REPORT OF THE

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION

AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

QUESTION PERIOD

Minute No. 653
In reference to an earlier discussion on the floor of Council about the involvement of Councillors in the operation of the police, Councillor Gerbasi requested clarification that the role of politicians has not changed and the approach was to deal with policies and not get involved in the operations of police, i.e. where a police car should be directed to go.

Councillor Steeves indicated that he was not aware of any policy change that had been proposed or adopted by the service in that area

In reference to the hiring of the Police Chief, Councillor Gerbasi inquired if it would be an administrative appointment, with the Acting CAO taking into consideration input from politicians or a political decision; to which Councillor Steeves replied that the process that was put in place by the former CAO would continue.

Councillor Gerbasi asked if the appointment of the Police Chief should be made by the Acting CAO or by the Mayor and Council primarily to which Councillor Steeves replied that it should be done in accordance with Council policy.

Councillor Vandal asked for a critical path as to when the Police Chief would be hired. Councillor Steeves advised inasmuch as the question pertains to a personnel matter, he would request the Acting CAO to forward the information that was appropriate to divulge to all Members of Council.

Councillor Vandal inquired if the Chair of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services would be sitting on the hiring committee. Councillor Steeves deferred the question to the Acting CAO for disclosure of appropriate information.

Councillor Vandal questioned if a civilian appointment to the role of Police Chief would be considered. Councillor Steeves replied that anyone who applied would be considered if they met the requirements set out in the terms of reference for the job.