



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

April 19, 2023  
9:00 am  
Municipal Operations Centre  
408 James Street South, St. Marys

Committee Members Present: Mayor Strathdee  
Jacqueline Hibbert  
Tony Winter  
Robert Zensner  
Councillor Edney  
Councillor Luna

Stratford Police Services Present: Chief Greg Skinner  
Deputy Chief Foster  
Constable Aaron Mounfield  
Constable Ian Siraj (video conference)

Staff Present: Jenna McCartney, Clerk

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.

**2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None.

**3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved By** Mayor Strathdee

**Seconded By** Councillor Luna

**THAT** the April 19, 2023 Community Policing Advisory Committee agenda be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

Chief Skinner thanked Constable Mounfield for his service as the Community Resource Officer in the Town of St. Marys.

Chief Skinner introduced Constable Siraj to the Committee as the incoming Community Resource Officer in the Town of St. Marys.

#### **4. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

Councillor Luna noted that minute item 3 should be amended to replace Councillor Edney's name with Councillor Luna as the person requesting the amendment to the agenda.

Constable Mounfield provided an update on minute item 6.3 of the March 15, 2023 minutes and stated that he conducted a review of the area with the Town's Fire Chief and made a recommendation to Town staff regarding the ideal utilization of parking in the St. George Street area. Town staff will present a draft parking and traffic by-law to Council at a later date that captures this recommendation.

**Moved By** Councillor Edney

**Seconded By** Robert Zensner

**THAT** the March 15, 2023 Community Policing Advisory Committee meeting minutes be amended by the Committee and signed by the Chair and the Secretary.

**CARRIED**

#### **5. DELEGATIONS**

##### **5.1 Victim Witness Assistance Program**

Julia Wright from the Victim Witness Assistance Program (the "VWAP") provided an overview of the services provided throughout the Province.

In response to an inquiry about post conviction responsibilities of the VWAP, such as notification of release dates, Julia stated that the police notify the victim if an accused is released.

In response to an inquiry about the use of support dogs with VWAP, Julia confirmed dogs are not being used in the Stratford location, but are utilized in London in the child witness program. To date, no requests have been received in Stratford.

In response to an inquiry about the process for referrals to other agencies upon the closing of a case, Julia explained that referrals are made on a case specific basis.

In response to utilizing Canadian Mental Health Agency for the victims, Julia confirmed that resource along with additional resources are available depending on the situation.

## **6. REPORTS**

### **6.1 CRIME STOPPERS REPORT**

Not received at this time.

### **6.2 POLICE MONTHLY STATISTICS**

Deputy Chief Foster presented a review of the March monthly statistic report.

In response to an inquiry regarding the park patrol program, Deputy Chief Foster confirmed training will begin around the May 24<sup>th</sup> weekend and in place in St. Marys the following week.

In response to an inquiry regarding proactive education in the schools related to fraud situations, it was stated that schools are resuming requests for in person presentations.

**Moved By** Robert Zensner

**Seconded By** Tony Winter

**THAT** the March 2023 Police Monthly Statistics report be received.

**CARRIED**

### **6.3 Stratford Police Service Board Liaison Report - Coun. Edney**

Councillor Edney provided a review of the recent police services board meeting.

**Moved By** Councillor Luna

**Seconded By** Tony Winter

**THAT** the Stratford Police Services Board Liaison report from Councillor Edney be received.

**CARRIED**

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

## **8. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

May 17, 2023 - 9:00 am, Municipal Operations Centre

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved By** Councillor Edney

**Seconded By** Robert Zensner

**THAT** this Community Policing Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 9:38 am.

**CARRIED**

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Jacqueline Hibbert, Chair

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Jenna McCartney, Clerk