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Staff Report CAO2022-084

Title of Report: ROMA Conference Delegation Granted with the Solicitor General on Policing

Department: Administration

Council Date: December 21, 2022

Council Recommendation:

Be it resolved that Council receive staff report CAO2022-084 as information; and **That** Council provide staff direction on if we should proceed with a Solicitor General delegation to discuss Policing & the Court's lack of Enforcement of Charges with punitive penalties at the ROMA Conference on Monday January 23rd, 2023 @ 10:40 am.

Background:

The ROMA Conference is scheduled to be in Toronto at the Sheraton Centre Hotel from January 22 to 24, 2023. The deadline for submissions is Monday, November 28, 2022.

The Township of Southgate has been invited to delegate with the Ministers Michael Kerzner and Attorney General Doug Downey on Monday January 23rd, 2023 @ 10:40 am or with Ministers Michael Kerzner on Tuesday January 24th, 2023 @ 2:20 pm.

Staff Comments:

Staff submitted a Minister of Solicitor General delegation request for Policing & the Court's lack of Enforcement of Charges with punitive penalties.

The concerns we have raised that we want to discuss with the is the following:

"Our community has seen an increase in crime related to theft, drug trade and park safety. Police response time and lack of patrol on our roads and bike/car/foot patrols in our parks has created concerns for public safety. Members of the community have taken some of these concerns into their own hands and even pursued culprits of crime. The police are also frustrated with the courts putting people back on the street after thief and drug related charges are laid."

Since that time the Mayor and CAO met with the Grey Bruce Detachment Commander Richardson. This was a good meeting and he has proposed some ideas from his past experience that he would work with the Township and the Southgate Police Services Board to address our concerns of response, park safety, monitoring traffic speed and general community patrols.

Financial Impact or Long Term Implications

The financial impact as a result of attending the conference related to expenses would be the event registration will be reflected in the 2023 budget.

Communications & Community Action Plan Impact:

This report has been written and presented to Council to communicate accurate information to the public.

Concluding Comments

That Council receive this report as information and advise staff to proceed or not with developing the Solicitor General delegation submission at the 2023 ROMA Conference.

Respectfully Submitted,

CAO approval: Original Signed By

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