunseith

**Seconded By** Jacqui Hibbert

**THAT** the May 19, 2021 Community Policing Advisory Committee meeting minutes be approved by the Committee and signed by the Chair and the Secretary.

**CARRIED**

## **5. DELEGATIONS**

### **5.2 Park Patrol Introduction**

Gracie Dafoe and Marcel Lundrigan introduced themselves and provided an overview of their role and responsibility in St. Marys.

### **5.1 Community Developer and Support Worker Introduction**

Jenna McCartney introduced Cody Cunningham as the Town's Community Developer and Support Worker.

Cody Cunningham provided an overview of the position and the connections with residents that he is making during the first quarter of the project.

In response to the query whether there is a trend related to age of individuals seeking support, Mr. Cunningham stated there is not although persons seeking support may be seeking personal support or support for family or friends.

In response to the query whether access to the Community Developer and Support Worker is diverting mental health calls from the police, Chief Skinner stated that there has been proactive education from the Town that offers guidance to citizens on the available resources and to whom to contact in specific situations.

## **6. REPORTS**

### **6.1 CRIME STOPPERS REPORT**

Chief Skinner presented the May 2021 Crime Stoppers report.

In response to a query whether the tips related to child pornography were received from the same person, Chief Skinner stated it is unknown.

**Moved By** Jacqui Hibbert

**Seconded By** Paul Dunseith

**THAT** the May 2021 Crime Stoppers report be received.

**CARRIED**

## **6.2 POLICE MONTHLY STATISTICS**

Deputy Chief Foster provided a review of the May 2021 police monthly statistics.

In response to a query about how the police conduct a vehicle pursuit, Deputy Chief Foster stated that the Stratford Police Service provides significant training to its officers regarding the conduct to adhere to when in pursuit of a vehicle. Chief Skinner added that a supervisor is immediately deployed to the situation as backup to support the situation.

In response to a query of the amount of money involved in the theft under \$5,000 category, Deputy Chief Foster stated the statistics are not broken out further.

**Moved By** Paul Dunseith

**Seconded By** Jacqui Hibbert

**THAT** the May 2021 Police Monthly Statistics report be received.

**CARRIED**

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **7.1 ADMIN 25-2021 2020 Policing Budget Reconciliation**

Mayor Strathdee departed the meeting at 9:50 am.

Deputy Chief Foster presented the 2020 policing budget reconciliation report.

**Moved By** Councillor Winter

**Seconded By** Jacqui Hibbert

**THAT** ADMIN 25-2021 2020 Policing Budget Reconciliation be received for information.

**CARRIED**

### **7.2 Community Safety and Well-being Plan**

Chief Skinner presented an update to the Committee regarding the Community Safety and Well-being Plan citing that all partner municipalities have adopted the Plan and the Partnership Council has begun to meet.

### **7.3 Community Equity Action Team (CEAT)**

Chief Skinner provided an overview of the Community Equity Action Team that was initiated in Stratford in response to community equity and diversity.

In response to an inquiry about the data collected related to the CEAT, Chief Skinner stated that the team will review the data and determine the best approach to reporting back to the stakeholders. The end goal will be to have regular meetings with BIPOC representation seeking comments on lived experience of systemic racism when dealing specifically with the Stratford Police Service.

Chief Skinner stated that over 50 organizations have been consulted as stakeholders.

**Moved By** Jacqui Hibbert

**Seconded By** Paul Dunseith

**THAT** the Community Policing Advisory Committee recommends to Council:

**THAT** Council recommends to the Stratford Police Service Board that the Community Equity Action Team be expanded to include the Town of St. Marys as a contributing member.

**CARRIED**

#### **7.4 Boating and Water Safety along Thames River and Trout Creek**

Paul Dunseith stated that there is an increase in recreational use of the Thames River and Trout Creek and as such inquired who would support a water rescue if required.

Community Resource Officer Mounfield stated that water rescue is performed by St. Marys Fire Department.

In response to an inquiry about enforcement of safe boating practices, Community Resource Officer Mounfield stated that a specific program has not been initiated although something of this nature is in effect at Wildwood Conservation Authority through the Stratford Police.

In response to an inquiry about who enforces waterways, Community Resource Officer Mounfield stated that the Canadian Waterways Act provides federal legislation of which Stratford Police Service has some degree of enforcement power.

#### **7.5 Upcoming St. Marys Events**

Community Resource Officer Mounfield provided the following update about upcoming events to be held in St. Marys:

- Crime Prevention Through Environment Design support
- Safe bicycle operation blitz
- Heavy truck inspection
- Canada Day participation

In response to an inquiry about the progress of the body camera roll out, the Committee was informed that the progress is proceeding well, and that the retention of material depends on the nature of the incident.

**8. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

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

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved By** Paul Dunseith

**Seconded By** Jacqui Hibbert

**THAT** this Community Policing Advisory Committee meeting adjourn at 10:29 am.

**CARRIED**

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Chair Diplock

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Brent Kittmer, Chief Administrative Officer