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Meeting: **12 June 2018**

Agenda Item: **Strategic Planning and Policy Committee Meeting – May 14, 2018 - Summary**



Background

Present:

Mr. Stindar Lal, Chair
Mr. Bill McLean
Ms. Rose Rockbrune
Mr. Randy Wilson
Chief Martin
Deputy Chief Fernandes
Deputy Chief Jaswal
Mr. Stan MacLellan, CAO
Mr. Brad Carter, Strategic Planning Manager
Bill Clancy, Executive Director

Summary of Meeting

Mr. Stindar Lal was elected Chair of the Committee for 2018.

1. 2020 DRPS Business Plan

Mr. Carter provided an overview of the process for the development of the Strategic Plan. The process will involve five steps: research, consultation, analysis, the development of strategic objectives and the development of performance indicators.

An overview of the environmental scan was given by Mr. Carter. Key highlights include the new Safer Ontario Act, which expands the possibility of privatization, enhanced police oversight, and changes to the planning process. The legalization of cannabis will also have an impact on police services, in addition to the prevalence in the use of opioids, changing demographics across the Region, and the recent reversal in the declining crime rates. Mr. Carter advised that the DRPS would be aiming to post the public survey much sooner than the previous survey, so that when the public is engaged at various events over the summer they may be directed to the web site to submit their views. A more pronounced effort will be made to solicit the input of citizens from a wider demographic. The stakeholder consultations will also be approached differently, and rather than one large event, it is proposed that many smaller, more

focused discussions take place with community partners involving the appropriate representatives. A member survey is also expected to occur towards the end of 2018.

Mr. McLean asked if the Service works with the local municipalities to identify community groups to participate in consultations. Mr. Carter advised that the Service does tap into this network, as well as through the Diversity Advisory Council. Mr. McLean also suggested the possibility of road signage to increase public awareness about the existence of the survey, and that municipal consultations should not occur earlier than December. Ms. Rockbrune indicated that town hall sessions with members of the public attracted very few members of the public when these types of consultations were used in the past, and she agrees that they not be part of the process.

Mr. Lal commented on the section of the draft public survey concerning racial background. He requested that it be reviewed to ensure that the categories are correct and emphasized the importance of accuracy to ensure respondents are not offended. Mr. MacLellan advised that the categories were reviewed by an external diversity organization and that another opinion on the categories will be sought.

Mr. Lal suggested that all future meetings of the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee include the Strategic Plan on the agenda, until such time as it is launched.

Approved by: Stindar Lal
Chair