

Attendees:

Policing Committee Members:

Perry Brooks, Chair
Ian McDonell
Bill Santos
Stewart Begg, Public Complaints Director

Absent:

Sean Clements
Ed Sperling, City Councillor

Administration Representatives:

Coreen Rayner, A/Director Protective Services
Kalie Anderson, Recording Secretary

1. Welcome and call to order

Meeting was called to order at 5:18 pm.

2. Consent Agenda (Agenda & Minutes)

Ian McDonell moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Stewart Begg. Carried.

3. Meeting Minutes Approval

Covered by agenda item #2, Consent Agenda

4. A/Director Report

- Full services resumed at front counter. Lots of services are available electronically/over the phone
- Full staffing on the administrative support team will be resumed in August
- Action item: Coreen will change advertisement for Policing Committee Meetings to say that non-members must book appointments to attend meetings and will be asked screening questions for COVID safety
- Budget process underway, no new resources are being requested because of budget limitations.
- Protests happening in town, very visible issue. RCMP are working to resolve the situation.
- MES is very busy with Community Standards Bylaw as well as neighbour disputes.
- Community Standards Bylaw and Traffic Bylaw are being reviewed and updated. Documents provided to committee with some complaint data from these bylaws.
- Question from Policing Committee & discussion regarding media releases:
 - Police generally don't comment or provide any detailed information in the early stages of investigations or incidents.
 - This can negatively impact the public's trust and safety.
 - Committee would like to see more transparency and information from the police.
- Discussion about letter from resident with concerns about traffic enforcement:
 - Resident has been invited to City Council when the process moves forward for the proposed 40km/hr speed

- Community is not supportive when Automated Traffic Enforcement is not highly visible. Policing Committee would like to see enforcement continue to be more visible
- Media release is done regularly with location of ATE operations
- City is looking into posting locations on social media on a daily basis to be more transparent
- Question from Policing Committee regarding public events:
 - Are Bike Rodeo, Sunset Ceremony and other public events going ahead this year?
 - Most events have been canceled or postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

5. Municipal Enforcement Services Report

Covered by A/Director, Protective Services as MES Supervisor was not able to attend meeting.

6. Strategic Planning Session Update

- Public engagement will be difficult because so many events are being cancelled or postponed due to the pandemic.
- Suggestion to do video conferencing or call other groups to do outreach while public health restrictions are in effect.
- Can re-evaluate in September and decide next steps based on public health status.

7. New Business

None

8. Public Complaints Director Report

- Action Item: Coreen will send some information to Stewart Begg and Perry Brooks regarding the role of the Public Complaints Director
- Policing Committee email inbox is monitored by Coreen, any complaints would be forwarded to the Public Complaints Director who will take action.

9. AAPG Representative

- Meeting on Monday, no other updates

10. Community Award Update

- Subcommittee will meet once committee members are available

11. Round Table

- Question about education: can there be public education about what types of equipment are installed at intersections in the City, and how they work? For example, how does ATE work, what sensors are installed for the traffic signals, induction loops etc.
- FAQs could be added to the City website for public information

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:13 pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday September 17, 2020 at 5:00 pm, Protective Services Building