

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING PILOT PROJECT

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BACKGROUND



- Gaps in our current service delivery model
- Listened to the public
- Major change in the way OPS approaches neighbourhood policing
- Neighbourhood Resource Teams (October 2019)
- **Primary Objective:** Implement a neighbourhood policing program where OPS officers work in collaboration with communities to identify and address community based problems, crimes, and social disorders.
 - 3 Neighbourhood Resource Teams / 3 identified neighbourhoods
- **Scope:** Gradual introduction of teams on annual basis as new budgets are approved

CONSULTATION AND PUBLIC INPUT



OVERVIEW OF PILOT PROJECT



- 3 Neighbourhood Resource Teams will be piloted in
 - Vanier/Overbrook (Sector 25)
 - Heron Gate/South End (Sector 34)
 - Carlington/Caldwell (Sector 21)

- Areas were selected based on statistics associated with past calls for service as well as the rate of violence, property crimes and shootings per 100,000 population for the neighbourhoods, City, and Province

- Each of these neighbourhoods have experienced elevated rates of crime that exceed and sometimes double the rates city-wide

TEAM RESOURCES



Each Neighbourhood Resource Team will include:

8 Officers and 1 Sergeant:



- 5 Constables (Three 5 year Fixed-Term and Two 1-year Temporary Assignments)
- 1 Community Police Officer (5 year Fixed Term)
- 1 School Resource Officer (5 year Fixed Term)
- 1 Traffic Officer (7 year Fixed Term)
- 1 Sergeant (5 year Fixed Term)
- Neighbourhood specific training, including cultural training, will be provided to increase officer awareness of the areas they are serving.

TEAM ACTIVITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES



- Regular & consistent police contact to address identified neighbourhood-based crime/disorder issues
- Prevention, intervention, and enforcement
- Backed up by Frontline and Investigative Sections
- Work towards long-term solutions to public safety and disorder issues
- Dispute resolution
- Working with vulnerable groups
- Create meaningful and lasting relationships with residents

PROGRAM EVALUATION



- Dr. Linda Duxbury and colleagues at Carleton University have been engaged to conduct an independent evaluation of the Neighbourhood Policing program.
- Information collected from this assessment will inform the evolution of the program
- Key activities include:
 - Public Survey (September/October 2019) - Baseline measurement of public satisfaction in operating neighbourhoods.
 - Pulse Check (March/April 2020) - Survey stakeholders for early feedback on program to make adjustments as needed.
 - Public Survey (October, 2020) - Measure public satisfaction after one year, what is the difference?
 - Final Report – March 31, 2021
 - Report back to PSB



QUESTIONS