

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - JANUARY 5, 2004

POLICE COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

Recommendation

The City Clerk requests direction with respect to the continuation of the Police Community Liaison Committee for the 2003-2006 term.

Purpose

To seek direction with respect to the continuation of the Police Community Liaison Committee for the 2003-2006 term.

Background - Analysis and Options

The Police Community Liaison Committee was established in 2003. The Committee is a City of Vaughan and York Regional Police initiative. Specifically, former Regional Councillor Gino Rosati (who was also Chair of the Committee) and Bruce Herridge, who at the time the committee was established was Superintendent at York Regional Police 4 District Headquarters, were instrumental in striking the committee to address issues of mutual concern with the registered Ratepayer Associations. Four meetings were scheduled for 2003: February 18, 2003, May 6, 2003, September 16, 2003 and December 16, 2003. Given that at the present time there is no Council representation on this committee, the December 16, 2003 meeting was cancelled.

Staff at York Regional Police 4 District Headquarters has advised that the main topics of discussion at these meetings are usually traffic and park issues (safety and gangs). Since this committee was formed, York Regional Police 4 District has implemented the following to assist with these types of concerns on a regular basis:

- Traffic Management; and
- Public Complaints- by either calling or actually coming into the District.

Superintendent Gord Smyth and Inspector Pedersen have indicated that should Council wish to continue this initiative, they will continue to assist.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

Continuation of this committee would be in keeping with Vaughan Vision 2007, 6.2, Develop Innovative External Communications Initiatives.

Conclusion

Should Council wish to continue with the Police Community Liaison Committee for the 2003-2006 term, a Council representative(s) should be appointed.

Attachments

N/A

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Respectfully submitted,

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