



Minutes of the Police Services Review Committee

Place: Council Chambers

Date: Monday, August 26, 2019

Committee Members in Attendance: Deputy Mayor Rick Draper, CAO Rachel Jones, Councilor Dave Clark, Byron MacDonnell, David Hoffman, Donna Jewers – Department of Justice and Linda Cloney (recorder)

Regrets: Mayor Patricia Stewart

A quorum was present throughout the meeting

1. Call to order

Chairman Rick Draper called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

It was moved and seconded that the agenda of the Police Services Review Meeting for August 26, 2019 be approved.

Motion Carried

3. Approval of Previous Minutes: 12 August 2019

- Paragraph four – regarding Clark's Harbor population - change the wording from "half" to "two thirds"
- The last five bullets under the Public Meeting Planning should be listed under General Discussion.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of August 12, 2019 as amended.

Motion Carried

4. Information Updates

- How do policing costs get allocated to communities? Response: We are part of the district policing model. The policing costs has to do with crime statistics. RCMP has a policing resourcing model – a simulation model that determines, based on the calls per service by detachment, how many front-line responders are needed for that detachment.
- How often does the policing costs get reviewed? Response: Every town has the right to request a policing review as often as they like.
- How do we get to find out what those crime stats are? Response: At the presentation to Cumberland, the crime statistics were done. A workload analysis was done in 2015/16 and it was presented that we could reduce our number of members through several different options.

- Can we get crime stats for Digby, Clark's Harbor and towns that are similar in size of Oxford so we can compare? Response: Yes, we can get those stats for this committee to review.
- The Municipality of Cumberland County has decided to reduce one regular member for the entire county. This will cut costs for Cumberland and Oxford. This position is being reprofiled into a public service employee as a Court Liaison Officer.
- Mental Health is the number one call for assistance for the province, it averages about four hours for one officer to sit with a patient at a hospital.
- A general discussion regarding drafting a request for proposal regarding policing services.
- Donna Jewers will forward an e-mail tomorrow to committee members with a copy of a presentation that breaks down the costs for each member across the province.
- The issue is not the cost for each member, the issue is how many members does Oxford need.
- If a town or municipality in the province wants to see someone in your detachment for a certain number of hours per day, it is the duty of the District Commander to make this happen.
- From the Department of Justice's standpoint and because the province is responsible for policing, if the municipality is not satisfied, then the municipality is advised to complain to the Minister. Those complaints are responded to daily.
- The committee would like to invite S/Sgt Craig Learning to the next meeting and speak to the committee about crime stats.
- Donna Jewers is doing an audit of Police Advisory Boards across the province regarding best practices.
- Donna Jewers offered to gather more analysis that would be helpful to the committee to be better prepared to reach out to the public.
- September 9, the committee would like to be presented with an understanding of the crime statistics for the Town of Oxford over the past year or two. How many members are required to support that call volume? The committee would like to have a discussion on what the RCMP is doing on a proactive point of view in our community. Present to the committee what the current level of service is and what the proposed level of service is as to the different options that were presented to council. The committee would also like to be presented with crime statistics from other communities that are comparable to the Oxford population.
- A general discussion regarding the role of the Police Advisory Boards.

5. Public Meeting Planning

- Defer to next meeting

6. Date of Next Meeting

- The next scheduled meeting is September 9, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

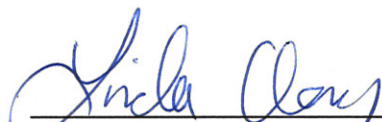
7. Adjournment

At 7:20 pm, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Carried



Chairperson, Rick Draper



Recorder, Linda Cloney