

Roll Call:

Mr. L. Bursey, Councillor
Mr. D. Atkinson
Mr. M. Casselman
Mr. A. De Murtas
Mrs. M. McCabe
Mr. C. Mininni

Regrets:

Mr. M. Hoy
Miss S. Mannseichner

Staff:

Ms. D. Livingstone, Deputy City Clerk (Recording Secretary)

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: M. Casselman
Seconded by: M. McCabe

THAT the agenda, as presented, be approved.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Police Chief John Gardiner introduced himself and provided some background on his career. Chief Gardiner has over 30 years experience and comes from Ottawa. Chair Bursey lead the discussion by asking Chief Gardiner a few questions:

1. What do you see as priorities coming in to this position?

Mostly internal policy issues specifically policy and procedure for equality and fairness. There are adequacy policies set by the Province and the Police Services Act which govern responsibilities. The Brockville Police Services Department is not a City department but works for the Polices Services Board and is unlike the Brockville Fire Department in this regard.

Policy and procedure review affects service delivery to you and business owners. And sets out how we as police respond to different types of calls. It reduces risk for individuals and officer.

The development of a standardized promotional process is also a priority as well as a corporate identity. On the street issues such as the number of drunken people being arrested and the perception of safety were also discussed. Chief Gardiner also discussed the COP Unit and DART both similar units designed to target current concerns such as intimidation, compliance checks.

2. How can the Youth Advisory Committee be of service?

Community issues like substance abuse needs a youth voice. Having Town Hall meetings with those groups that the Youth Advisory Committee represents to address the issue is a starting point.

M. Casselman inquired about the internal issues that Chief Gardiner mentioned earlier in the discussion and whether they were being brought up by staff or if they are issues because it is different in Brockville than Ottawa?

Chief Gardiner responded that he has seen different size organizations with different levels of success and that overall people, including senior staff, have been very welcoming.

M. Casselman then asked if everyone was on the same page to which Chief Gardiner responded that it is hard to gauge but most seem pleased. Chief Gardiner also noted that he is the second police chief in 179 years to be hired from the outside.

Chief Gardiner would like his position to have a balance between work on the inside and outside rather than be heavy on the public relations side and less on the police work side, a balance is best practice.

A.De Murtas mentioned the oxycontin use in the City of Brockville and inquired about the relationship of Crimestoppers to the Brockville Police Service. Chief Gardiner clarified that although tips are received through Crimestoppers, there is no direct relationship between the two. Chief Gardiner emphasized that if Mr. De Murtas feels that a concern is not receiving service that there are processes that can be followed such as filing a complaint. That even if it's not a formal complaint, it can be brought to the Chief's attention, otherwise how would they know there was a concern.

D. Atkinson advocates harm reduction through education. Chief Gardiner agrees and a discussion about drug treatment and facilities in the Brockville area took place. Chief Gardiner notes that help of Youth Advisory Committee members at town hall meetings as a forum to hear what people have to say. Further discussion took place regarding the types of patrol in the City. A. De Murtas asked about having a volunteer force like Community Watch. Chief Gardiner discussed the pros and cons and indicated that he'd like to see the bicycle patrols continue and have racks on the cruisers.

The Committee thanked Chief Gardiner for his time and input.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Moved by: M. Casselman
Seconded by: D. Atkinson

THAT the minutes of May 10, 2011 be approved.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Strategic Plan

Chair Bursey noted that the Strategic Plan is not a time dependent document and can be reviewed further along in the Committee's future.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Chair Bursey has attempted to talk to Committee members personally regarding priorities. He reminded the committee that the mandate for the committee is still in the development stage and it is an opportunity to bring forward items for discussion.
- 2) Strategic planning session. Chair Bursey indicated that members should let him know if they feel it would be beneficial to the committee to attend a session at an informal venue.
- 3) Summer months:
 - a) member replacement for those members who are leaving for school
 - b) Offer services of YAC to other committees such as MDC, Riverfest, etc.
 - c) YAC to make a presentation to Council on initiatives and progress.

A report to the Finance, Administration, and Operations Committee on June 21, 2011 with a Delegation of the Committee to be placed on the Agenda.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING, June 14, 2011

Delegation from Mr. Martin Noe, property manager for 12 Central Avenue, Earl's Court - geared to income housing.

Notes:

- July 1st, 2011 is Pump Up the Volume, D. Atkinson as well as C. Mininni are both performing.
- July 8th, 2011 Truth About Teenage Suicide video release

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: D. Atkinson

Seconded by: M. Casselman

THAT the Youth Advisory Committee meeting adjourns until the next meeting of July 12th, 2011.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 4:08 pm.