

Present:

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

Absent:

Councillor Martin
Councillor Steele

Staff Present:

Chief Superintendent, OIC, Surrey RCMP
City Manager
City Clerk
Deputy City Clerk

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Public Safety Committee – June 20, 2016

It was Moved by Councillor Hayne
Seconded by Councillor Villeneuve
That the minutes of the Public Safety
Committee meeting held on June 20, 2016, be adopted.
Carried

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

RCMP DETACHMENT

1. Item No. P007 RCMP Community Engagement Update
File: 7450-30

Superintendent Shawn Gill provided an update relative to RCMP's efforts in community engagement work. Community Engagement and Mobilization is one of the strategic priorities for the Surrey RCMP, as outlined in the Strategic Framework. The detachment is looking to meet a number of community engagement objectives, such as communication of key messages, enhancing outreach and fostering dialogue, promoting positive interactions with the public, and developing and expanding community safety programs.

The detachment's community engagement initiatives are part of a long-term strategy to reduce crime by promoting positive choices for youth, providing support to parents of at-risk youth, educating the community on crime prevention, and building relationships between police and the community. Over the summer period, over 50 events were undertaken by community engagement teams, engaging with over 14,000 people, especially in the Newton community.

The Surrey RCMP expanded its Diversity Unit to create the first RCMP Diversity and Community Engagement Unit, seeking to enhance the Surrey RCMP's relationships with the city's communities by attending cultural events. The Diversity Unit delivered over 40 presentations to over 2,000 residents, many who were refugees or newcomers to Canada. The Surrey RCMP Parent Help Line was launched in May 2016 and thus far 41 calls have been received from parents with concerns about their children. This Fall, the Surrey RCMP will continue to host its Neighborhood Safety Meetings to provide residents with information on localized crime trends, current policing initiatives and how to engage with police in crime prevention.

With regards to schools engagement, the Surrey RCMP's Youth Unit is continuing a number of youth engagement initiatives in Surrey schools this fall, including the WRAP Program, Code Blue and End-Gang Life presentations with CFSEU-BC. In terms of initiatives and programming for students, RCMP is focusing on the pivotal time of 3:00 to 6:00 pm. As part of this focus, RCMP is working closely with the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department relative to afternoon programming for youth.

During discussion, the following comments were provided:

- Need to ensure that the kids who are at risk are being targeted and reached by the various programming;
- Question whether the youth bus that is part of the Yo Bro initiative is being utilized in the community? In response the RCMP noted they are not involved directly in Yo Bro Initiatives but facilitate and assist whenever possible;
- With all of the various initiatives, how is the RCMP measuring the success? And, how is it determined what resources are required to achieve the set out strategies and objectives? In response, the RCMP noted that direct feedback is a good measure of an initiative/program's success. As the RCMP is engaging people, the RCMP is tracking their path as well. Since the helpline was put in place, 41 calls have been received and this is a sign that the community engagement is having an impact. Once the Public Safety Strategy rolls out, the real measures will be much more deliverable and tighter in the future. With time, the hope is to secure more surveys in order to accurately compare the statistics of crime compared to the perception of crime data;
- Consideration should be given to creating a video in order to raise awareness about the dangers of fentanyl to show youth the reality of the situation; and,
- With regards to the fentanyl issue, RCMP noted that a video could be produced quite easily; RCMP stated that letters went out to all families attached to report cards raising awareness regarding the current fentanyl crisis.

It was Moved by Councillor Hayne
Seconded by Councillor Woods
That the Public Safety Committee receive
report Poo7 entitled "RCMP Community Engagement Update" as information.
Carried

2. **Item No. Poo8** **Surrey RCMP Mobile Police App**
File: 7450-30

Acting Commissioner Bill Fordy provided an overview of report Poo8 entitled "Surrey RCMP Mobile Police App" noting the Detachment's efforts in applying new communication technologies to enhance service delivery. The Surrey RCMP police app is in its final stages of development and will soon be released as a component of the "MySurrey App".

The project team has been working with a vendor to customize the police app that will include the following features:

- Contact information;
- News feeds;
- Police station details;
- Crime reporting;
- Crime mapping;
- Crime prevention tips;
- Events;
- Social media feeds; and,
- Emergency alerts

During discussion, Council noted that it will be important for the app to differentiate a bylaw matter being reported (i.e. nuisance) and an actual police matter, and be able to triage calls appropriately. RCMP noted that calls from the public are triaged on a daily basis and do not foresee any changes to existing procedures. In response to a Council query, staff confirmed the launching of the app will be coordinated with the public launch of the Public Safety Strategy.

It was Moved by Councillor LeFranc
Seconded by Councillor Woods
That the Public Safety Committee receive
Report Poo8 entitled "Surrey RCMP Mobile Police App" as information.
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:

"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"

It was Moved by Councillor Woods
Seconded by Councillor LeFranc
That the Public Safety Committee meeting be closed to the public pursuant to Section 90 (1)(f) of the *Community Charter*, which states:

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- (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

E. NEXT MEETING


The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee is scheduled for November 28, 2016.

F. ADJOURNMENT

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

Carried

The Public Safety Committee adjourned at 2:34 pm.



Jane Sullivan, City Clerk



Mayor Hepner, Chair