

Police Committee Minutes

Present:

Chair: Mayor Watts
Councillor Gill
Councillor Hayne
Councillor Hepner
Councillor Rasode
Councillor Steele
Councillor Villeneuve

Absent:

Councillor Martin

Staff Present:

Chief Superintendent Bill Fordy, OIC, Surrey RCMP
Staff Sgt. Major Aaron Paradis, Surrey RCMP
Vince Lalonde, City Manager
Craig MacFarlane, City Solicitor
Jas Rehal, Manager, By-laws & Licensing Services
Jean Lamontagne, GM, Planning & Development
Jane Sullivan, City Clerk
Claudette Bejtovic, Administrative Assistant

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**1. Police Committee - June 16, 2014**

It was Moved by Councillor Villeneuve
Seconded by Councillor Hayne
That the minutes of the Police Committee
meeting held on June 16, 2014, be adopted.
Carried

2. Community Safety Committee - May 22, 2014

It was Moved by Councillor Rasode
Seconded by Councillor Hayne
That the minutes of the Community Safety
Committee meeting held on May 22, 2014, be received.
Carried

B. NEW BUSINESS**C. COMMITTEE REPORTS****1. OIC SURREY RCMP DETACHMENT**

Item No. P009 Justice Precinct – City Hall | Surrey RCMP Facilities
File No. 7400-01

The following comments were made:

- In 2007, the RCMP worked with Cornerstone Group to do an expansion study on future facility requirements for the Surrey RCMP. In 2008, the City of Surrey began building in long term projections for construction of a

second building in North Surrey. In 2013, in alignment with recommendations noted in their Service Delivery Model, the potential for expansion in the former City Hall was examined; this would allow for the elimination of potential challenges around communication & duplication of work.

- Discussions have been held regarding using the old and new towers at the former City Hall to expand the RCMP facilities. Previous capital plans called for a \$36m expansion, not necessarily at the former City Hall. It would be most efficient to have the majority of the RCMP team centralized, and an initial review by RCMP indicated that the old tower would suit their needs in terms of space. The former City Hall would be rented for police services, and the operating budget would be increased to reflect rental rather than establishing a \$36m capital budget.
- Concern was raised with how centralizing services would enable maintaining the community safety model in policing. In response, Chief Superintendent Bill Fordy, OIC, noted that these are separate and distinct issues: the main office and senior management team would be located centrally while continuing to have community offices in each of the districts. Deployment of General Duty resources will be centralized along with the Youth Section because they service the entire City. Community Services will still live in the Districts.
- Staff noted that the City is aggressively advancing community court; there will be a two-day workshop in September for Council. As we move forward, space requirements will be identified. The preference would be to keep all court portions in the main building of Old City Hall. The Chief Superintendent advised that the space will be reconfigured so the Vulnerable Persons Unit will be located to the south of the main entrance along with the Mental Health Liaison and the CAR 67 program.

It was Moved by Councillor Steele
 Seconded by Councillor Hayne
 That Committee Report Item No. P009
 Justice Precinct – City Hall|Surrey RCMP Facilities be received as information.
Carried

D. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Update on Recovery Homes

The General Manager of Planning and the Manager of By-laws were in attendance to provide an update on recovery homes in the City of Surrey.

The following comments were made:

- In 2008/2009 staff participated in a multi-stakeholders review with non-profits that run recovery homes; this led to a change of the Zoning By-law in 2010.
- The definition of "Care Facility" was amended. Reference to the *Community Care Facility Act* was replaced with the current *Community Care and Assisted Living Act* adopted by the Provincial Government in 2004 to regulate community care facilities.
- There are three categories of recovery homes:
 1. Unregulated: These are not funded as they do not provide prescribed services as defined in the *Community Care and Assisted Living Act*. Residents pay rent either through Income Assistance or other income. Any problems are dealt with by the City By-law Department or RCMP;
 2. Assisted Living Registry: These are funded by the Ministry of Social Development Supportive Recovery House Per Diem program and must provide at least one but not more than two prescribed services as defined in the *Community Care and Assisted Living Act*;
 3. Licensed: These are licensed by and funded by the Fraser Health Authority (FHA) and provide three or more prescribed services as defined in the *Community Care and Assisted Living Act*.
- Following enforcement activity, 103 unregulated recovery houses are no longer operating. There are still 58 unregulated recovery houses in Surrey; the City is aware of and monitoring these. There is no move to shut them down at this time as they are safe and no complaints have been received so far. There are 36 recovery houses on the Ministry of Health Assisted Living Registry as of July 10 2014; and three recovery houses licensed by the FHA.
- The Ministry of Health has established a program to ensure that alternate housing is found for those clients who are displaced when a recovery house is closed. Unregulated recovery houses do not get funding from the Province so when one is shut down there is no concern that funding would continue for the operator.
- The Province is part of a steering committee working with Crown Council to exchange information and addresses of problem operators. There are tighter controls in Surrey where people are assigned to recovery homes; however, some unregulated operations are attempting to attract clients from outside of the City and bring them to Surrey.
- In response to a question from Council, staff assured that different ministries within the Provincial Government come to the table and the relationship is very positive; there is a will to address issues and to make changes. The process relies on the registry and we do not want to over regulate ourselves and thus take on the burden of the Province.

- Next steps: A central database for stakeholders is being established wherein Crown Council can indicate where a problem house exists so everyone has access to that information. Staff are also collaborating with the Province to fine-tune the Assisted Living Registry and enhance the complaints management process between the Province and the City.
- The timeline for shutting down an unregulated recovery house varies depending on the issue. After a complaint is received by the RCMP regarding activity in the neighbourhood the process is usually complete within 30 days.
- Fines for the property owner when in violation of the zoning bylaw is \$500 a day. If a higher fine were imposed, it would be more likely to be appealed and draw out the process.

The Mayor has been receiving questions regarding the "Community Dialogues" taking place around the City. Councillor Rasode noted that it was a community forum through the Business Improvement Association she had been invited to attend; however, she did not participate in organizing the events and no City resources were utilized.

E. NEXT MEETING

The next Police Committee meeting is set for 9:00 a.m. on September 15, 2014.

F. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Councillor Hayne
Seconded by Councillor Steele

That the Police Committee meeting do now

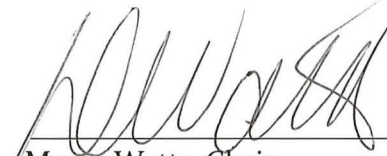
adjourn.

Carried

The Police Committee adjourned at 11:40 a.m.



Jane Sullivan, City Clerk



Mayor Watts, Chair