



**Attendees:**

**Policing Committee Members:**

Perry Brooks, Chair  
Ian McDonell  
Steven Hull  
Sean Clements  
Ed Sperling, City Councillor

**Absent:**

Stewart Begg, Public Complaints Director  
Bill Santo, Vice Chair

**Administration & Detachment Staff:**

Heather Cowie, GM Community & Protective Services  
Coreen Rayner, A/Director Protective Services  
Sgt. Mike McCreedy, A/Operations NCO RCMP  
Kalie Anderson, Recording Secretary

**1. Welcome and call to order**

Committee photograph was taken prior to start of meeting.

Meeting called to order at 5:15pm. New format for meetings, will be using a consent agenda which groups routine business together into one motion. Reports are also being sent in advance and will not be presented in full at the meetings. This will allow more time for discussion and dialogue.

**2. Consent agenda to approve January's minutes and agenda**

Steven Hull moved to adopt the consent agenda including the February meeting agenda and January's meeting minutes, seconded by Sean Clements. Carried.

**3. Opportunity for Public Guests**

No public guests.

**4. Q & A for Officer in Charge Report**

Brief presentation by Sgt. McCreedy:

- Fort Saskatchewan RCMP Detachment working on new initiative called the Capture Project
  - Voluntary video surveillance registry for residents and businesses to register their surveillance cameras with the RCMP. Speeds up process for RCMP to find video footage. They will reach out to registrants and request to see footage if needed for investigations
  - Registrants can refuse to provide footage and rescind permission at any time, totally voluntary to participate
  - Program has been used in other communities including Red Deer, they have developed framework for privacy and copyright as well as marketing materials
  - Minimal cost to set up and maintain, City Communications and RCMP will be promoting it. Policing Committee can assist with promotion once project is running.



- Ongoing success of Traffic/Crime Reduction Unit and General Duty Officers, several large drug seizures recently along with multiple warrant apprehensions and firearms seized as a result of a search warrant.

## **5. Q & A for Municipal Enforcement Services Report**

No questions stemming from MES report. Good feedback from committee on new format of report, easy to read and understand.

## **6. Discussion and review of Strategic Plan**

Strategic Plan will be discussed in stages at each meeting, one goal per meeting. Councillor Sperling will send out information each month for committee members (including administration & detachment staff) to review and provide feedback before the meeting. Expectation is that committee members will review all reports and documents sent out in advance of meetings and take time to respond. Looking for feedback on what is going well and what is missing from each of the goals in the Strategic Plan. The committee will discuss goals and feedback at each meeting.

### **Review of Strategic Plan Goals**

*Comments from Committee:*

- Goal One:** Presentation to Council will happen in May, committee budget to be reviewed
- Goal Two:** Community Engagement could be done through an introductory letter to community groups with questions they can answer to provide feedback to the Policing Committee. Invite groups to present at committee meetings.
- Goal Three:** Diversity could be improved by including youth members in the committee, possibly as part of a subcommittee. This will be explored further.
- Goal Four:** No comments
- Goal Five:** Awareness of the Policing Committee is already improving. Coreen Rayner has met with City Corporate Communications and started conversation about working with Policing Committee for marketing and public awareness. Request to meet with Communications before the Trade Show.
- Goal Six:** History of Policing Committee could be celebrated at the upcoming Sunset Ceremony.

Overall positive feedback for Strategic Plan.

## **7. Discussion: What it means for the Policing Committee to be successful**

Legislation governing Policing Committees is very vague. Fort Saskatchewan Policing Committee Bylaw and Policy and Procedures are more specific and useful for expectations.



Role of committee is to report to Council about how the police are viewed by the community. Look at issues through a community lens rather than perspective of the police. Committee is not there to investigate or fix problems, role is to pass on information and help community navigate the process, be a voice/advocate for community perspectives.

**a. List of goals**

**Community Groups:** Goal of 4 presentations from Community Groups in 2020

**Events:** Goal of Policing Committee attending 5 events in 2020

**8. Develop list of groups to invite to future meetings**

- Boys & Girls Club
- Historical Society
- Families First
- Chamber of Commerce
- Pioneer House
- Victim Services & Restorative Justice
- Service Clubs (Lions, Rotary, Legion, Kinsmen)
- School Boards
- Faith Leaders Coalition
- Eastgate Business Park Assoc.
- Heartland Citizens on Patrol
- Minor Sports Assoc.
- Building Bridges (Multicultural Society & Poverty Awareness)

Discussion: Committee will invite one group per meeting. Short presentation and then discussion with committee. Request feedback and information from presenters. Possible questions:

- *What have your interactions been with policing in Fort Saskatchewan?*
- *What are some challenges and successes of policing in Fort Saskatchewan?*
- *What is the quality of the interactions you have had?*
- *Have you heard any public safety concerns in the community?*
- *Choose top three priorities from list*
- *What could be done differently to improve?*

Perry Brooks and Coreen Rayner to finalize questions. Introductory letter to be sent to all groups asking if they are interested in presenting to the committee. Administration will provide contact information for the groups. Committee members will be assigned a few groups each to reach out to after letter is sent.

**9. Develop list of events the Policing Committee should attend**

*Events in bold print are confirmed for attendance by Policing Committee members*

- **Annexation Open House (Jan)**
- **Registration Day (Feb)**
- **Jody Carrington Seminar (Feb)**
- **Chamber Trade Show (Apr)**
- AAPG Conference (Apr)
- Child Car Seat Clinic (May)



- Bicycle Rodeo (May)
- **Presentation to City Council (May)**
- Kids Can Catch (May)
- Legacy Park Family Fun Festival (June)
- Canada Day / Parade (July 1)
- Farmers Market (summer) in conjunction with Protective Services
- Movie Under the Stars (summer)
- CAPG (Aug)
- Registration Day (Aug)
- Sunset Ceremony (Aug 19)
- RCMP Town Hall (fall 2020)
- Citizens on Patrol provincial AGM (Sept)
- Santa Claus Parade (Nov)

At March meeting committee will plan which members are attending which events. Coreen Rayner will book booth for trade show.

### **10. New Business**

- Suggestion to buy pizza for RCMP Officers to get to know them. Could buy pizza at shift change so that committee meets two watches of General Duty Officers. Will be discussed further.
- Suggestions to have RCMP & MES Officers attend Policing Committee meetings; want to meet with RCMP Community Policing Officer.
- Coffee with a Cop event: Inspector McCauley is interested, will be discussed further
- Suggestion to sponsor an award/plaque for Officers who have gone above and beyond to help the community. Nothing monetary, Policing Committee would choose the recipient and present award. Minimal cost. To be discussed further at next meeting.
- City Council Update (Councillor Sperling)
  - Regional Transit discussions and votes ongoing
  - Land Use Bylaw amendments
- Contact List updated, members to give any changes to Coreen Rayner

### **11. Public Complaints Director Report**

Absent, nothing to report.

### **12. Round table**

- Question about snow removal, how has it been going?
  - Response from Coreen Rayner: Snow removal has been smooth, fewer vehicles being towed as residents learn the new process. Some complaints received, staff are explaining the process and background to residents and resolving complaints.

### **13. In camera session**

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm, Protective Services Building

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 6:57pm.