



MINUTES
Community Policing Advisory Committee

February 17, 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

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

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councillor Winter requested that agenda item 6.2 regarding the process for finger printing be added to the agenda.

Moved By Paul Dunseith

Seconded By Jacqui Hibbert

THAT the February 17, 2021 Community Policing Advisory Committee agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Moved By Jacqui Hibbert

Seconded By Councillor Winter

THAT the January 20, 2021 Community Policing Advisory Committee meeting minutes be approved by the Committee and signed by the Chair and the Secretary.

CARRIED

5. REPORTS

5.1 CRIME STOPPERS REPORT

Chief Skinner presented the January 2021 Crime Stoppers report.

Moved By Paul Dunseith

Seconded By Councillor Winter

THAT the January 2021 Crime Stoppers report be received.

CARRIED

5.2 POLICE MONTHLY STATISTICS

Deputy Chief Foster presented the January 2021 monthly report.

In response to Councillor Winter's inquiry about the infraction for non-valid plates, Deputy Chief Foster stated that the plates likely expired before the pandemic.

Chief Skinner provided an update to the Committee about the MCRRT program and stated that in partnership with the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance (HPHA) and the City of Stratford Social Services department, there are 3 full time MCRRT workers providing front line, primary mental health care. In addition there is a part time MCRRT employee working every other weekend due to demand.

Chief Skinner stated that the partners are looking to move the program beyond crisis response and begin offering proactive support to the community.

HPHA has supported the program with a registered practical nurse and a pharmacist who are available to the most vulnerable within the community on Mondays and Fridays.

In response to Jacqui Hibbert's inquiry about the availability of MCRRT workers after hours, Chief Skinner stated there has been a move to a rotation shift schedule so that coverage is available until 10:00 pm. in addition to every other weekend availability.

Moved By Jacqui Hibbert

Seconded By Paul Dunseith

THAT the January 2021 Police Monthly Statistics report be received.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Vision Zero re: Status Update

Brent Kittmer stated that Council agreed with a staff recommendation that a review be completed related to Vision Zero in the fall of 2019.

As the pandemic hit in March 2020, Council agreed that this strategic project be placed on hold while the municipality responded to the pandemic.

In the fall of 2020 as staff capacity became available, staff released a broad ranging survey that included questions specifically focused on opportunities for Vision Zero initiatives in St. Marys.

During the fall, staff attended a number of webinars related to Vision Zero to gain an understanding of the provincial approach and determining how to make it specific to St. Marys.

Mr. Kittmer stated that provincial legislation has been proposed that would present the Vision Zero strategy as a provincial framework rather than having to be developed individually by each community.

Staff are preparing to report back to Council with an update and recommendations in the third quarter of 2021.

6.2 Finger Printing Process

In response to Councillor Winter's inquiry about the process individuals must take when required to complete finger prints for a police check, Deputy Chief Foster stated that similarities between the applicant's name or birthday and someone within the criminal system, the next step of the check involves finger print scans to differentiate between the parties. The scan is completed by the RCMP through a digital imprint of the applicant's fingerprints.

Deputy Chief Foster stated that individuals requiring this stage of the process are accommodated by pre-arranged appointments at the Stratford Police Service office. During the police service's response to the pandemic, staff availability has fluctuated due to adherence with provincial lockdown and stay at home orders that affect staff work environments.

6.3 Service Ontario in St. Marys Update

In response to Jacqui Hibbert's inquiry about the possibility of a Service Ontario kiosk in St. Marys to replace the recently closed location, Mayor Strathdee stated there is no update at present.

7. UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Jacqui Hibbert

Seconded By Paul Dunseith

THAT this Community Policing Advisory Committee meeting adjourn at 9:31 am.

CARRIED

Chair Diplock

Brent Kittmer, Chief Administrative Officer