



MINUTES
Community Policing Advisory Committee

January 17, 2018
9:00am
Council Chambers, Town Hall

Members Present: Fred Stam
Peter McAsh, Vice Chair
Mayor Al Strathdee

Members Absent: Councillor Don Van Galen, Chair

OPP Present: Sergeant Stephane Pilon
Officer Scott Bentley

Staff Present: Brent Kittmer, Board Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Peter McAsh called the meeting to order at 9:05am.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

3. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Moved By Fred Stam

Seconded By Mayor Strathdee

THAT the Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair be postponed until the February meeting.

CARRIED

4. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved By Mayor Strathdee

Seconded By Fred Stam

THAT the minutes of the November 22, 2017 Police Services Board meeting be approved and signed by the Chair and Secretary.

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

6.1 Statistics re: Motor Vehicle Collisions in St. Marys

Officer Bentley spoke to the collision statistics included in the agenda. It is the OPP's opinion that there are no systemic trends in the collision statistics. Officer Bentley reported that the OPP have not seen an increase in collisions since the new pedestrian signals were installed in 2016, and the OPP do not believe any of the collisions are attributed to the signals.

B. Kittmer explained to the Committee how the signal timing works and that Public Works is pursuing alternatives to address concerns raised by Council and the public.

Moved By Fred Stam

Seconded By Mayor Strathdee

THAT the statistics from the OPP regarding motor vehicle collisions in St. Marys be received for information.

CARRIED

6.2 Verbal Update (B. Kittmer) re: Filling of CPAC Vacancy

B. Kittmer advised the Committee that the posting for the CPAC has been issued and that applications close on February 2, 2018.

7. DELEGATIONS

None.

8. REPORTS

8.1 Monthly Policing Statistics (November and December 2017)

Sergeant Pilon spoke to the November and December 2017 policing statistics.

In response to member Stam, S. Pilon advised that there has been no further progress on the investigation of an attempted child abduction in St. Marys. The file remains open, and the investigation continues.

In response to Vice-Chair McAsh, S. Pilon advised that the Citizen's Police Academy is for the public, and that all members of PSBs and committees are encouraged to attend.

In response to member Stam, S. Pilon explained the escalating approach to responses of mental health calls. S. Pilon further clarified that the citizen self-reporting portal used by the OPP is not appropriate for mental health calls, or any incident in which another person may be immediately involved. The portal should be used for the reporting of petty crimes.

S. Pilon explained to the committee that the OPP is now completing quarterly trend analyses of crime statistics. The purpose is to better predict which types of crime may occur so that the OPP can direct their resources appropriately.

In response to member Stam, S. Pilon advised the committee that there has been no further updates from the Federal government to policing agencies re: cannabis legalization. The OPP continues to move towards building the necessary resources for enforcement once legalization occurs. This includes securing training to establish a local officer who is expert in drug use recognition.

Moved By Fred Stam

Seconded By Mayor Strathdee

THAT the November 2017 and December 2017 OPP monthly policing statistics be received for information.

CARRIED

8.2 Monthly False Alarm Report (November and December 2017)

Moved By Fred Stam

Seconded By Mayor Strathdee

THAT the November and December 2017 False Alarm reports be received for information.

CARRIED

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 Victim Services Huron County re: Human Trafficking Workshop

S. Pilon noted for the committee that the workshop is open to all members of PSBs and committees for education purposes.

Moved By Fred Stam

Seconded By Mayor Strathdee

THAT the correspondence from Victim Services Huron County be received for information.

CARRIED

10. OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 Verbal Update (B. Kittmer): Status of Stratford Police Contract Negotiations

B. Kittmer provided an update to the committee on the current status of negotiations with the City of Stratford and the recent meetings held with the Acting Chief of Police.

10.2 Review and Discussion: Draft Terms of Reference for the CPAC.

B. Kittmer presented the current draft of the terms of reference to the committee. The committee reviewed the terms and made several edits.

Moved By Fred Stam

Seconded By Mayor Strathdee

THAT the Community Policing Advisory Committee recommends to Council that the draft terms of reference for the CPAC be adopted.

CARRIED

11. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Vice Chair McAsh noted the upcoming meetings as listed on the agenda.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Seconded By Mayor Strathdee

THAT this meeting of the Community Policing Advisory Committee be adjourned at 10:40am.

CARRIED

Chair Don Van Galen

Brent Kittmer, CAO / Clerk, Committee Secretary