



TOWN OF ST. MARYS

Community Policing Advisory Committee

Terms of Reference

MANDATE

The Community Policing Advisory Committee (“CPAC”) shall advise and assist Council and the citizens of the Town of St. Marys on matters relating to community policing.

The CPAC’s responsibilities will be analogous to Section 10(9) (b), (c), and (e) of the Police Services Act, including:

- Meeting on a monthly basis, or more frequently if necessary, to advise the Chief of police, or his/her designate, in regards to the needs, objectives and priorities for police services in the Town.
- Establishing, after consultation with the Chief of Police, or his/her designate, any local policies with respect to police services.
- Receiving monthly reports from the Chief of Police, or his/her designate.
- Monitoring the performance of the police services.
- Receiving regular reports from the Chief of Police, or his/her designate on disclosures and decisions made under Section 49 Police Services Act (secondary activities).
- Reviewing the Chief of Police’s administration of the complaints system under Part V of the Police Services Act and receive regular reports from the Detachment Commander or his or her designate on his or her administration of the complaints system.

Further, the responsibilities of the CPAC shall also include:

- Reviewing the annual policing budget submission and recommending to Council to adopt or dispute the annual budget. This includes working with the contract police service provider to resolve any budget concerns prior to making a recommendation to Council to proceed with formal dispute resolution.
- Conducting reviews of the state of the Town’s police service, on such terms of reference as the CPAC may adopt. The first such review shall be after the contract policing has been in effect for one (1) year, and periodically thereafter. The CPAC shall report its findings to Council. At a minimum, the purpose of the review(s) shall be:
 - To evaluate the success of the contract police services in providing adequate and effective police services to the Town;
 - To assess the cost impacts of this contract police services on the Town; and
 - To make any recommendations to the Town and the Police Services Board for the contract services provider as may be appropriate in light of the findings.
- Researching and making recommendations to Council on how best to improve police services in the Town. This includes, but is not limited to, making



recommendations to Council in regards to any preferred amendments to the police services agreement when periodic reviews of the contract policing services are completed.

- Selecting one member to represent the Town of St. Marys during Police Service Board meetings of the contract policing service provider. Such attendance will be to advise the Board with respect to objectives and priorities for the police services in the Town. The representative of the CPAC shall be a non-voting attendee.

The CPAC will **not** be responsible for the following:

- In accordance with Section 31(4) of the Police Services Act, the CPAC cannot interfere with day-to-day operations of the police services. Neither the CPAC as a body, nor any individual member of the CPAC, shall give orders or directions to the Chief of Police, his/her designate, or any member of the police force including administrative or civilian staff.
- Undertaking, supervising, or directing the day to day operations of any Town department;
- Administrative matters including giving directions to any member of Town staff.
- Reviewing the Town's or the police services' staff structure, staff compensation, or other staffing related matters.
- Approving budgets and capital projects.
- Performing project and program implementation.
- Reviewing any matter that may be subject to the Town's closed meeting provisions that is not within the mandate of the CPAC.
- Acting as a forum to debate decided matters of Council, or a forum to organize political advocacy for Council to reconsider decided matters.

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

The composition of the CPAC is designed to reflect Section 27 (6) of the *Police Services Act* and shall consist of:

- The Mayor, or if the Mayor chooses not to be a member of the CPAC, another member of the Council appointed by Council.
- One further member of the Council appointed by Council.
- 3 members of the public appointed by Council.
- Eligible members of the public are those who are entitled to be an elector in the Town under section 17 of the Municipal Elections Act. For clarity, members do not necessarily have to be Canadian Citizens, but must reside in St. Marys or be a property owner (personal or business).
- Employees of the Town of St. Marys and members of the police services are not eligible to serve on Town committees. Immediate family members of employees are eligible, but only for Committees where there is no potential for a conflict of interest.



GENERAL RULES OF OPERATION

The St. Marys Community Policing Advisory Committee is subject to the control and direction of Council. All meetings of the CPAC are open to the public, and the Procedure By-Law governing the procedures for Council meetings shall be observed by the CPAC. The closed meeting provisions of the *Municipal Act* and the *Police Services Act* apply to meetings of the CPAC.

All appointed CPAC members will be voting members, and a quorum of the CPAC shall be the majority of those appointed by Council as members of the CPAC.

At the first meeting, the members shall determine the preferred day and time for CPAC meetings.

If the CPAC refuses or neglects to give due consideration to any matter assigned to it or before it, it may, by Council resolution, be discharged of its responsibilities.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The CPAC shall appoint a Chair and Vice Chair in accordance with the procedure set out in Section 28(1) and (2) of the *Police Services Act*. The members of the CPAC shall, at the first meeting held in January of each year, select from amongst its members, a Chair and Vice-Chair for a term of one year.

- The election of the Chair shall be conducted by the Town staff liaison to the CPAC.
- The election of the Vice-Chair shall be conducted by the Chair.
- Any votes required under this section shall be taken as described by the provision of Section 61(1) and (2) of the *Municipal Act*, which requires that each member of the CPAC present shall indicate his or her vote openly, and that no vote be taken by ballot or any other method of secret balloting.

ROLE OF CPAC CHAIR

- In accordance with the Town's Procedure By-Law, preside at all meetings, and control proceedings and discussion to ensure smooth transition of the business as listed on the agenda.
- Vote on all matters requiring a formal motion.
- Report on the activities of the CPAC and of the police services to Council as required.

ROLE OF CPAC MEMBERS

The CPAC members shall:

- Report to the Chair any issues that they feel should be addressed by the CPAC.
- Attend and participate in CPAC meetings.
- Contribute time, knowledge, skill and expertise during meetings in order to fulfill the CPAC's mandate and report their concerns and issues to the CPAC.
- Abide by the procedural decisions made by the Chair.
- Disclose any pecuniary interests per the requirements of the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.



- Actively participate in carrying out the responsibilities of the CPAC.
- Be considered to be voting members of the CPAC.

ROLE OF TOWN ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

The CAO/Clerk, or his/her designate, shall be the staff liaison to the CPAC.

The staff liaison's responsibilities include:

- Corresponding with members of the CPAC.
- Acting as the CPAC Secretary, including agenda preparation and minute taking.
- Giving notice of meetings and preparing all associated correspondence.
- Preserving all records and correspondence in accordance with the Town Records Retention By-law.
- Acting as a resource personnel for Town policies and procedures.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

CPAC minutes are to be provided to the CAO/Clerk for insertion on the Council agenda. Recommendations for Council's consideration are to be presented to Council in an appropriate format under signature of the CAO/Clerk.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES OF THE COMMITTEE

Members of the public serving on the CPAC will receive remuneration in the amount of \$20.00 per meeting attended. There will be no remuneration for Council members serving on the CPAC.

Reimbursement for travel and other expenses incurred in the performance of CPAC duties will be paid in accordance with the Town's policies.

Any financial requirement of the CPAC shall be approved by Council prior to expenditure.

FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS:

The CPAC will meet a minimum of monthly, with the exception of the months of July, August and December.

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The term of the CPAC shall coincide with the term of the appointing Council.