

Cavan Monaghan Task Force on Policing

Mandate

The Cavan Monaghan Task Force on Policing will provide evidence-informed recommendations to Council in order to ensure the most accountable, responsive, effective and cost-efficient policing for all residents and stakeholders in the Township of Cavan Monaghan.

The Task Force will conduct a thorough, impartial and objective review of Police Services. The Task Force will consider all options in planning to meet the policing needs and provide a practical set of recommendations designed to guide Council as it makes decisions to address the future of policing in Cavan Monaghan. It will rely on:

1. Local experience and knowledge obtained through a community-wide collaborative process with key advisors,
2. Relevant policies and current policing models from services authorized to provide coverage to the Township of Cavan Monaghan, including but not limited to, the Peterborough Police Service and the Ontario Provincial Police,
3. Relevant legislation including the Municipal Act and the Police Services Act,
4. An analysis of the current challenges facing Cavan Monaghan, including cost, crime statistics and previous factors including communication,
5. The application of best practices and principles from other municipalities.

Scope

The work of the Task Force will be to:

1. Establish a good understanding of the current state of policing in the Township of Cavan Monaghan
2. Establish criteria for evaluating policing options including a review of governance, levels of service, staff deployment, cost comparisons, long-term financial implications and impact on the community.
3. Examine and determine the challenges and barriers of the policing needs
4. Establish a process to engage and consult the public. The Task Force will consult with businesses, residents, schools and community groups. The Task Force will also seek input from a broad cross section of the community such as seniors, students and vulnerable populations.

5. Present a final report to the Council of the Township of Cavan Monaghan no later than March 2021.

Composition

Chaired by Mayor Scott McFadden the Task Force will be comprised of one additional Cavan Monaghan Council member and four (4) individuals with policing experience, representing a variety of different sectors and viewpoints across the community. These individuals may include, retired police officers, past police services board members or others that have knowledge and experience directly related to policing in Ontario and who are not currently employed by any police service or volunteering with any police services board.

Meetings

The Task Force will meet at the call of the Chair. Meetings may take place during regular business hours, Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., by any means required, including through virtual and phone methods. Meeting agendas will be developed in consultation with the Chair and additional records including minutes and other documents will be maintained by the Clerk's Department and provided to the members as requested.

Staff Support

The Task Force will also be supported by the Chief Administrative Office and Township Clerk.

Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest

All members of the Task Force are expected to abide by the code of conduct provisions as established by the Township of Cavan Monaghan.