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What meeting and matter do you wish to speak/submit comments (in known): SASKATOON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS - March 21, 2024
Agenda Item 4.1 Community Policing to Community Governance

Comments: I have some questions about the "Community Policing to Community Governance" report.

1. What other Canadian cities have adopted the community governance model? I often see jurisdictional comparisons reported when a new program for the City is proposed but this report did not have one. The framework document that is referenced in the report is from the Department of Justice in Washington, DC and was written in 2009.
2. How will the performance of the proposed Community Governance model be measured? The Community Mobilization Unit (CMU) that was developed in response to the supervised consumption site (<https://pub-saskatoon.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=102454>) never did have a performance report, as the grad student who was intended as the research principal was not able to follow through in their commitment to the project. As a result, there was no comparison to the baseline to determine the cause and effect of both the site and the community safety response. Currently, the performance measures are only anecdotal, not data driven. The Alternative Response Officer (ARO) project has had some data reported in the 2022 Annual Report (https://saskatoonpolice.ca/pdf/annual_reports/Annual_Report_2022.pdf#page=16). It is nowhere as detailed as the Community Safety Program's quarterly reports (<https://pub-saskatoon.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=208269>). By transferring leadership for community safety issues to city administration and including all civic departments, what kind of KPIs or targets will be measured? Who will be held accountable for reaching the goals?

3. How will the indicated challenges to implementation and sustainability be addressed? These challenges include poor relations amongst departments, unsuccessful past collaborations, lack of interest, technological challenges, community concerns, allocation of resources, political support and lack of consistent leadership.

4. Why shouldn't the SPS be the lead in addressing community safety issues? The SPS is more than just a co-contributor to public safety in Saskatoon. The sole Vision of the SPS is "to continually improve community safety". Both the CMU and the ARO projects are under the SPS. Meanwhile, various public safety concerns will continue to be addressed by City bylaws (like The Property Maintenance & Nuisance Abatement Bylaw) and programs (CPTED).

5. Will or how does this community governance model address the issues that were brought forward by the Pleasant Hill Community Association, as that neighbourhood has been consistently affected disproportionately by crime rates? The PHCA had proposed a designated team for their area (<https://pub-saskatoon.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=194540>). With their lived experience, their proposal needs careful consideration.

6. Has the coordinated safety committee been involved with the Emergency Wellness Center (EWC) in Fairhaven, since it was established for the downtown EWC?

7. What are the next steps and the timeline? The report includes a conclusion that does not have any specific details. It does appear that this shift to a community governance model has already been approved and will continue on to be formally established. Will the public be advised of this shift in a news release, as many taxpayers don't monitor agenda items very closely?

In conclusion, it is not clear to me the advantage of a formal community governance model over the current community policing model and how it will achieve greater proactivity in neighbourhoods with disproportionate crime rates.

Thank you for your consideration,
Sherry Tarasoff

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