

Police Committee Minutes

Chair:

Councillor Rasode

Present:Mayor Watts
Councillor Hepner
Councillor Martin
Councillor Steele
Councillor Hayne
Councillor Gill**Absent:**Councillor Villeneuve
Councillor Hunt**Staff Present:**Superintendent, OIC Surrey RCMP
City Manager
General Manager, Engineering
City Clerk
Deputy City Clerk**A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was

Police Committee be adopted.

Moved by Councillor Hepner
Seconded by Councillor Steele
That the minutes of the September 30, 2013Carried**B. DELEGATION****C. INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Chief Superintendent Bill Fordy was in attendance to introduce Staff Sergeant Major Aaron Paradis

Chief Superintendent Bill Fordy introduced Staff Sargeant Aaron Paradis who is now the successor to the Staff Sgt. position held by Dave Woods. The Chief Superintendent advised that Staff Sgt. Paradis has extensive experience in the human resource field and will be working on a number of areas, including performance management, absenteeism, and how the RCMP should be handling itself as an organization.

During discussion, Council raised the recent financial support offered to the Cloverdale Business Improvement Association (BIA) to assist with the community's 2013 Lighted Santa Claus Parade and noted that Staff Sgt. Woods provided the support with deployment and other resources. In response, the OIC confirmed that there is a position that will be responsible for special events and the associated deployment of resources. Council members requested that staff review and revisit how the City assists organizations relative to special events.

Further discussion ensued regarding the Community Safety Officer Program. Council members expressed concern relative to this program's termination. The OIC advised that the Community Safety Officer Program is in fact a pilot program that has now transitioned into a program with two options: Community Constable

(Uniform) and Community Safety Officer (Non-Uniform). The RCMP's preferred option is the Community Constable option. The City Manager noted that the Community Safety Officer Program has worked very well and made great headways into establishing connections with the community, and as such there is continued concern regarding the transition from the "pilot" program into the Community Constable option.

2. **3rd Quarter Crime Statistics Report**

Memo from Chief Superintendent B. Fordy

The OIC provided an overview of the Third Quarter Crime Statistics, highlighting sexual assaults, theft of and from vehicles, and break and enter. In response to a Council query, the OIC confirmed that the statistics are on a per capita basis and as such adjusted based on the population growth.

During discussion Council members stated that they have received feedback from community members who feel their calls to RCMP have not been taken seriously in light of being non-emergency calls. In response, the OIC noted that the Mayor's Task Force would be addressing this matter through the formation of a call-in line for non-emergency matters. In addition, the OIC stated that RCMP's service delivery model is being evaluated from an all encompassing approach and will include an analysis of the dispatch system.

In response to a question regarding the sexual assault crime statistics, the OIC clarified that the number of sexual assaults is artificially high, as the numbers represent unsubstantiated cases vs. confirmed cases. The OIC further clarified that there is no double reporting in the instances of vehicle theft and theft over \$5000.00.

D. OTHER BUSINESS

1. **MOTION TO HOLD A MEETING IN A CLOSED SESSION**

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

It was

Moved by Councillor Steele

Seconded by Councillor Hayne

That Council close the meeting to the public pursuant to Section 90 (1)(f) of the Community Charter, which states:

"A part of a council meeting may be closed to the public if 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

F. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Councillor

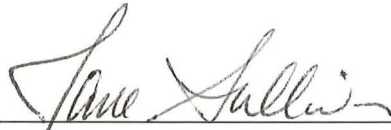
Seconded by Councillor

That the Police Committee meeting do now


adjourn.

Carried

The Police Committee adjourned at 11:24 a.m.



Jane Sullivan, City Clerk



Councillor Rasode, Chairperson