



REPORT TO CALGARY POLICE COMMISSION



CPS Monthly Chief's Reports/Presentations:

Presentation: Calgary Transit – Overview of the CUTA Transit Safety Task Force Recommendations and the City of Calgary Assessing a Closed System Study

Date

2023.05.24

Commission Role

- Information only Approval

Type of Meeting

- Full Commission meeting
 Governance and Personnel (G&P) Sub-Committee
 Finance and Audit (F&A) Sub-Committee
 Complaint Oversight (COC) Sub-Committee
 Anti-Racism Committee

Purpose

As per initiative #5 on the 2023 Annual Policing Plan, the CPS has committed to working with the City of Calgary to develop a police-focused public transit safety and security plan with Calgary Transit to provide prevention and intervention approaches at transit stations and surrounding communities, that may incorporate private security, peace officers, and police roles and responsibilities by quarter 4 of 2023. The City had engaged David Cooper with Leading Mobility Consulting to explore the feasibility of implementing a closed system, which includes highlighting impacts to the customer experience, accessibility, and neighbouring communities. The CPS was a partner in this work and provided input and feedback from the operational to the strategic level.

Mr. Cooper was also engaged by the Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA) as part of the Transit Safety Task Force in identifying recommendations for transit agencies, partnering organizations and all levels of government to address safety on public transit.

This presentation follows the presentation that occurred at the Infrastructure and Planning Committee of City Council that occurred on May 10, 2023. Representatives from the City of Calgary will also be participating to answer questions and provide further context. This covering report is intended to set the stage for the Police Commission Presentation.

Key Messages

- Mr. David Cooper of Leading Mobility consulting conducted a study to examine the feasibility of a closed transit system in Calgary and he engaged the CPS as a key partner for input to this work.

- Mr. Cooper also was involved with the CUTA review and recommendations and will speak to those recommendations in the Calgary context.
- The CPS recognizes transit safety as a key component to overall public safety and livability in Calgary and continues to work with our partners in the City of Calgary towards the development of the Transit Public Safety Strategy.

Summary of Presentation Format

The presentation will consist of a review of the CUTA recommendations as well as the work conducted in assessing a closed system for Calgary Transit. The materials being provided for the work related to the City of Calgary specifically will be the same as what was provided to the Infrastructure and Planning Committee of Council. That said, it will provide an opportunity to discuss the role of the CPS as a key partner in Transit Safety. Out of respect for the parties involved with this work, the following representatives will attend the meeting presentation:

CUTA Transit Safety Task Force Recommendations:

Simon Minelli, Director, Research, Technical Services and Industry Programs, Canadian Urban Transit Association
David Cooper, Principal, Leading Mobility Consulting

Assessing a Closed System as Part of the City of Calgary Transit Safety Strategy:

Sharon Fleming, Director, Calgary Transit
Aaron Coon, Chief, Public Vehicle Standards Division, City of Calgary
Dustin Rogers, Leader of Business Strategy, Calgary Transit
Andrew Leung, Business Strategist, Calgary Transit
David Cooper, Principal, Leading Mobility Consulting

As well, the CPS has been continuing to work with Chief Aaron Coon and his team on building the Transit Public Safety Strategy. The CPS has Business Strategist for the Bureau of Community Policing (Kerri Firza) working in partnership with CPS leadership to ensure alignment and coordination. It is recognized that there may be resourcing requirements from a CPS perspective and the Service is working closely with Chief Coon regarding the deployment model and how we optimize our collective response. It is anticipated that a report will come forward to Council in Q3 of 2023 from Chief Coon accordingly.

It was felt that given the work that has been done to assess opportunities for optimizing public safety on transit, it would be beneficial for the Commission to have the chance to receive this information directly and ask any related questions.

Additional documentation beyond the presentations are being provided for reference should they be of interest to members of the Commission. It is not an expectation that all of the materials be reviewed prior to the CPC meeting.

Attachments (if any)

- CUTA Transit Safety Task Force Final Recommendations Presentation
- Presentation Assessing a Closed System as Part of the City of Calgary Transit Safety Strategy
- Additional supporting documentation: pertaining to the covering report to Council, Technical Report, and the CUTA Transit Safety Recommendations. Note: as mentioned, this is primarily being provided as background should it be of interest to the Commission.

Approval signatures

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Mark Neufeld, Chief of Police

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