

POLICE ADVISORY MEETING
June 15, 2021
Via WebEx Virtual Meeting

Present: Chair Councillor Chris Goddard, Chair
 Councillor Rod Reeves
 Mayor Don Clarke
 Sgt. Mitch Pelletier
 Michael Payne, CAO
 Jane Perry, Neighborhood Watch
 Pat Jodrie, Citizen Representative
 Bruce Morse, Citizen Representative
 Chantal Pineo-Atwood, Executive Coordinator

Absent with regrets: Deputy Mayor Ty Walsh
 Hope Mailman, Student Representative

1. Call to Order

The Police Advisory Meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM.

2. Approval of Minutes:

The previous minutes were approved as circulated.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved as circulated, with the following additions:

- Complaint about a citizen walking Commercial Street on a regular basis who appears to be experiencing mental health episodes
- Traffic on Brown Street
- Crosswalk Update
- Community Alcohol Partnership correspondence

4. Introductions

The committee took a moment to introduce themselves as this was Bruce Morse's first meeting with the committee. The committee welcomes Bruce and hope he enjoys his time here.

Mr. Payne reiterated that the role of the Advisory Committee was not to discuss specific individuals and allegations regarding criminal activity but to share in general terms the community's concerns and priorities. The Advisory Committee, in consultation with the police, shall determine the priorities and objectives of the police service to enhance the community's safety.

b. Complaint regarding citizen

Ms. Jodrie explained she has received a complaint with regard to a gentleman who walks Commercial Street much of the time, pretending he is talking on a phone, carrying an umbrella and has been verbally abusive and aggressive to people driving by. Sgt. Pelletier noted that this individual is known to the RCMP and they are working through this within the scope of their authorities. Residents are asked to call the police should they observe activity arising concern for individual or public safety.

c. Traffic on Brown Street

Ms. Jodrie noted that she has received complaints about the very fast and loud traffic on Brown Street, especially between 7-9am. Sgt. Pelletier has noted this.

d. Crosswalk Update

Mr. Payne explained that the Town is purchasing solar powered pedestrian activated cross walk lights for crosswalks at Maple/Main and Foster/Main. The school zone on Foster Street will be moved south to include the crosswalk at Mill Street. It will have the reflective green/yellow signs/tape around the signs as approved for school zone crosswalks to make the crosswalk as visible as possible.

e. Correspondence from Community Alcohol Partnership

The committee had reviewed this correspondence. This group promotes and encourages responsibility associated with drinking so they can reduce the harms associated with alcohol.

The committee feels it would be advantageous to have a presentation. The chair will be in touch with the group to schedule same.

5. Reports – Sgt. Mitch Pelletier

Sgt. Pelletier gave a brief overview of the April and May RCMP reports and highlighted that his main focus, currently, is having officers increase patrols and maintaining the low numbers of criminal incidents. Increased patrols usually leads to decreased crime and increased feelings of public safety.

General discussion ensued with regard to various aspects of events and policing within the Town.

6. Next Meeting Date

The Committee will meet next on July 20, 2021 at 5:30pm.

7. Adjournment

The Police Advisory Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.