

Public Safety Committee Minutes

Present:

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

Absent:**RCMP Representatives:**

Chief Superintendent, OIC
Inspector Bhayani
Staff Sergeant Hurst

Staff Present:

City Manager
Director, Public Safety Strategies
Manager, Bylaw Enforcement, Licensing Services
City Clerk
Deputy City Clerk

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**1. Public Safety Committee – October 26, 2015**

Minutes to be adopted.

It was

Moved by Councillor Hayne
Seconded by Councillor Steele
That the minutes of the Public Safety
Committee meeting held on October 26, 2015, be adopted.
Carried

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS**1. Introduction of New Director, Public Safety Strategies**

The City Manager introduced Dr. Terry Waterhouse as our new Director of Public Safety Strategies and noted that today was his first day on the job. Dr. Waterhouse comes with a wealth of experience and is looking forward to working with staff and Council. The Mayor welcomed Dr. Waterhouse, stating that Council was looking forward to working with him.

2. Item No. P016 Strategic Performance Measures

The OIC reviewed the Strategic Performance Measures report to clarify and differentiate between the measures presented and police performance metrics further to the previous discussions at earlier Public Safety meetings. He noted that there are no broadly accepted standardized performance metrics for police service delivery, however work is underway at national and provincial levels. The metrics provided in this report provides the basis for annual strategic business planning and also assists in specific initiatives in line with community priorities. The graph is based on crimes per thousand of the population which equates to the crime rate; our goal is to do better.

Discussion followed with regard to concern that the basis of the measurement is still calculated on the statistics from the year previous and the goals for the year being shown as improvement by a percentage. A discussion ensued to support using the 5 year rolling average as this may be more reflective of actuals and every year the numbers should be going down. A 5 year average shows the trend and may show success in a better way. It is a different way of thinking. Concern was expressed that a rolling average may be more confusing and may not reflect peaks and valleys but just an overall trend and in some cases our statistics will show that we are below the trend so harder to set an annual targeted reduction.

Committee members stated that they would like more work on developing a criteria for measuring the service delivery; for example, do we have too many or not enough officers?

Councillor Gill requested division on the 3 recommendations put forward in the report.

It was Moved by Councillor LeFranc
Seconded by Councillor Martin
That Committee Report No. P016 entitled
"Strategic Performance Measures" be received as information.
Carried

It was Moved by Councillor Steele
Seconded by Councillor Hayne
That the Committee approves the Surrey
RCMP strategic performance measures and targets in support of the detachment's
2015-2017 Strategic Framework as presented in Appendix I of Committee Report
P016.
Carried with Councillors' Gill and Woods
opposed

It was Moved by Councillor Gill
Seconded by Councillor Steele
That the Committee endorse a recurring
community survey process, based on standardized questions and methodology
guidelines, to measure public perception of crime/neighbourhood safety and
police performance on an ongoing basis.
Carried with Councillor Woods opposed

3. Item No. P017 Enhancing Public Safety with Communications Technology

It was Moved by Councillor Villeneuve
Seconded by Councillor Martin
That Council:
1. Receive this report as information;
2. Endorse the development of a police app as a component of the MySurrey app.
Carried

C. NEW BUSINESS

D. OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION TO HOLD A MEETING IN A CLOSED SESSION

It is in order for Public Safety Committee members to pass a resolution to closed the meeting to the public pursuant to Section 90 (1)(f) of the *Community Charter*, which states:

It was Moved by Councillor Steele
Seconded by Councillor Martin
That the Public Safety Committee 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

A Closed Public Safety Committee Meeting will be held at City Hall, 13450-104 Avenue, Surrey, B.C. in 1E Committee Room B on **Monday, December 7, 2015.**

E. NEXT MEETING


The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee is scheduled for February 29, 2016.

F. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved by Councillor Gill
Seconded by Councillor Steele
That the Public Safety Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Police Committee adjourned at 2:54 pm.


Jane Sullivan, City Clerk


Mayor Hepner, Chair