

Report to Council



Date: May 2, 2016
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To: City Manager
From: Divisional Director Corporate and Protective Services
Subject: RTC 2016-2019 Crime Reduction Strategy 2016-05-02.docx

Recommendation:

THAT council approve and endorse the 2016-2019 Crime Reduction Strategy document as outlined in the report from the Divisional Director Corporate and Protective Services dated May 2, 2016.

Purpose:

To seek Council approval and endorsement of the 2016-2019 Crime Reduction Strategy.

Background:

The City of Kelowna, working collaboratively with the RCMP have developed an updated crime reduction strategy that will guide our collective efforts through 2016 to 2019. The strategy identifies four goals along with their targets, as well as strategies to achieve goals. Performance measures will be used to measure success of several key strategies.

The City and RCMP strive to reduce crime and improve public safety, and are determined to better understand the root causes of crime at the local level. This will allow the RCMP and its partners to mobilize around proven strategies that will reduce crime and increase the sense of community safety.

The 2016-2019 Crime Reduction Strategy replaces the RCMP's 2012-2015 Strategic Plan with new focus areas goals. They are as follows;

- To prevent crime before it occurs through a proactive approach
- To work with partner agencies for more effective policing
- Maximize the efficiencies of resources through an intelligence-led model
- To effectively communicate public safety

Included in the strategies are new priority call standards and efforts to reduce the number of calls for service by having the right people (organization) dealing with non-criminal matters. Nearly 50% of calls are currently not crime related. If the number of calls for service can be reduced, the need for additional resources can be deferred. New measures will focus on service delivery, such as time to respond to priority one calls.

With improved systems, the RCMP generate better data to better understand where members are dispatched and the time it takes to respond to calls, as well as what types of crime are happening when and where. The plan anticipates moving to geographic deployment (to more strategically station members out of community police offices) and some flexibility to the traditional four on four off shifts that have been the standard for some time, but does not match resource peak time needs.

The plan includes regular reporting to Council and increased public communication on crime prevention activities and criminal code violations throughout the City.

Internal Circulation:

RCMP Superintendent
Crime Prevention Supervisor
Bylaw Services Manager
Police Services Manager
Communications Manager

Considerations not applicable to this report:

External Agency/Public Comments:

Financial/Budgetary Considerations:

Personnel Implications:

Communications Comments:

Alternate Recommendation:

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:

Existing Policy:

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Approved for inclusion:



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