

Police Committee Minutes

1E - Committee Room B
City Hall
13450 - 104 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2015
Time: 1:00 p.m.
File: 0540-20

Present:

Chair: Mayor Hepner
Councillor Gill
Councillor Hayne
Councillor Martin
Councillor Starchuk
Councillor Steele
Councillor LeFranc
Councillor Villeneuve
Councillor Woods

RCMP Representative:

Chief Superintendent, OIC,

Staff Present:

City Manager
City Solicitor
Manager, By-law Enforcement and Licensing
Fire Chief
Crime Reduction Strategy Manager
General Manager, Human Resources
General Manager, Finance and Technology
City Clerk
Deputy City Clerk

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Police Committee Minutes – February 16, 2015

It was Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Councillor Steele
That the minutes of the Police Committee
meeting held on February 16, 2015, be adopted.
Carried

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. April 20, 2015 Press Conference – Update

Mayor Hepner advised that in light of the fatal shooting of 22 year old Arun Bains on April 19th and the past string of shootings, a press conference was held at RCMP Headquarters earlier this day. In addition to the City of Surrey and the Surrey RCMP, representatives from other local forces and regional police forces attended the press conference.

Chief Superintendent, OIC, Surrey Detachment advised that following the fatal shooting and contacting the next of kin, RCMP IHIT division is conducting the investigation. The OIC noted that there have been 22 shootings now since the first week of March representing a significant public safety concern. The OIC further noted that the latest victim was named by name at the press conference and the RCMP spoke to the challenges they are facing relative to the lack of cooperation. The RCMP appealed to those involved to come forward with information and appealed to the public. A public forum is being held on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at Tamanawis Secondary School in the gymnasium (12600 66 Avenue).

The recent shooting violence is the RCMP's top priority to work to disrupt the criminal activities, with various teams and units taking a hands-on approach. A tip line has been established with multi-language staff prepared to receive calls. The OIC confirmed that the RCMP cannot build a prosecution based on suspicion and as such we hope to receive key information very soon.

Mayor Hepner emphasized that in addition to the City, the Surrey detachment and all other agencies are making this their top priority, as was made very clear at the press conference.

During discussion, Police Committee members expressed appreciation to the RCMP and their handling of a difficult situation. In addition, Sgt. Dale Carr was praised for his work as the RCMP' spokesperson.

C. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. OIC SURREY RCMP DETACHMENT

Item No. P003 **Neighborhood Safety Campaign**

The purpose of report P003 entitled "Neighborhood Safety Campaign" was highlighted as providing information about the Surrey Neighborhood Safety Campaign and overview of how the first five community presentations were received. The OIC noted the five Engagement Presentations held so far in each of the RCMP Districts were well received and involved attendance from various City departments.

Discussion ensued and the following comments were made by Committee members:

- Need to have follow-up after the community presentations;
- Very supportive of block watch programs;
- One of the biggest issues is social isolation and as such it is very important to ensure for follow-up; and,
- In establishing block watch programs, the criteria should not be so strict, such as the number of people required to start a block watch should have some flexibility.

The OIC advised that through analysis of existing block watch programs and associated crime statistics, the RCMP has tried to identify areas of the City where a block watch program would be needed. One measurement of success is the number of block watch programs created, and following these presentations, the RCMP has realized an increase in the number of block watch programs being established. Mayor Hepner noted that Newton had the least the number of block watch programs and following the forums being held, there has been more movement to set up the program in this area. The OIC provided clarification that the April 21, 2015 forum at the Tamanawis Secondary School is separate from the Neighborhood Safety Campaign program.

It was Moved by Councillor LeFranc
Seconded by Councillor Hayne
That the Police Committee receive report
Poo3 entitled "Neighborhood Safety Campaign" as information.
Carried

Item No. Poo4 **Award of RFP #1220-030-2014-031**
Medical Services – Surrey RCMP Cell Block

The General Manager, Human Resources and the Chief Superintendent, OIC presented a report to the Police Committee for the approval to award the contract to a qualified medical service provider for the supply of medical goods and services to those held in custody within the Surrey RCMP Detachment's Cell Block. The Police Committee was requested to approve the report to be forwarded to Council for formal consideration.

The OIC clarified that the variance with the quotes received was due to the different delivery models proposed. The higher quoted proposal provides for a much broader service than has been determined is required; they would provide actual physician time compared to having an on-call physician. In terms of timing, the implementation will begin as soon as security clearance is achieved, which could be up to 8 months.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

It was Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Councillor LeFranc
That the Police Committee approve the
following recommendations for Council's consideration:

1. Award RFP #1220-030-2014 to Calian Ltd. in the amount of \$1,962,237 (not including GST), for the provision of medical services within the Surrey RCMP Detachment's Cell Block on a 24/7 basis, for a three-year term plus the option at the sole discretion of the City of Surrey to renew for an additional 2 years, based on an annualized cost of \$654,079 (not including GST); and,
2. Set expenditure authorization limit for RFP #1220-030-2014-031 at \$2,160,000, including contingency (not including GST).

Carried

Item No. Poo5 **Provision of Crime Statistics to the Public**

The Chief Superintendent, OIC spoke to report Poo5, providing an overview of the Detachment's past practice, as well as common practice among municipal police agencies, with respect to the provision of crime statistics and other information pertaining to incidents of crime.

The OIC noted that one of the issues is the varying statistics that are utilized by the media and the associated challenges. It was stated that with Surrey's Open Data and Smart Surrey Apps, the City and RCMP can be positioned as a leader in terms of information dissemination. The OIC recommended that the Surrey RCMP continue the practice of publishing crime statistic reports on a quarterly basis. The OIC further recommended that monthly updates of crime information be published to the City's Open Data catalogue and the crime maps on COSMOS.

Discussion ensued and the following comments were made:

- Community needs to be aware of the crime information via the mapping on COSMOS and we should be promoting this on our website to raise public awareness;
- COSMOS crime mapping layer should be highlighted for the public;
- The COSMOS data is updated every month and holds the last six months of data, it would be worthwhile to provide the data to block watch programs, as the data is community specific;
- COSMOS information is a rolling total of the last 6 months;
- The information needs to be user-friendly and easily accessible;
- Currently, information that is on the website is difficult to find;
- Need to improve the communication regarding the availability of the actual information, educating the public;
- Consideration should be given to utilizing the dashboard regarding public safety and use of City Page as well.

The OIC noted that a link has been added onto the RCMP's website regarding the COSMOS crime mapping and is included in all press releases and highlighted as much as possible.

It was Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Councillor Steele
That the Police Committee receive Report
Poo6 entitled "Provision of Crime Statistics to the Public" as information.
Carried

D. OTHER BUSINESS

1. COMMUNITY SAFETY PATROLS UPDATE

The Police Committee requested a status update regarding Item No. Poo1 "Community Safety Patrols Update – Commissionaires Contract" that was considered at the February 16, 2015 Police Committee meeting. The City Manager advised that a report is being prepared for the June Police Committee that will provide information regarding the transition plan for providing the requested overlap in terms of visibility and community patrols.

In response to committee question, the City Manager confirmed that the commissionaires currently report to the Manager, By-law Enforcement and Licensing who then in turn is in communication with the RCMP.

The By-law Enforcement and Licensing Manager advised the Committee that the patrols are ongoing and operating smoothly.

2. MOTION TO HOLD A MEETING IN A CLOSED SESSION

It is in order for Police Committee members to pass a resolution to close the meeting to the public pursuant to Section 90 (1)(f) of the *Community Charter*.

It was
Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Councillor Steele
That the Police Committee meeting be closed to the public pursuant to Section 90 (1)(f) of the *Community Charter* as the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:

- (f) law enforcement, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the conduct of an investigation under or enforcement of an enactment.

Carried

E. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Police Committee is scheduled for Friday, June 19, 2015 at 9:00 am.

F. ADJOURNMENT

It was
Moved by Councillor Villeneuve
Seconded by Councillor Steele
That the Police Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Police Committee adjourned at 1:31 pm

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Mayor Hepner, Chair