

Tay Community Policing Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2019 7:00 pm.
Tay Township Council Chambers

In Attendance:

Councillors Mary Warnock and Jeff Bumstead
OPP Constable Jason Milne
Eight Tay Township volunteer residents

Regrets:

Two Tay Township volunteer residents

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m by Councillor Mary Warnock

Nomination of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary

The first order of business involved elections: Chair: Scott Warnock, Vice Chair: Donna Watson, and Secretary: Victoria Reaume.

Terms of Reference

The Committee discussed draft Terms of Reference using an existing template, and agreed on new Terms of Reference.

Meeting Agenda Format

The Committee discussed the format of its agenda for subsequent meetings, and agreed upon the following format:

1. Call to Order
2. Review and Discussion of Terms of Reference
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Business arising from the Minutes
5. OPP Monthly Update
6. Round Table Discussion
7. Next meeting date
8. Adjournment

Communications

The Committee discussed the issue of releasing the names of Committee members, and agreed that no names would be made public. The Committee is a fluid committee which may involve additional volunteers in future. The Committee will be comprised of Tay Township residents. The Terms of Reference will include a quorum requirement. Meetings will be held monthly with the exception of no meetings in July or August.

The Committee discussed whether the Tay Township website could contain a link referring to the Community Policing Committee with information about meetings and to educate the public. Councillor Warnock agreed to make inquiries.

The Committee discussed publishing Committee updates in the Tay Report. Chair Scott Warnock agreed to contact the Tay Report to inquire about the possibility of publishing a short monthly update about the work of the Committee.

Consultation with the Public

The Committee discussed the importance of soliciting public input and information. Many options were discussed, and it was agreed that further reflection and discussion were needed on how best to consult the community.

This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

Next meeting

Meetings will be held on the second Monday of every month in Tay Township's Council Office at 7 p.m. (except July and August) The next meeting date will be **Monday , June 10, 2019.**

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY POLICING COMMITTEE TAY TOWNSHIP

TERMS OF REFERENCE

OBJECTIVES

- To support and facilitate interaction between the community and the police
- To improve communication between the community and the police
- To identify and provide focus on potential solutions to community issues related to public safety
- To receive information concerning programs and operations and to promote education

RESPONSIBILITIES

- To educate ourselves on the day-to-day issues and situations faced by police officers and to share that understanding with community members when necessary
- To share community ideas, opinions or issues of Tay Township residents with the Southern Georgian Bay OPP
- To be knowledgeable about current community issues and to participate in meaningful dialogue about those issues

MEMBERSHIP

- A quorum for meetings will consist of at least four residents of Tay
- Up to two members of the Police Service will sit on the Committee as non-voting members

MEETINGS

- The Community Policing Committee will generally meet monthly, on the second Monday of each month, excluding July and August, in the Tay Township Council Chambers

DECISION MAKING

- Ideally, decisions will be made by consensus. If the Committee is unable to reach a consensus, decisions will be made by a simple majority vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

- The official spokesperson for the Community Policing Committee is the Chair of the Committee, and in his/her/their absence, the Vice Chair, in consultation/cooperation with the Southern Georgian Bay OPP. The meeting agenda, in the format agreed upon by the Committee, will be circulated to Committee members by email prior to the meeting. The minutes will be circulated to Committee members prior to the meeting.

DATED in Tay Township, May 13, 2019

