

Police Committee Minutes

Executive Boardroom City Hall 14245 - 56 Avenue Surrey, B.C. MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2014

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Chair:
Mayor Watts
Present:
Councillor Rasode
Councillor Villeneuve
Councillor Hepner
Councillor Martin
Councillor Steele

Councillor Gill

Absent: Councillor Hayne Staff Present:
Superintendent, OIC Surrey RCMP
City Manager
City Clerk
Manager of Bylaws and Licensing

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Police Committee - January 20, 2014

It was

Moved by Councillor Martin Seconded by Councillor Steele

That the minutes of the January 20, 2014

Police Committee be adopted.

Carried

2. Community Safety Committee - January 23, 2014

It was

Moved by Councillor Martin Seconded by Councillor Steele

That the minutes of the January 23, 2014

Police Committee be adopted.

Carried

B. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Community Safety Committee Mandate

Mayor Watts outlined that the work under the Crime Reduction Strategy through the Community Safety Committee needs a refresh and the work undertaken by the many facets of this committee needs to be more formally reported through to the public. To initiate, and provide these linkages, formal minutes of this Committee will be taken by the Clerk's Department and those minutes will come to the Police Committee whose minutes will be available through our website.

Councillor Rasode will continue to Chair this Committee and Councillors Hayne, Hepner and Steele have been included as members. The Terms of Reference /Mandate for this Committee will be refreshed and come to Police Committee for review.

2. Predictive Policing - Video presentation

The OIC stated that there currently is a Provincial Intelligence Centre operating in BC, it does not operate on a 24/7 basis and it does not have the capacity to offer real-time operational support to frontline officers. Due to recent technological advancements, police agencies now have the ability to store, search, retrieve and analyse vast amounts of data, and link seemingly unconnected criminal events. However, in BC there is only limited interoperability between various law enforcement databases. For example, the RCMP, VPD, and federal and provincial corrections each have their own human source intelligence databases.

After a thorough legal review to ensure all privacy concerns were addressed, the RCMP, the Surrey Fire Department and the City of Surrey entered into an agreement for sharing their data which has assisted in investigations and arrests, but does not give the ability to predict "hot spots" for crime.

To show how this kind of data can be used to predict real-time crimes, 3 news clips featuring the Los Angeles and Santa Cruz California Police Departments, where they are using the Predictive Policing system, were shown to the Committee.

Committee Report Poo3 discusses E-Division's Real Time Intelligence Centre for BC which will provide timely information / intelligence to police agencies.

3. Update on Specialized Court

Mayor Watts stated that a Steering Committee was struck on this issue and has been working on the components of a Specialized Court for Surrey. It is understood that a set structure will be put through to Treasury this spring. Lots of information and data has been collected and submitted and the Committee is looking to kick off a Surrey solution in March. Priorities were set using policy and data analysis of what is going and what is not going to court and the outcomes of each.

Further comments were:

- A Specialized Court is not like New York's Red Hook model, we do not have that kind of infrastructure locally at this time to support that model;
- Concern with the Court referring the parties to Recovery Homes and the homes not having their licensing or any certification. The services offered are loose and there is no follow-up;
- Surrey has been building capacity in this area in the past few years with Timber Grove, Phoenix House, Alder Place, however still more are un-licensed and many of the facilities are full and have wait lists.
- Discussions have taken place through the RCMP Contract meetings and the Deputy Minister from the Ministry of Social Development that will be reported on in time.

C. COMMITTEE REPORTS

OIC SURREY RCMP DETACHMENT

1. Poo2 - Community Consultation Group Update

The OIC provided Council with information with regard to Surrey RCMP's five District Office's engagement that represents each of their communities on policing and public safety matters. There are differences in the approach of each individual Districts as there are different demographics so different requirements in each of the 5 Districts. Phase 1 of this project was more about youth; this is Phase 2 which is to be of a broader scope. Community engagement and relationship building are critical to maintaining public trust and confidence in the police, which in turn result in police effectiveness.

It was

Moved by Councillor Martin Seconded by Councillor Villeneuve That That the Police Committee receive

Poo2 – Community Consultation Group Update report as information.

Carried

2. Poo₃ – E Division – Real Time Intelligence Centre – BC

Chief Superintendent Bill Fordy introduced Brad Haugli, Operations Officer & Assistant District Commander (Acting) to present the Report.

There has been a huge evolution of how police communications are conducted within their departments and other agencies. It was not so long ago that police were dependent on hard copy updates pinned to a billboard. With newer technological advancements, police agencies now have the ability to store, search, retrieve and analyze vast amounts of intelligence based data, and link seemingly unconnected criminal events. Crime analysis is an effective model and it is multi-jurisdictional and immediate. RTIC will be used to address threats to public safety and all serious crimes.

The Missing Women Commission of Inquiry had recommended that the Provincial Government move expeditiously to implement a Real Time Intelligence Centre (RTIC). This recommendation was strongly endorsed by the RCMP and Police Chief's Association.

A steering committee was formed in December 2010 by Lower Mainland police forces. The steering committee, with municipal, RCMP and BC government representation, is overseeing the implementation of RTIC-BC and transition to operations. Operations are to be 24/7/365.

The RTIC-BC mandate is to provide actionable intelligence in real-time operational support by accessing, analyzing and disseminating information to enhance public

safety and accelerate investigations. There is a commitment to the RTIC by the other municipal Police Forces and both the Federal and Provincial RCMP.

RTIC will be resourced with 43 employees made up with 17 Officers and 26 Civilians. The project will commence in 2014 with 22 resources - 13 Provincial employees and 9 Federal who have been operating at the Provincial Intelligence Centre. An additional 21 Municipal resources will be phased in this year as the municipal contribution which will bring us to the full complement of 43 which should be achieved by January of 2015.

RTIC -BC funding is 30% Provincial, 20% Federal and the rest made up in municipal contributions. Surrey's contribution will equate to 9.63%.

There are proven metrics with this system showing crime rates going down and the clearance rate on files going up. There will be ongoing evaluation and assessment and an on-going accountability to the partners to demonstrate the return on their investment.

It was

Moved by Councillor Steele Seconded by Councillor Martin That the Police Committee receive Poo₃ – E

Division – Real Time Intelligence Centre – BC report as information.

Carried

E. OTHER BUSINESS

1. RCMP Non-Emergency Line

Comments that further complaints had been received with regard to service on the non-emergency line by individuals. These individual complaints were investigated by the OIC and Manager of Support Services. The recorded calls were reviewed and there was no contravention of policy found, the calls were handled in a manner that was appropriate. Each caller has a reference number assigned and Policy is that it is given to the complainant only if an Officer will not attend. This is Policy which can be re-visited to ensure that both the Police and public's best interests are being served.

2. Nuisance Bylaw

Manager of Bylaws and Licensing reported that an amendment to the Nuisance Bylaw will be at the February 24, 2014 Council meeting in response to an increasing number of calls for service related to nuisance properties that City staff and the RCMP members are attending. The Bylaw amendment will address those properties that are the subject of repeated calls for service related to nuisances. The proposed amendment will affect properties where there have been more than three service calls related to nuisances at the same property within a twelve month period. The amendment will allow for a Municipal Ticket Information to be issued for each offense as a method of cost recovery for the responses.

Concerns were raised and discussed with regard to owners being ticketed when they are actively trying to deal through the Residential Tenancy Act with the

tenants responsible for the nuisance violations. The Bylaw amendment does take this into account and will definitely work with the owner in this circumstance.

F. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Councillor Hepner Seconded by Councillor Gill

That the Closed Police Committee meeting

do now adjourn.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Carried

Mayor Watts, Chair

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