

Present:

Chairperson - Mayor McCallum
Councillor Annis
Councillor Elford
Councillor Guerra
Councillor Hundial
Councillor Locke
Councillor Nagra
Councillor Patton
Councillor Pettigrew

Absent:

Staff Present:

City Manager
Acting City Clerk
General Manager, Policing Transition
Assistant Commissioner, Officer in Charge

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Public Safety Committee – June 18, 2018

It was
Moved by Councillor Locke
Seconded by Councillor Guerra
That the minutes of the Public Safety
Committee meeting held on June 18, 2018, be adopted.
Carried

B. DELEGATION

C. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Committee Reports, under date of December 11, 2018, were considered and dealt with as follows:

Item No. P003 Public Safety Strategy – Moving Forward on Integration and Alignment
(20 minute presentation available)
File No. 7450-30

The General Manager, Policing Transition and General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture submitted a report to inform the Public Safety Committee of the current structure of the Public Safety Strategy and recommend the alignment of identified elements of the Strategy within the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department.

The General Manager, Policing Transition provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Public Safety Strategy and provided the following information:

- As the City transitions from RCMP services to a municipal police department, it is important that the City's structures and resources continue to deliver the priorities of the Public Safety Strategy.
- The Strategy was launched in 2016 and includes numerous initiatives and major projects.
- Staff recommends that responsibility for on-going Strategy projects be moved to the operational home of the program. This will ensure that projects can continue without losing capacity.
- It is proposed that the communication role of the Strategy be relocated to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department, as that Department houses the City's Marketing and Communications team. The Public Safety webpage would be redesigned as a Community Safety page to reflect the new alignment.
- Two full-time employees from Public Safety would be reallocated to work with the General Manager, Police Transitioning while the remaining Public Safety employees would be managed by Parks, Recreation and Culture.

In response to questions from the Committee, the following was reported:

- It is not anticipated that servicing levels would be affected by the proposed realignment, as much of the work that Public Safety staff works on is also worked on by Parks staff.
- The realignment would begin the transition from the term "public safety".
- The realignment proposal does not include any loss of staff or capacity.

It was

Moved by Councillor Guerra
Seconded by Councillor Patton
That the Public Safety Committee:

1. Receive Committee Report P003 for information; and
2. Endorse the alignment of identified elements of the Public Safety Strategy within the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department and other departments as described in Appendix "III" attached to the report.

Carried

Item No. P004 Inadmissible Patrons Program
(20 minute presentation available)
File No. 7450-20

The Assistant Commissioner, Officer in Charge, Surrey RCMP, submitted a report to provide the Public Safety Committee with information on a new initiative developed by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Surrey, the Inadmissible Patrons Program (IPP).

The Assistant Commissioner Officer in Charge, Surrey RCMP, provided a PowerPoint presentation and highlighted the following information:

- The IPP is similar to the "Barwatch" program; however, the name is intentionally broad because in later phases, it is proposed to expand to restaurants and gyms.
- There were legal and resourcing issues that had to be addressed prior to implementing the program. In order to be successful, the RCMP must be able to respond effectively to IPP requests. There also must be a legal process in place that allows the City and RCMP to eject individuals from a facility. Surrey RCMP has received approval from the Department of Justice to operate the program.
- In preparation for the implementation of the program, Surrey RCMP consulted with local businesses and partnered with the Vancouver Police Department for training and education.
- While Surrey does not have a large entertainment district, there are establishments that gang members frequent. Participation for facilities is voluntary and can be terminated at any time. Participating facilities are required to display a window decal and retain a copy of the program agreement on-site. The program is anonymous to ensure there are no impacts to facility staff.
- Surrey RCMP is responsible for determining inadmissible patrons based on five criteria. To be inadmissible, a patron must meet one of the five criteria. An internal database of inadmissible individuals will be maintained by the RCMP. Officers will always attempt to subtly remove an individual from a facility, in order to preserve the social experience of law-abiding citizens.
- The program was launched early December 2018 and it is anticipated that Phase Two will begin in Spring 2019. A third phase will include opening the program to fitness facilities.
- Potential risks for the program could include legal challenges if the program is not enforced or perceived to be enforced legally, resource capacity issues and the need for on-going education.

In response to questions from the Committee, the following was reported:

- The RCMP is responsible for identifying inadmissible patrons. As the program continues, it is anticipated that restaurant and bar staff will become more knowledgeable of potential admissible patrons through well-known gang tattoos, brands and colours.

- The RCMP encourages large hospitality companies to utilize an identification scan program in order to create notes for future visits. A previous identification scan program called Bar None was well supported by Surrey businesses.
- The program is intended to mainly target businesses with that have a liquor license.
- Ideally, Phase Three would expand the program to large events, such as FVDED in the Park. Participation could be regulated as a condition of the festival license.
- As authority is provided to the RCMP to remove patrons from a private facility through the Trespass Act, the program would be difficult to apply to public events.
- Information regarding the program has been translated on social media into commonly spoken languages in Surrey.
- The City of White Rock is not currently participating in the program.

It was
Committee Report Poo4 for information.

Moved by Councillor Guerra
Seconded by Councillor Annis
That the Public Safety Committee receive
Carried

D. OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION TO HOLD A MEETING IN A CLOSED SESSION

It is in order for Public Safety Committee members to close the meeting to the public pursuant to Section 90 (1)(k) of the *Community Charter*.

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meeting to the public pursuant to Section 90 (1)(k) of the *Community Charter*, which states:

Moved by Councillor Guerra
Seconded by Councillor Annis
That the Public Safety Committee close the

"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:

- (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public".

Carried

E. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee to be determined.

F. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Councillor Guerra
Seconded by Councillor Locke
That the Public Safety Committee meeting

do now adjourn.

Carried

The Public Safety Committee adjourned at 1:29 p.m.



Jennifer Ficocelli, City Clerk



Mayor McCallum, Chair