



ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Cobourg Police Service

Paul VandeGraaf
Chief of Police

Board Report:

In Camera Session: NO

Date of report: January 12, 2021
Date of meeting: January 19, 2021

Mr. D. Pepper, Chair
And members of the
Cobourg Police Services Board

Subject: Cobourg Police Service Chief of Police Youth Advisory Council & Chief of Police Senior Advisory Council

Chief's Recommendation: "That the Cobourg Police Services Board receives the following for information."

Motion: "That the Cobourg Police Services Board receives the report."

Background:

As indicated in the Cobourg Police Service Strategic Business Plan community engagement is paramount. Specifically, *Objective 3.1: Enhance the effectiveness of our communications with the public through our visibility, engagement, education and outreach* speaks to engaging regularly with ongoing community feedback, engaging the community in crime prevention. Further, *"Objective 4.3: Be responsive to the changing needs of our community"* utilizes the strengths and interests of all members to identify and adapt to areas of concern that are highlighted by community members.

The onset of a worldwide pandemic has created obstacles to actualizing these goals. But, at the same time, this has created a new opportunity to work with identified groups through Zoom or Microsoft Teams which has well established itself as an opportunity to access some who otherwise would not be available.

Report

The Cobourg Police Service recognizes how the members of both councils have a role on creating a positive impact for the community and can use their voice to effect change. The Council will be mutually beneficial through education. Not only will members gain a better insight into our Police Service but will advise the Chief of Police directly on how our policies, programs and outreach initiatives can better serve seniors and youth. Involvement in this will be a source of positive change through inclusion, ensure we have real-time point of reference within the community and address potential obstacles in true police-community relationships.

Within the first quarter of 2021, applications will be made available to the select groups for consideration. Each distinct Council will have defined criteria for membership, monthly meeting times, terms of reference, and proposed terms of reference. Terms of Reference for both Councils are incredibly important as they will set the intentions and purpose for each.

Conclusion

As Chief of Police, these Councils will provide invaluable insight assisting in fulfilling our Vision, Mission and Values.

It would be an added benefit if the Cobourg Police Service's Board were to assign a member to each Council in an "ex-officio" fashion. If not in a permanent fashion, occasional attendance would be an asset. This is yet another mutually beneficial opportunity to share information and hear real time concerns.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul VandeGraaf
Chief of Police