



Staff Report

Administration

Report To: Committee of The Whole
Meeting Date: July 3, 2019
Report Number: FAF.19.110
Subject: Request to Initiate a Joint Police Services Board Meeting
Prepared by: Shawn Everitt, CAO

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.19.110, entitled "Request to Initiate a Joint Police Services Board Meeting";

AND THAT Council endorse hosting a Joint Police Services Board meeting between the Town of Collingwood Police Services Board and the Town of The Blue Mountains Police Services Board;

AND THAT Council authorize the Mayor to initiate a formal written invitation to the Mayor of the Town of Collingwood, the Chair of the Collingwood Police Service Board and the Collingwood Detachment Commander of the Ontario Provincial Police to attend a Joint Police Services Board to be hosted in The Blue Mountains.

B. Overview

At the June 12, 2019 Police Services Board meeting, Staff were requested to bring a report forward to Council requesting endorsement of a Joint Police Services Board meeting between the Town of Collingwood Police Services Board and The Blue Mountains Police Services Board and recommending that The Blue Mountains host the proposed meeting.

C. Background

During the recent meeting of The Blue Mountains Police Services Board, discussion took place in regards to proposing a Joint Meeting be held between the two Police Services Boards.

The two Police Services Boards last met jointly in 2017, however no further meetings have taken place since.

It was suggested that the two Boards may benefit from a Joint meeting and to potentially consider meeting on a more regular basis, however initiating the first meeting would allow for those formal discussions to take place.

D. Analysis

The Blue Mountains Police Services Board believes there is great value to initiating a Joint Meeting of the two Police Services Board.

On the Agenda for The Blue Mountains June 12, 2019 Police Services Board meeting, the topic of the Community Safety and Wellness Plan was identified.

Through discussions on the Community Safety and Wellness Plan it was suggested that there may be benefits and potential efficiencies to consider completing the Community Safety and Wellness Plan together with the Town of Collingwood and The Blue Mountains along with developing a working relationship between to the two Police Services Boards. The comparisons between the two communities and the Police Servicing arrangements between the two detachments make for a great partnership opportunity.

It was suggested that working together and creating a relationship between the two Police Services Boards would be a valuable initiative and great opportunity to share information.

E. The Blue Mountains Strategic Plan

Goal #1: Create Opportunities for Sustainability
Objective #5 Improved Visibility and Local Identity

Goal #2: Engage Our Communities & Partners
Objective #1 Improve External Communication with our Constituents
Objective #3 Strengthen Partnerships

Goal #3: Support Healthy Lifestyles
Objective #1 Promote the Town as a Healthy Community
Objective #4 Commit to Sustainability

Goal #4: Promote a Culture of Organizational & Operational Excellence
Objective #2 Improve Internal Communications Across our Organization
Objective #3 To Consistently Deliver Excellent Customer Service
Objective #4 To Be a Financially Responsible Organization
Objective #5 Constantly Identify Opportunities to Improve Efficiencies and Effectiveness

F. Environmental Impacts

None at this time

G. Financial Impact

Additional support resources would be required for ongoing additional meetings, however to initiate the first Joint Meeting staff can ensure that resources be made available with current staff compliment.

H. In consultation with

Mayor Soever

Jim Oliver, Chair of The Blue Mountains Police Services Board

I. Public Engagement

The topic of this Staff Report has not been subject to a Public Meeting and/or a Public Information Centre as neither a Public Meeting nor a Public Information Centre are required. However, any comments regarding this report should be submitted to Shawn Everitt, CAO@thebluemountains.ca.

J. Attached

None at this time

Respectfully submitted,

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