



CITY OF
FORT SASKATCHEWAN
POLICING COMMITTEE

Policing Committee
Meeting Minutes for January 16th, 2020

POLICING COMMITTEE MEMBERS	GUESTS
<p>Perry Brooks Ian McDonell Steven Hull Stewart Begg Bill Santo Sean Clements Ed Sperling</p> <p>Administration & Detachment Attendees: Heather Cowie, GM Community & Protective Services Coreen Rayner, A/Director Protective Services Mike McCauley, Officer In Charge Matt Lowther, Sgt. Municipal Enforcement Services Tannis Robertson, Recording Secretary</p>	
<p>Absent: Ian McDonell, Stewart Beg</p>	

<p>2020 Election and Appointments:</p>	<p>Coreen Rayner, A/Director Protective Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting called to order 5:01• Election of Chair<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Call for nominations for Chair of Policing Committee• Nomination of Perry Brooks by Steven Hull• Call for Nominations 3 times, no other nominations• Perry Brooks let name stand and elected as Chair• Election of Vice Chair<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sean Clements nominated by Bill Santo, Bill Santo nominated by Steven Hull• Call for Nominations 3 times, no other nominations• Sean Clements – Declined the nomination• Bill Santo let name stand for Vice Chair• All in Favor of Bill Santo for Vice Chair• Appointment of Public Complaints Director: Stewart Begg• Appointment of AAPG Representative: Perry Brooks
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<p>Agenda Review & Additions</p>	<p>Adoption of the Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to adopt agenda as is: Bill Santo • Seconded: Steven Hull <p>Adoption of November meeting minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to adopt minutes as is: Steven Hull • Seconded: Sean Clements
<p>Public Guests</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Public Guests
<p>OIC Report</p>	<p><u>Mike McCauley, Officer In Charge</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing update- 2 member's surplus to establishment. Soft Vacancy – 4 members. • Crime Stats- Persons crime- 4% increase, property crime 2% increase. Break and enter crime 14% decrease, theft of mv 4% increase and theft under 5, 8% decrease. • Rural Crime decreased 4%. Property Crime down 6% in rural areas. Persons crime in rural down 17 %. • Discussion on the 2019 collision stats. • Traffic Violations- 3% decrease, 3019 tickets. False alarm tickets are at an all-time low, down 58%. • TCRU- Traffic Crime Reduction Unit- very strong team making large impact in our community thanks to the large effort and drive of Cpl. Lafreniere and Cst. Coffin. Both will be nominated for awards with CACP-Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police.
<p>General Manager</p>	<p><u>Heather Cowie, GM Community & Protective Services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brad Ward is now director of Emergency Management for the next two years. His focus will be creating 52 emergency plans to get The City of Fort Saskatchewan in line with Alberta legislation. • Coreen Rayner to be acting as director until the position is posted in February, expected to be filled by March. • Heather Cowie will now be working closer with Mike McCauley and the RCMP to know how the RCMP is working for the City. • Warming Centers have been created within the Alliance Church to provide shelter for homeless in Fort Saskatchewan due to extreme temperatures. Food, bedding and security provided January 15-17 from 9pm to 8 am. Very pleasing collaborative effort with the warming centers. • Annexation Information Session- January 23rd 5-8 pm at the Shell Theatre Lobby . The Mayor, council and City staff will be on site to welcome all new residents (29 households) and to answer questions/ provide education about services and programs in our area.
<p>Director Report</p>	<p><u>Coreen Rayner, A /Director</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annexation has taken place, a lot of work going on in the background to prepare - updating maps and policies for efficient response. • Vacant Public Servant position from August has now been filled and the selected candidate will begin February. • Matt Lowther, Mike McCreedy and Coreen Rayner attended an Alberta Transportation workshop to discuss the ATE program- guidelines, auditing, ISD- looking for feedback on the program and criteria. Matt Lowther a great resource at the workshop with valuable input.

<p>MES Report</p>	<p><u>Matt Lowther, Sgt. Municipal Enforcement Services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December a quiet month with 147 calls for service. • Option 4 Education Program for Red Light/Stop Sign violations will be running January 21st and 22nd- hosted by Matt Lowther and CPO Cummings. 40 violators registered at this time. • City of Fort Saskatchewan schools have applied for exemption to clear snow outside of the Noise Bylaw quiet time hours. Exemption has been granted, schools will be rotating times amongst themselves. • Officer's quadrant patrols have located a fair amount of abandoned vehicles, also noted one stolen vehicle located by Municipal Enforcement Officers, turned over to RCMP. • Commercial Vehicle Program update- 25 Violations laid for November and December, 16 warning violations. Fine amount close to \$13,000.00. Main objective to locate vehicles operating unsafely and ensuring public safety. • Repeat/ High Risk Driver Program still underway- contact being made with registered owners of vehicles receiving ISD violations. Officers contacting by phone to provide education- overall positive response from drivers that have been contacted. • Community Standard's Bylaw review underway, looking to be updated in 2020. Suggestion made for committee members to review current bylaw on the City Website and send any suggestions to Matt Lowther. • Animal Control Center construction began in October with the addition of a sidewalk. Exterior colors and material have been selected- expecting ground breaking to be within the next few weeks. • 2 new full time hires have received their security clearances, awaiting on their Peace Officer Appointment. Another officer position has been granted by council, interviews to begin approx. February 12th.
<p>Old Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Planning Session Report- No final report completed but draft has been sent. Perry Brooks will be discussing a portion of the draft each meeting to ensure the committee is on the right track. <p>Ed – Ian still providing information Hoping next meeting in march this will begin.</p>
<p>New Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on the committee's diversity moving forward with the possibility of a female member or youth volunteer. • Discussion on engaging other organizations to work with like Families First, Citizens on Patrol and so on. Coreen Rayner suggested speaking to Victim Services and Restorative Justice on coming in to provide a presentation to the committee. • Discussion on changing meeting themes to have dedicated topics. Every second month meetings to have more updates. Perry and Coreen will discuss the next coming meeting and the updates. • February meeting the Committee will take a new photo for advertising • Discussion of RCMP and the committee working together on a town hall meeting possibly in spring

	<p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perry Brooks to create a list / report card for the committee to gauge how well they are doing as a committee. • Members to consider what events they want to attend as a committee.
<p>Public Complaints Director Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No public complaints
<p>AAPG Rep Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting in Calgary in the next few weeks, conference in Brooks this spring. Discussion will be had about hosting the AAPG Conference in Fort Saskatchewan, Goal for 2022. If the possibility goes forward the committee will need to start work ASAP.
<p>Council Report</p>	<p><u>Councilor, Ed Sperling</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to reduce posted speed limit coming back – no date set yet- suggestion this could be a good option for the committee to speak to and discuss what we believe is a good solution to the issue. • Regional Transit Commission is quietly working in the background to pool all surrounding groups in the area (Sherwood Park, Leduc, Devon, Morinville, Edmonton etc.) into one group. City to make a decision by March 10th if they will be a part of this, if not another solution will be need to be in place. • Another item of interest- spoke about diversity and occlusion. Council has passed a motion to fund an education program to create a plan ensuring the City is an inclusive community. Recent example is our general neutral change room addition at Harbour Pool to fit in with this vision. Two year plan to get the City up to where it should be consistently. • Next week the committee will have an open meeting to discuss our Municipal Development plan, Land Use Bylaw, City Property licensing and leasing. These meetings are open to anyone to come in and listen and will also be live streamed on the City website. <p><u>Action Item:</u> Heather Cowie to provide traffic report to Coreen and attach to meeting minutes.</p>
<p>Round Table</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heather Cowie- Great community response to the Warming Center. No need for donations at this time, community directed to donate money to Families First instead. • Coreen commends the Committee for moving in a positive forward motion for this year and goals. • Discussion on bringing back additional meetings to focus on the committees new goals and plans for the year.
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday, February 20th at 5:00pm, Protective Services Building
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Meeting adjournment: 6:35 pm</p>