



Policing Committee Meeting Minutes  
 April 17th, 2019, 6:30pm  
 200 Town Crest Road, Fort Saskatchewan, AB

Attendance:
Ian McDonell – Chair
Steven Hull
Ed Sperling
Sean Clements
Bill Santo
Stewart Begg
Insp. Mike McCauley, Detachment Commander
Brad Ward, Director of Protective Services
Matt Lowther, Supervisor MES
Tannis Robertson, Recording Secretary

Regrets:
Perry Brooks – Vice Chair

1. Welcome and Call to Order- Ian McDonell
  - a. Meeting called to order at 6:31pm
2. Adoption of the Agenda
  - a. Motion to adopt agenda as is:
  - b. Seconded: Bill Santo, all in favor
3. Adoption of March meeting minutes
  - a. No minutes available at this time
4. Public Guests – No public guests
5. Detachment Commander Report- Insp. Mike McCauley
  - a. RCMP Property Crime down 17% for the City from the last quarter (theft of motor vehicles down 50 %, Criminal Code offences overall down 7%).
  - b. Injury Collisions down 67% and other collisions down 12%
  - c. Staffing Update - 7 hard vacancies, 5 soft vacancies (e.g., sick or maternity leave) and 3 light duties members. 7 members have been transferred to the detachment, awaiting sales of homes.
  - d. Proactive traffic stats for 2018 YTD stood at 550. This year the number is 1054. Strong inference how enforcement drives collisions down. Members are committed to Vision Zero.
6. Director Update- Brad Ward
  - a. City of Fort Saskatchewan website to provide additional information regarding automated traffic enforcement locations. Interactive mapping guide available for users to review locations collisions have been reported, ISD locations and photo laser sites.

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Users will be able to click on each area and see a description of the intersection and a site justification form.

- b. New legislation is requiring a new Emergency Management Team. Brad is the DEM and has appointed four Deputy DEMS working together to ensure detailed plans are in place to cover off all types of emergencies. Meeting on April 30th gathering involved parties with Alberta Emergency Risk and Hazard assessment. Four hour session.
- c. Traffic Safety Plan final re-write has been completed and sent to the Province. We are required to update the report every 3 years. Plan to post it online.
- d. The engineer hired provided his report to the City Leadership Team.
- e. Two major injury collisions occurring at the same location within a 4 day span- intersection of Highway 21 and Highway 15. Both involved pedestrians struck from behind by vehicles making a left hand turn while the pedestrian crossed from south to north. The City released an immediate media release regarding the collisions and need for driver / pedestrians to watch for safety concerns. Protective Services requested the Engineering department review the intersection for an engineering solution.

7. Municipal Enforcement Services Report– Matt Lowther

- a. Municipal Enforcement released messaging regarding pedestrian safety in cross walks. Officers have been on patrol to monitor for the issue, two charges laid at this time, each resulting in a fine of \$776.00
- b. An Option 4 program to address distracted driving is underway. It will offer violators charged with distracted driving the option to attend an education presentation instead of paying the fine. Option 4 will be held May 28th & 29th at 7 pm for up to 50 violators.
- c. Business licence renewal project update - 68 still not renewed. All others up to date/ closed or relocated.
- d. 205 calls for service in March, 388 violations. ISD violations for March 1756 violations, up from 910 in 2018 (not all ISD sites were operational in 2018).
- e. March snow clearing showed greater compliance with parking restrictions when compared to previous months. There were 129 violations in March. Signs and Public messaging in place.
- f. Staffing update - One officer left in March for another department. Interviews to fill the position are underway. Newest full time officer has now completed CPO Level One training and radar training and will be fully operational once traffic training has been completed.
- g. Street sweeping will commence April 29th till May 17th. Working in smaller areas ensuring sufficient signage in all locations.
- h. City has purchased a new handheld laser for use by the RCMP and MES officers, if not being used by the RCMP.

8. Old Business:

- a. Strategic planning - Brad Ward spoke to the City Manager and confirmed some funding was available at the time of inquiry. The Committee is to identify its key objectives in having a facilitated planning session (e.g., vision, budgeting or public engagement). Once complete, Brad Ward will inquire with GM Dance about who best to facilitate. Ian McDonnell requested the Committee come in early next meeting, stay late, or hold a

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separate planning meeting. Suggestions were to be sent by e-mail to Bill Santo @ [wdsanto@shaw.ca](mailto:wdsanto@shaw.ca). E-mails will be consolidated and presented at next meeting.

- b. AAPG- Shawn Clements reported the conference in Medicine Hat was a great experience, taking away many enlightening ideas and good points regarding succession planning- filling voids and continual flow of member levels. Topic of using different social media platforms to relay messaging and education to the public. Question of who would maintain accounts and which platform would work best for our community. Possibility of surveying public at the trade show.
- c. Trade Show- Sign-up sheet to be distributed to members once fully filled in. Requesting three people per shift if possible. RCMP/Municipal Enforcement Officers to attend if available. Matt Lowther providing items to hand out from Municipal Enforcement Services to citizens.

Action Item: Finish updating Policing Committee Pamphlet prior to trade show.

9. New Business:

- a. Discussion of Bill C-46, giving officers authority to demand a breathalyzer test from any driver they pull over.

10. Public Complaints-

No complaints at this time

11. AAPG Representative Perry Brooks

Not present

12. Council Report – Ed Sperling

- a. Annexation agreement has been signed by the City and uncontested by Strathcona County. An agreement should be in place by next year.
- b. Current study underway for the Dow Centennial Centre to see what land is left available to include a performance arena or room for an aquatics facility in the area.
- c. The City has approved to host the Musical Ride for August 8<sup>th</sup> 2019 - expected to host 5000+ spectators.

13. Round Table:

- a. Reminder of soccer season starting up and the parking issues it causes during game times. Municipal Enforcement will continue to monitor the area and provide education and enforcement.
- b. Brad Ward indicated he intends to have Municipal Enforcement Services connect with new residents in the newly annexed area to welcome them and to advise them of our services closer to the official annexation date.

- b. Meeting adjournment: 7:51 pm