



MINUTES
Community Policing Advisory Committee

September 15, 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. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councillor Winter requested an addition to Other Business as item 7.3 "Staffing".

Mayor Strathdee requested an addition to Other Business as item 7.4 "COVID-19 Preparedness at Facilities"

Moved By Jacqui Hibbert

Seconded By Councillor Winter

THAT the September 15, 2021 Community Policing Advisory Committee agenda be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

4. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The Chair asked for minute item 3, Amendment and Approval of Agenda, be amended to remove Doug Diplock as the mover.

Moved By Paul Dunseith

Seconded By Jacqui Hibbert

THAT the June 16, 2021 Community Policing Advisory Committee meeting minutes be approved as amended by the Committee and signed by the Chair and the Secretary.

CARRIED

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 St. Marys Business Improvement Area re: Citizen Request about Increased Foot Patrol

Councillor Winter provided the background on the correspondence from the Business Improvement Area.

Community Resources Officer Mounfield stated that he was made aware of this situation and informed the Staff Sergeant of the request for increased foot patrol.

Moved By Paul Dunseith

Seconded By Councillor Winter

THAT the correspondence regarding a request to increase surveillance and patrol in the downtown core be received.

CARRIED

6. REPORTS

6.1 CRIME STOPPERS REPORT

Chief Skinner presented the July 2021 Crime Stoppers report.

Moved By Jacqui Hibbert

Seconded By Paul Dunseith

THAT the July 2021 Crime Stoppers report be received.

CARRIED

6.2 POLICE MONTHLY STATISTICS

Deputy Chief Foster presented the June, July and August monthly police statistics.

A verbal update was provided about the Park Patrol program for 2021 with positive comments provided by all.

In response to an inquiry whether the auxiliary program has resumed, it was confirmed that progress is being made.

Moved By Jacqui Hibbert

Seconded By Paul Dunseith

THAT the June, July and August 2021 Police Monthly Statistics report be received.

CARRIED

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Community Safety and Well-being Plan

Chief Skinner and Kim McElroy presented the Community Safety and Well-being Plan.

Moved By Jacqui Hibbert

Seconded By Councillor Winter

THAT the presentation about the Community Safety and Well-being Plan be received.

CARRIED

7.2 Community Resource Officer Activity Update

Community Resource Officer Mounfield provided an activity update on initiatives within St. Marys that took place over the summer.

- Conducted commercial owner vehicles in July with 20 vehicles inspected. 4 vehicles were taken off the road and 3 charges were laid.
- By-law complaints received to date.
- Resuming in-person visits at the local schools.

7.3 Staffing

Councillor Winter informed the Committee that Council has begun preliminary budget conversations. Staff have been asked to report back with costing for an additional fulltime member to be located in St. Marys 24

hours a day, 7 days a week. This information will be provided in public form at the special meeting of Council on September 21.

Chief Skinner outlined the current delivery model within St. Marys for police service and highlighted that there is always one officer deployed to St. Marys twenty-hour hours a day, seven days a week with additional resources available through the Stratford Police Service dependent upon the situation.

Moved By Paul Dunseith

Seconded By Councillor Winter

THAT the Community Policing Advisory Committee supports further investigation of increasing police service levels in St. Marys.

CARRIED

7.4 COVID-19 Preparedness at Facilities

Chief Skinner confirmed that the police are not expected to conduct compliance inspections of vaccine certificates as the province has placed that responsibility on the business owner. The police are available to ensure peace and enforce the laws.

Mayor Strathdee stated that there has been some unruly behaviour at the Pyramid Recreation Centre from some members of the public that are voicing their displeasure with the recent legislation effecting users of sports facilities and asked if the Stratford Police Service could monitor as the legislation goes into effect on September 22.

Chief Skinner stated that off-duty officers could be available to provide additional support during the transition. Mr. Kittmer will follow up with details.

8. UPCOMING MEETING

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

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Jacqui Hibbert

Seconded By Councillor Winter

THAT this Community Policing Advisory Committee meeting adjourn at 10:38 am.

CARRIED

Chair Diplock

Brent Kittmer, Chief Administrative Officer