



**Attendance:**

**Policing Committee Members:**

Perry Brooks, Chairperson  
Bill Santo  
Stewart Begg, Public Complaints Director  
Jibs Abitoye  
Sean Clements  
Steven Hull  
Absent:  
Ian McDonell

**Administration Representatives:**

Coreen Rayner, A/Director of Protective Services  
Insp. Mike McCauley, OIC Fort Saskatchewan  
Kalie Anderson, Recording Secretary

**1. Welcome and Call to Order**

- a. Called to order at 5:03 pm

**2. Consent Agenda (Agenda & Minutes)**

- a. Steven Hull moved to accept the consent agenda, Bill Santo seconded, carried.

**3. Welcome Councillor Abitoye as new Council Representative**

- a. Councillor Abitoye was given a warm welcome with thanks to her predecessor Councillor Sperling.

**4. RCMP Update – Inspector Mike McCauley**

- a. Q2 report was sent to Policing Committee
- b. Question regarding online reporting, how is it being promoted? Initial media release was sent and it is also promoted on the City's webpage.
- c. Question regarding Commercial Vehicle Enforcement operation: a handful of vehicles were removed from the roadway. Officers are targeting vehicles that have visible deficiencies, this causes a large percentage of trucks to be in violation. It is not a random sampling of commercial vehicles.

**5. A/Director Report – Coreen Rayner**

- a. 2021 operating budget was presented to City Council on Monday, focused on three areas in the budget to discuss with Council. Priority based budgeting is centred on programs and services that are provided to the community.
  - i. Automated Enforcement
  - ii. Conventional Traffic (including Commercial Vehicle Enforcement)
  - iii. Policing Committee
    1. Review of the Policing Committee Bylaw – aligning things and find a way to serve Council better. Want to improve service to Council.
    2. 5 applicants for 3 positions on the Committee – Coreen and Councillor Abitoye will be doing interviews in early December.



3. There will be changes in the Police Act and other legislation that affects the Policing Committee Bylaw.
  4. Would like to add more members to the Committee so that there is more diversity, as well as to have capacity for regular meetings with quorum.
  - iv. November 10 Council meeting, a Notice of Motion was put forward to bring back information to Council on Commercial Vehicle Enforcement. This will go back to Council at the end of March.
  - v. Budget – Notice of Motion was brought forward for a capacity review of MES including reviewing service levels, what challenges are there, and staff turnover.
  - vi. Currently staffing the MES supervisor position – will be doing interviews November 30 and will be in place by mid-December.
- 6. Municipal Enforcement Services Report – Coreen Rayner**
- a. Assisting Roads Department with snow removal process to remove vehicles from the roadway. This is a major project that will be ongoing.
- 7. Excess Speed on City Streets – Perry Brooks**
- a. Letter was received from a resident about traffic speeds in the Westpark area. Is there evidence of increased speeds in Fort Saskatchewan recently?
  - b. Speed monitoring sign was installed on Westpark Drive in front of Windemere Court
    - i. Patrol files were created by RCMP & MES for that specific concern over span of weeks
    - ii. Often speed monitoring shows that there is no increased speed, it is a perception from the community. Most drivers are at the speed limit or lower with only occasional speeding noted as outliers
    - iii. Concern brought forward about the crosswalk by the 7-11 on 95A Avenue, with a vehicle not yielding to a pedestrian.
      1. City is reviewing proposal to reduce speed limits on residential roads to 40 km/hr, looking at speed and collision data. This is continuing to be debated by City Council, looking at the urgency considering the financial implications and current financial situation of the City. Other municipalities in the region have also been debating and implementing this concept.
      2. Also looking at adding more high visibility equipment at crosswalks throughout the City.
- 8. Police Act Review – Steven Hull**
- a. Meeting was held on November 9. Policing Committees and Commissions are looking for broader mandate and more involvement
    - i. Options discussed:
      1. Province could take over and create a master committee province wide
      2. Regional committees



3. Mirror RCMP boundaries and jurisdictions
    4. Take existing policing committees and work out mechanics. RCMP service areas do not match municipality boundaries
  - b. There is a general interest in change and expanding the role of Policing Committees and in the current political climate there is a lot of interest in expanded oversight.
  - c. Next step will be in December 2020, they will refine the input from the previous meeting to come forward with another version of the proposed changes for another session
- 9. Community Focus Group – Insp. McCauley**
  - a. First meeting was held with a focus on underrepresented groups in the community. Recruited leaders from different groups to meet with RCMP and Protective Services/Municipal Enforcement.
  - b. Focus was on listening and learning from these groups, and finding ways to reach out to these groups using different methods. Traditional outreach such as town halls is not effective with many people.
  - c. Goals set to increase inclusion efforts, including RCMP, MES Protective Services and Policing Committee
    - i. One strategy is to have RCMP/Protective Services attend existing events in different demographics to have more personalized conversations and do outreach. This could include orientation sessions for newcomers to Fort Saskatchewan
    - ii. Collaborative training – working on setting up in person/virtual presentations
    - iii. Increasing social media platform
- 10. New Business**
  - a. None
- 11. Public Complaints Director – Steven Hull**
  - a. Nothing to report
- 12. AAPG Representative – Perry Brooks**
  - a. Met on Monday, nothing new to discuss.
- 13. Community Award Update**
  - a. Tabled – Perry will send out the information for next meeting.
- 14. Appreciation Dinner**
  - a. Recommended to cancel in person, due to COVID precautions. Suggestion to have a virtual dinner.
  - b. Farewell for Councillor Sperling, it would be nice to acknowledge his contributions over the last ten years as a private citizen and as a Councillor. Gift will be purchased.
- 15. Round Table:**
  - a. Good feedback for RCMP report
  - b. Coreen and Perry will do committee orientation with Councillor Abitoye.



**Adjournment:** 6:15 pm.

**Next meeting:** December 17, 2020 5:00pm.