



Minutes of the Police Services Review Committee

Place: Council Chambers

Date: Tuesday, December 3, 2019

Committee Members in Attendance: Chairperson Deputy Mayor Rick Draper, CAO Rachel Jones, Councilor Dave Clark, Acting Chair Byron MacDonnell – Police Advisory Board, Member of the Public David Hoffman and Deputy Clerk Linda Cloney (recorder)

Regrets: Mayor Patricia Stewart and Policing Services Consultant Donna Jewers – Department of Justice.

A quorum was present throughout the meeting

In attendance: Six Rivers News Reporter – Mark Rushton

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 Tuesday, December 3, 2019 be approved.

Motion Carried

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Police Services Review Committee Meeting for 29 October 2019 be approved, as circulated.

Motion Carried

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Public Meeting – Overview of Policing Services for 27 November 2019 be approved, as circulated.

Motion Carried

4. Public Meeting Results: Review

There was a general discussion regarding the results from the Public Meeting held on November 27, 2019. It was recognized by the committee that the public are generally content with the RCMP services. Regarding comments the committee received from the public, majority are reluctant to change to a new policing model. The committee commented that the issue and cost of RCMP unionization wasn't brought forward at the Public Meeting.

5. Communication Plan

The approved minutes of the Police Services Review Committee Meetings are posted on the Town of Oxford website.

It was discussed to have a communication piece thanking the public for their input. Also, to inform the community that the committee is committed to completing the Police Services Review process which includes reviewing the proposal the RCMP and the Department of Justice presented to Oxford Town Council and the Municipality of the County of Cumberland.

6. Next Steps

The Police Services Review Committee has three options to consider.

- Remain status quo with policing services;
- Accept an option proposed in the recommendations report from the RCMP presented in March 2019 to both Cumberland County and the Town of Oxford; or,
- Continue with the current process to the Request for Proposals stage.

It was moved and seconded that the Police Services Review Committee requests to have a meeting with the Department of Justice and the RCMP to discuss the model as proposed to the Town of Oxford and the Municipality of the County of Cumberland on March 18, 2019.

Motion Carried

General Discussion Notes during the meeting

There was a general discussion regarding a letter to the Minister of Justice from the Municipality of the County of Cumberland on November 13, 2019. The Municipality of the County of Cumberland requests to move forward with the implementation of the option to reduce the RCMP numbers in Cumberland County by 3 members. For this option to be considered, Oxford Town Council must co-sign. Oxford Town Council are not in agreement to support the request of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland at this time as the Town of Oxford are committed to the Police Services Review that is currently in place.

The high cost per capita compared to other municipalities is a concern that was raised by the committee.

Concern was expressed that the RCMP allocates calls of service to the Town of Oxford that may not occur within the town boundaries.

7. Date of Next Meeting

Depending on the guest's availability, the next scheduled meeting date is Wednesday December 11, 2019 at 6:00 pm. A substitute date of Thursday December 12, 2019 has been set.


8. Adjournment

At 7:00 pm, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Carried



Chairperson, Rick Draper



Recorder, Linda Cloney