

**Attendance:**

**Policing Committee Members**

Perry Brooks, Chairperson  
Stewart Begg, Vice Chairperson  
Councillor Jibs Abitoye  
Steven Hull, Public Complaints Director  
Sean Clements  
Gloria Brathwaite  
Christine Beveridge

**Administration Representatives**

Coreen Rayner, Director of Protective Services  
Insp. Mike McCauley, Officer in Charge RCMP  
Sgt. Lee Hardman, Municipal Enforcement Supervisor  
Kalie Anderson, Recording Secretary

**Administration Guests**

Cpl. Jolee Marianicz, RCMP Watch Commander  
Cst. Alyssa Blais, RCMP General Duty

**Public Guests:** None

**1. Welcome and Call to Order**

- a. Meeting called to order on Webex by Perry Brooks at 5:01 pm.

**2. Consent Agenda Approval – Agenda & Minutes**

- a. RCMP Annual Performance Priorities (APPs) added to agenda under New Business
- b. Stewart Begg moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Sean Clements.

**3. Opportunity for Public Guests**

- a. No public guests

**4. RCMP Officer in Charge Report – Inspector Mike McCauley**

- a. Nominations gathered for Policing Committee Award and submitted for consideration. Thanks to the Award Subcommittee for this initiative.
- b. Councillor Abitoye invited Insp. McCauley and Coreen Rayner to meet virtually with new group Fort Black Community to engage with the community and build relationships. Was a great discussion and enjoyed the experience.
- c. Annual Policing Priorities (APP) community consultations are underway for 2021, encourage Policing Committee members to gather feedback. Also gathering input from other community groups and City Council, this is an important process that has real impact on the APPs that are chosen. The APP form can be submitted as a group or individually.
  - i. Introduction of administration guests: Cpl. Jolee Marianicz and Cst. Alyssa Blais joined the Webex meeting briefly to introduce themselves to the Policing Committee.
  - ii. Cpl. Marianicz is an 18 year veteran of the RCMP who recently transferred to Fort Saskatchewan from Parkland Detachment (formerly Stony Plain/Spruce Grove). She is a Watch Commander in charge of one team of General Duty officers. Jolee has family ties to Fort Saskatchewan and is excited to join the team.



- iii. Cst. Alyssa Blais is a new member who recently graduated from Depot. Fort Saskatchewan is her first posting and she is assigned to General Duty. Alyssa is originally from BC and is looking forward to learning more about policing and get to know the community.

#### **5. Director Report – Coreen Rayner**

- a. Going before City Council next Tuesday for Community Standards Bylaw
- b. Working on Vision Zero Action Plan: want to have annual objectives and measureable goals that are accessible to the public. Will include public engagement, radio interviews, providing information and education to the community.
- c. Attended AUMA (Alberta Urban Municipalities Association) Summit, highlights were sent to the Policing Committee. Topic of discussion was the possibility of Alberta having a provincial police force instead of the RCMP. Alberta Minister of Justice Kaycee Madu and Deputy Commissioner Curtis Zablocki, Commanding Officer of Alberta RCMP both spoke on this topic. The provincial government has hired a consulting firm to study the idea with results expected this spring.
  - i. Discussion: Policing standards in Alberta are set by the provincial government and there is conflicting information on this topic. The consensus at the summit seemed to be that there was not widespread support for a provincial police force. There was not a lot of rural consultation done. There are concerns around the cost and whether this would actually improve service levels and response times.
  - ii. Discussion: Is there any appetite for moving to a new model of policing away from the paramilitary environment? Provincial police would be very similar to RCMP. RCMP is evolving to improve Diversity & Inclusion, mental health supports, working to find and improve root causes of crime with different programs, and improve response times by working with provincial peace officers through the RAPID program.
- d. Overall, Protective Services has been very busy. Filling remaining vacant positions and building positive momentum for this year.

#### **6. Municipal Enforcement Services Report – Sgt. Lee Hardman**

- a. e-Ticketing software will be going live in April. 3 MES patrol vehicles are being replaced. Working on Dangerous Goods Bylaw Review. Memorandum of Understanding completed with Alberta Sheriffs for Commercial Vehicle Enforcement inspections within the City. Starting a partnership with Families First Society to help officers learn about community resources and provide assistance to clients.

#### **7. New Business**

- a. RCMP APPs: some of the possible priorities are Crime Reduction, Substance Abuse, Traffic Safety, Youth, Domestic Violence, Diversity & Inclusion and Community Engagement.



- b. Discussion: Suggestion to include Rural Engagement for concerns about response times, rural crime watch and to build community support. Also suggested to focus on Youth Engagement as this will pay off in all categories in the future.

#### **8. AUMA Summit Update – Councillor Jibs Abitoye & Coreen Rayner**

- a. Councillor Abitoye attended session on Police Act Review. Topics included community engagement, remuneration for committee members, making committees representative of community demographics. Review is consulting with over 400 community organizations. Subcommittee created to develop scope and structure of a possible separate Police Advisory Board for the province. Public Complaints Director position on Policing Committees was discussed, there is a need for more clarity and training.

#### **9. Council Update – Councillor Jibs Abitoye**

- a. Looking forward to discussing the Community Standards Bylaw at next Council meeting. International Women's Day is next month.

*Administration representatives Insp. McCauley, Coreen Rayner and Sgt. Hardman left the meeting after there were no further questions for them from the Policing Committee.*

#### **10. Public Complaints Director Report – Steven Hull**

- a. Perry Brooks did a radio interview asking for feedback and received several emails from the public. Steven has created a process to handle correspondence with administration. One inquiry asked why officers block a lane of the highway during traffic stops. Responded that the purpose was for officer and public safety, similar to construction zones. Discussion of this tactic and impact on traffic flow. Another emails received was requesting intervention for a traffic ticket, referred them back to the court process.
- b. Feedback from Policing Committee that these were handled well and there is a good process in place. Historically not many complaints/inquires received. Suggestion to do a radio interview at least once a quarter.
- c. Restorative Justice is also an option to help resolve complaints or concerns. Gloria Brathwaite will be asked to do a presentation to the Policing Committee about the program.

#### **11. Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) Representative Update – Perry Brooks**

- a. AAPG is funded by the province and municipalities with local police, its function is to assist Policing Commissions and Policing Committees.
- b. AAPG met with consultant for the provincial police study, also discussed Police Act Review.

#### **12. Strategic Plan Update**

- a. No discussion at this time



**13. Community Service Award Update – Award Subcommittee**

- a. 3 nominations received from administration that touch on different areas of policing and enforcement in Fort Saskatchewan. Subcommittee is ordering a wall plaque that will stay at the Protective Services Building and an individual plaque will also be given to the winner along with a certificate with details of the reason for the award. Plaques are being ordered next week, engraving will say 'for service above and beyond to the community'.
- b. Award will be called the Fort Saskatchewan Policing Committee Award. This allows for flexibility in the future.
- c. Winner chosen, will work out the details of how to present the award and media release.

**14. Round Table**

- a. No further discussion

**15. In Camera Session**

- a. Policing Committee members went In Camera at 6:23 pm.

**16. Adjournment**

**Next meeting: Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 5:00 pm via Webex**