



Policing Committee Meeting Minutes  
 February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 6:30pm  
 200 Town Crest Road, Fort Saskatchewan, AB

Attendance:
Perry Brooks –Vice Chair
Steven Hull
Ed Sperling
Sean Clements
Inspector Mike McCauley
Brad Ward, Director, Protective Services
Matt Lowther, Supervisor MES
Coreen Rayner, Recording Secretary

Regrets:
Bill Santo
Stewart Begg
Ian McDonell

1. Welcome and Call to Order Perry Brooks
  - a. Meeting called to order at 6:30
2. Adoption of the Agenda
  - a. Motion to adopt agenda as is: Steven Hull
  - b. Seconded: Sean Clements, all in favor
3. Adoption of January meeting minutes
  - a. Motion to adopt minutes: Steven Hull
  - b. Seconded: Sean Clements, all in favor
4. Inspector McCauley – Detachment Commander Report
  - a. Staffing Update – 1 member has resigned leaving a vacancy, 1 member transferring to the ERT team, replacement has to sell his residence, and 3 members on Mat and Pat leave or long term light duties. Staffing numbers are low, and KDIV Staffing is working with 4 members named to come here pending the sale of their homes. We have a new Staff Sargent coming from North Battleford and 1 Cpl waiting the sale of his house. 1 Constable has been promoted and placed as a Cpl in charge of the Traffic/Cru team doing extensive proactive policing.
  - b. Q3 Update – Joint Forces Operation (JFO) with Edmonton Police working together on initiatives. 54 vehicle stops, 43 pedestrian stops, 54 warrant checks, executed 47 warrants.
    - i. Two major priorities – property crime and person’s crime had increased in Q3.
    - ii. Traffic Safety priority – performance management initiated at the detachment and proactive police work is the expectation and holding members accountable with key measurable vehicle stops, impaired driving, street checks and violation tickets issued. Interdictions and intelligence gathering is having a positive

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impact. This has been very effective in increasing tickets issued and the traffic safety component with the extra vehicle stops. 18% collision reduction in Q3.

5. Public Guests – no public guests
6. Director, Protective Services Report – Brad Ward
  - a. RCMP Contract – RCMP Union negotiations underway for a contract and pay increase pending.
  - b. Request for 2 officers went in to KDIV, looking at mid-year to fill those positions
  - c. Traffic Safety Plan – updating 2019-2022 Plan with the adoption of Vision Zero.
  - d. Provincial Review of the ATE program has been completed and what they are planning to modernize the rules of the Automated Traffic Safety Program for Alberta.
  - e. August 8, 2019 – RCMP Musical Ride put on by the Rotary Club
  - f. Animal Kennel – approved to be built in 2019.
  - g. RIMT (Regional Incident Management Team) held a 2 day event to run a simulation of an emergency at City Hall.
  - h. Our Analyst is going on Mat Leave and we have a temporary person Melodie Huot filling in while she is away.
  - i. Strategic Planning Session: There may be funds available to hire a consultant to do a strategic planning session of what the committee would like to accomplish in 2019.
1. MES Report – Matt Lowther
  - a. ME and You messaging – public education
  - b. Fort Report – Provides people with an alternate route to send in requests or concerns to the City departments. We have been dealing with several repeat complainants with this system and are working through those complaints.
  - c. 173 Calls for service in January. Snow clearing and assisting with enforcement of this has been time consuming. We have taken a different approach this year with giving out more tickets and warning people they may be towed.
  - d. Staffing – full strength and 1 casual officer that is used during shortages.
  - e. New Radio system – March 15 radios will arrive for the MES Unit.
  - f. A concern was brought forward about bicycle safety and if the City needs a Bicycle bylaw to enforce? With the Traffic Safety Act Regulations and Bylaws there is enough there for Municipal Enforcement to enforce bicycle safety without having a separate bylaw.
7. Old Business: Committee Evaluation – There are some concerns on the questionnaire and how it is worded. It is being reviewed to see what changes need to be made.
8. AAPG Travel Coordination – travel on Thursday leave on the 4<sup>th</sup> – renting a vehicle to travel together to Medicine Hat leaving at noon. Arriving home on Saturday around 9:30pm.
9. Strategic Planning session – this is available and the Committee to decide if it wants to participate in this.
10. Trade Show – all agree in booking a table at the Trade Show, Coreen will register the committee
11. AAPG Representative – conference coming in April.

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12. Council Report – What is the status of commercial vehicle enforcement program? Matt Lowther - Officers have attended training for commercial vehicle enforcement and some equipment has been purchased.
13. Meeting adjournment: 8:00 pm