

Police Committee Minutes

Chair:

Councillor Rasode

Absent:

Councillor Hunt

Staff Present:Superintendent, OIC Surrey RCMP
City Manager
General Manager, Engineering
City Clerk**Present:**Mayor Watts
Councillor Villeneuve
Councillor Hepner
Councillor Martin
Councillor Steele
Councillor Hayne
Councillor Gill**A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES****1. Police Committee Minutes – December 9, 2013**

It was

Moved by Councillor Hepner
Seconded by Councillor Villeneuve
That the minutes of the December 9, 2013

Police Committee be adopted.

Carried**B. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS****C. NEW BUSINESS****D. COMMITTEE UPDATES****OIC SURREY RCMP DETACHMENT****1. P001 - Electronic Reporting Implementation**

The Chief Superintendent provided Council with information with regard to the Surrey RCMP's new Online Crime Reporting (e-Reporting), which would allow citizens to file their own minor incident reports electronically. A media release in this regard will be going out shortly.

This initiative supports RCMP strategic priorities as well as the City of Surrey's Crime Reduction Strategy and addresses the recent reform and change management initiatives within the RCMP that ensure that they remain responsive and accountable to its clients and stakeholders.

The e-Reporting System is created to address minor incidents and less serious offences such as theft from a vehicle. It is not intended for crimes in progress or against your person. The reports will go into the Records Management System and responded to appropriately. There is an auto-reply to indicate that the report was received and a File Number generated. These reports will be monitored in real time 24/7 and triaged as required. This system is for Surrey specific and not RCMP as a whole.

The statistics generated through this process will not be published or mapped on-line right away. They will be included in the Quarterly Stats that are published on-line. Crime-mapping using these statistics are real time for in-house use as strategy builders. Tracking, auditing of the system is to be done on a regular basis to ensure reliability. The information is stored in a data-bank and is subject to FOI Legislation.

The Chair stated that the Victoria Police will be presenting their on-line reporting system to the Community Safety Committee later in the week.

2. **4th Quarter Crime Statistics Report.**

Chief Superintendent Bill Fordy was in attendance to review the Report.

The OIC provided an overview of the Fourth Quarter Crime Statistics highlighting that the overall numbers of Violent Crimes had dropped 8 % in comparison to 2012, even though number of murders had increased significantly as well documented in the media. The percentage drop based on population growth or per capita shows a more significant drop in overall Violent Crimes since 2008.

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. As individual investigations progress, the reported cases may become “unfounded”, which decreases the initially reported numbers as indicated in the Statistics.

Under the Property Crime Statistics, which includes theft of and from vehicles, and break and enters, overall increased by 3%.

It was also clarified that usually when a weapon is involved it would be included within the Violent Crimes statistics; however an exception would be if the weapon was stolen, which would then be considered to be a Property Crime.

It was

report as information.

Moved by Mayor Watts
Seconded by Councillor Hepner
That the Police Committee receive this

Carried

E. 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 Martin
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 Hayne
Seconded by Councillor Gill
That the Closed Police Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Closed Police Committee adjourned at 2:35 p.m.



Jane Sullivan, City Clerk



Councillor Rasode, Chairperson