



MINUTES
Community Policing Advisory Committee

September 21, 2022
9:00 am
Town Hall, Council Chambers

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

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

Moved By P. Dunseith

Seconded By Councillor Winter

THAT the September 21, 2022 Community Policing Advisory Committee agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Moved By P. Dunseith

Seconded By Mayor Strathdee

THAT the June 15, 2022 Community Policing Advisory Committee meeting minutes be approved by the Committee and signed by the Chair and the Secretary.

CARRIED

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Corey Elgie re: Cadzow Park

Brent Kittmer provided an overview of next steps that Stratford Police and the Town are taking to improve security at Cadzow Park including:

- increased length of time for lighting and the addition of new lights in the park
- automatic door locks on washrooms after-hours
- provision for reducing hours of wifi access
- investigate provisions for enforcement under trespassing after hours by-law
- Stratford Police Service has provisions under the Child and Family Services Act to enforce hours for park usage

Stratford police service will develop a plan for the spring of 2023 to increase their visibility in the park area for the summer months.

Moved By J. Hibbert

Seconded By Mayor Strathdee

THAT the correspondence from Corey Elgie regarding Cadzow Park be received.

CARRIED

6. REPORTS

6.1 CRIME STOPPERS REPORT

Chief Skinner reviewed the June, July and August 2022 Crime Stoppers report.

Moved By P. Dunseith

Seconded By Councillor Winter

THAT the June 2022, July 2022 and August 2022 Crime Stoppers report be received.

6.2 POLICE MONTHLY STATISTICS

Deputy Foster provided a review of the May, June, July and August 2022 monthly statistics.

In response to an inquiry about the additional charges incurred during the Ride program, it was noted that traffic charges were laid unrelated to the Ride program purpose.

Chief Skinner elaborated on the MCRRT program and stated that additional grant funds have been received to support the program and increase the amount of support provided. Huron-Perth Healthcare Alliance will be seeking additional MCRRT officers to support the program.

In response to an inquiry about the homelessness situation and encampments in St. Marys, it was reported that two occurrences were forwarded to City of Stratford Social Services. Stratford Police Service is working with the Social Services department to develop policies that support the management of encampments in Perth County.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Road Network Safety Plan Updated: B. Kittmer

Brent Kittmer provided an update on the road network safety plan. The conversion of yield signs to stop signs continues with phase one completed in late August and phase two planned to wrap up in mid-October. Phase three will move forward in November. The Town is in receipt of requests from residents in other areas to town to transition from yield signs to stop signs.

Staff are preparing to release annual communication about on street parking prohibitions in the winter.

Staff are conducting an inventory of intersections with sightline concerns.

Finally, in the future, there will be a formalized crossing at the Quarry to provide enhanced safety for pedestrians in that area. The crossing at James Street North will be considered under future capital projects to enhance the existing crossing guard to an automated crossing.

7.2 Death of Two Officers

Chief Skinner acknowledged the tragic passing of two police officers from the GTA.

8. UPCOMING MEETINGS

October 19, 2022 - 9:00 am

9. CLOSED SESSION

Moved By Mayor Strathdee

Seconded By Councillor Winter

THAT the Community Policing Advisory Committee move into a session that is closed to the public at 9:30 am as authorized under the *Police Services Act*, Section 34(4)(b) intimate financial or personal matters or other matters may be disclosed of such a nature, having regard to the circumstances, that the desirability of avoiding their disclosure in the interest of any person affected or in the public interest outweighs the desirability of adhering to the principle that proceedings be open to the public.

CARRIED

9.1 Occasional Deployment of Officers

10. RISE AND REPORT

Moved By Mayor Strathdee

Seconded By Councillor Winter

THAT the Community Policing Advisory Committee rise from a closed session at 9:40 am.

CARRIED

The Chair reported that a closed session was held with one matter being discussed. There is nothing further to report at this time.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Mayor Strathdee

Seconded By Councillor Winter

THAT this Community Policing Advisory Committee meeting adjourn at 9:39 am.

CARRIED

Doug Diplock, Chair

Jenna McCartney, Clerk