



Request for Agenda Item

Date of Committee of the Whole Council Meeting: ____ January 14th, 2024 _____

(Requests must be submitted to the Municipal Clerk's Office by end of day on the Wednesday before the meeting)

Subject: Increased Communication with RCMP / Meeting of RCMP Advisory Group

Motion to be Considered:

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that

Reason:

Consistent reporting from the local RCMP to Council in hopes to enhance transparency, strengthen community trust, and ensure council members are informed about public safety trends and concerns. While acknowledging that certain sensitive or operational details cannot be shared publicly, regular updates from the RCMP can provide valuable insights into local policing efforts and trends without compromising confidentiality or ongoing investigations.

This reporting would allow the Council to:

1. **Identify and Address Emerging Issues:** High-level summaries can help the Council anticipate and respond to safety concerns effectively.
2. **Foster Transparency and Accountability:** Even within confidentiality constraints, regular updates demonstrate a commitment to collaboration and responsiveness to public needs.
3. **Enhance Public Confidence:** Sharing permissible information promotes understanding of the RCMP's role and contributions, strengthening trust between law enforcement, the Council, and the community.

Council has not received a report from our RCMP since October 2023.

Also, I feel that it is critical to move forward with convening the Joint Police Advisory Board, even in the absence of the provincially appointed member, to ensure that the committee can begin addressing pressing public safety concerns and advocacy for the role to be filled. Delaying meetings due to this vacancy risks stagnation in progress and undermines the committee's ability to fulfill its mandate. We need to begin working together (community, Municipal units and RCMP) to address the growing issues that our community is faced with and to increase communication and engagement.

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Date: December 10, 2024