



**Attendance:**

**Policing Committee Members:**

Perry Brooks  
Councillor Jibs Abitoye  
Gloria Brathwaite  
Stewart Begg  
Steven Hull  
Sean Clements  
Christine Beveridge

**Administration Representatives:**

Heather Cowie, General Manager Community & Protective Services  
Coreen Rayner, Director of Protective Services  
Insp. Mike McCauley, OIC Fort Saskatchewan  
Lee Hardman, MES Supervisor  
Kalie Anderson, Recording Secretary

**1. Welcome and Call to Order**

- a. Coreen Rayner called meeting to order at 5:03 pm via Webex
- b. Introductions

**2. Swearing of Oaths for new Members**

- a. Gloria Brathwaite and Christine Beveridge sworn in as new members

**3. 2021 Election and Appointments**

**a. Election of Chair**

- i. Call for nominations for Chair of Policing committee
- ii. Nomination of Perry Brooks by Stewart Begg
- iii. Call for nominations 3 times, no other nominations
- iv. Perry Brooks let name stand and elected as Chair

**b. Election of Vice Chair**

- i. Call for nominations for Vice Chair of Policing Committee
- ii. Nomination of Stewart Begg by Steven Hull
- iii. Call for nominations 3 times, no other nominations
- iv. Stewart Begg let name stand and elected as Vice Chair

**c. Appointment of Public Complaints Director**

- i. Steven Hull

**d. Appointment of AAPG Representative**

- i. Perry Brooks

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

- a. Steve Hull moved to accept the consent agenda, Sean Clements seconded, carried.

**5. Meeting Minutes**

- a. Approved in consent agenda

**6. Introduction of new members**

- a. Welcome to Christine Beveridge & Gloria Brathwaite

**7. Opportunity for Public Guests**

- a. No guests in attendance

**8. Council Report – Councillor Jibs Abitoye**

- i. Received invitation to AUMA summit regarding policing in Alberta. Topics include updates on Police Act Review and the Alberta Police Advisory Board and information and discussion regarding establishing a provincial police force. Will add update from the summit to the February agenda



- b. Black History Month in February – is there something this group can do to mark this?
  - i. The Policing Committee could do a public statement working with Corporate Comms, Perry can be quoted on behalf of the committee.
  - ii. Offer from Insp McCauley to have a virtual forum or discussion around Black History Month. Insp McCauley, Coreen Rayner and Councillor Abitoye will discuss more offline.

**9. Officer in Charge Report – Inspector Mike McCauley**

- a. Staffing: as of February 11 will have full staffing. Another female Cpl joining the team in February, will try to have her stop by the next meeting for introductions. Only 3 officers currently on leave.
- b. Crime stats: Persons crime up for this year only up by 3 files, very consistent with previous years. Sexual offences have increased from 16 to 34 which is an area of focus. GIS taking responsibility to investigate these types of offences. Sexual assaults are down 18 % - the increase is from online offences. Property crime is at a 5 year low, decrease of 11% down from last year. Overall Criminal Code offences down 16% in 2020 compared to 2019.
- c. Vision Zero – improvement seen in 2020. 1 fatal collision recorded which is a reduction of 50%, injury collisions dropped 25%. Overall collisions are down 20% which is a reduction of 42% from five years ago.
- d. Domestic Violence Coordinator position now active. File count is down with fewer files reported but charges are up meaning the files are more serious. There is an increase in files where there was insufficient evidence. The Domestic Violence Coordinator reviews every Domestic Violence file and provides expert advice on victim safety and case management, and will take over higher risk files.
- e. Discussion regarding outreach and education for youth for sexual based offences. Suggestion to participate in virtual formats to reach youth & schools. Youth Justice Committee can also assist with this. The City is starting a youth committee, RCMP School Resource Officer is welcome to participate

**10. General Manager Update – Heather Cowie**

- a. No update - No changes to public health orders this week.

**11. Director Report – Coreen Rayner**

- a. Storm ponds: people in the community have been using them as ad hoc skating rinks. The City has determined this will no longer be permitted because of safety concerns. Anticipating community feedback. There is water flowing under the surface of the ponds which makes the ice unsafe. Has been challenging for enforcement and to mediate complaints.
- b. Community Standards Bylaw is going back to council on February 23, report will be sent to the Policing Committee.
- c. Emergency Management meetings – reviewing the bylaws that have impact on Dangerous Goods. This ties into the Notice of Motion regarding Commercial Vehicle Enforcement. New MES Supervisor has been hired, he has more training and experience with Commercial Vehicle Enforcement which is an asset for the City.
- d. Also working on a Notice of Motion for a capacity review of MES in June 2021.



- e. Upcoming events: Attending the AUMA Summit and Canadian Association of Police Governance webinar regarding virtual policing and impacts of technology on policing.
  - i. Discussion on storm ponds – important to have good signage to help MES enforce the changes, help community understand that this will help kids & residents safe. Will try to redirect residents to the approved rinks so that they can use safe options. Good feedback regarding West River’s Edge skating area.

**12. Municipal Enforcement Services Report – Sgt. Lee Hardman**

- a. Staffing – one casual officer just finished training. There are currently 7 full time and 2 casual officers and 2 admin staff at full staffing.
- b. Developing Commercial Vehicle Enforcement program. Need an MOU with Sheriffs and then can officially do inspections within the City, should be in place in several months. Planning to train 1 or 2 more officers in CVE and Dangerous Goods training will be provided for all officers.
- c. Working on stats for 2020. So far in 2021 there have been 135 tickets, 1 CVE ticket and 78 calls for service.
- d. Working with RCMP for driving investigations and community concerns. Also provided community resources to a family that officers encountered rather than proceeding with enforcement action. Families First will be presenting to Peace Officers soon as well.
- e. Attended a health inspection with OHS & Public Health last month that was successful.

**13. New Business**

- a. Community Award – would like to get the subcommittee going again. Stewart, Steven & Sean, Gloria will join. Perry will send an email with details and subcommittee to report back in February.

**14. Public Complaints Director Report – Steven Hull**

- a. No updates and no complaints received since last meeting.
- b. Discussion: Public awareness of Public Complaints process and overall publicity strategy for Policing Committee. This was part of the Strategic Planning Process, will be added back onto the agenda. Depending on the nature of the complaint, the Public Complaints Director will pass along the information and assist the person to make a formal complaint if necessary. RCMP has their own formal complaint investigation structure. Solicitor General used to provide training for Public Complaints Director, it is no longer available. Police Act Review will clarify the role and assist with the process for complaints against MES & RCMP.

**15. AAPG Representative**

- a. Board meeting was last Monday. No updates.

**16. Round Table**

- a. No further discussion.

**In Camera Session**

**Adjournment**

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