



Attendance:

Policing Committee Members

- Perry Brooks, Chairperson
- Stewart Begg, Vice Chairperson
- Councillor Jibs Abitoye
- Gloria Brathwaite – Policing Committee
- Sean Clements – Policing Committee
- Steve Hull

Administration Representatives

- Coreen Rayner, Director of Protective Services
- Cpl. Lafreniere for Insp. Mike McCauley, Officer in Charge RCMP
- Lauren Reid, Protective Services Coordinator (Recording Secretary)
- Sgt. Lee Hardman, MES Supervisor

Absent:

Administration Guests

Public Guests:

- Clarizze Truscott
Kabisig Society of Fort Saskatchewan
- James Bonnell – Fort Saskatchewan Record

1. Welcome and Call to Order

- a. Meeting called to order at 5:04 pm by Perry Brooks.
- b. Introduction of members to guests

2. Consent Agenda Approval (Agenda & Minutes)

Stew, and 2nd Sean

3. RCMP Officer in Charge Report – Cpl. Devon Lafreniere for Inspector Mike McCauley

- a. Traffic and Crime Reduction: The TCRU team has a focus on traffic interdictions, using intelligence led enforcement, mainly dealing with property crime offences, and drug related crimes. Proactive intelligence led unit, using crime analyst for targets. The Traffic Unit is gearing up for summer, with noise being a current issue. Cpl. Lafreniere and Sgt. Lee met with the local Crown Prosecutor to try to improve enforcement. Unfortunately “unnecessary noise” can be subjective, so it is difficult to get a conviction. Joint operations will occur to target noise violations.
- b. Catalytic Converter Thefts have been made identified as a priority. The theft often ruins the vehicles on top of the part being stolen – at a huge cost to the victim. The TCRU has identified individuals who are involved and are actively working to gain evidence and lay charges.
- c. Discussions: Stewart asked about popular cars to be stolen and the use of a sting vehicle. Cpl. Lafreniere explained that the Ford F350 is very popular, and they have used bait vehicles, but it has not been successful. What are the chances of 1 of 20,000 vehicles being the one that gets stolen? Perry asked about the changes to the registration stickers on license plates. Cpl.



Lafreniere advised that it is not popular with the police because now they need to run every plate they see to if it is registered. Stewart asked if this will be used as a reason to pull people over without cause. Cpl. Lafreniere explained that there is case law that allows Police Officers to pull people over to gather registrations, insurance etc. already. Councilor Abitoye asked if the City can assist with the noise issue. Cpl. Lafreniere mentioned that it might help to acquire a noise detecting device that will allow them to gather concrete evidence on noise.

4. Public Guests- Clarize Truscott Kabisig Society switch spots with Cpl.

- a. Overview: “Kabisig” means arm in arm. Started in 2000 to advocate for immigrant workers rights. Working with other groups, such as the Edmonton Newcomers Society to stop abuse and exploitation in our community. They were also involved in campaigns for undocumented mother’s/babies rights, and also helping connecting local immigrants to local resources.
- b. Issues in Pilipino Community: Domestic issues often due to family separation. Divorce, domestic abuse, suicide, depression, and kids running away. Police in the Philippines are very corrupt. Police are often hired guns in the Philippines. Community is scared of deportation when dealing with police.
- c. Discussion: Clarize shared that in the Philippines when you are pulled over you take all your money and hand it over with your driver’s license. Bribery is the only way to get things done, even with government employees. Clarize suggests that the police/poling community comes to some of the Pilipino community events, such as the children’s group, or men’s Basketball group. Gloria asked about the struggles from the last year. Clarize expressed that it was very difficult for her community to be unable to gather.

5. Director Report- Coreen Rayner

- a. Traffic Safety Report: See attached report. Update on traffic safety initiatives and accomplishments. MES and RCMP are working together to reach the Vision Zero goal.

Components:

Education: Bike rodeo, Option 4 Program, and Traffic Calming such as speed signs.

Engineering: Traffic calming road designs and flashing pedestrian signs

Enforcement: MES and RCMP

Engagement: Town Hall, Traffic Safety Surveys, Traffic Safety working group

Evaluations: Surveys

Lower speeds decrease severity of crashes, reduce noise, and encourage bike and pedestrians
Over the 4 years there has been a 40% reduction in collisions. Rear end collisions make up 29% of the total. 119 distracted driving in 18 months. 44% collisions happen in an intersections. In 2017 there were 7 pedestrians’ collisions and 0 in 2020.

ATE (automated traffic enforcement) increase both speed and interception safety. 33%



reduction in the last year in violations. 12 million vehicles traveled through the city, up from by 400,000 from the last year. 66 impaired driving charges in the last 2 years.

6. Municipal Enforcement Services Report – Sgt. Lee Hardman

- a. May Stats: 197 complaints, 355 targets patrols (school, parks etc.), 108 tickets and 110 written warnings
- b. Bike patrols started in May. Positive feedback from residents.
- c. Issues: Spray park bathrooms vandalism and vehicle noise.
- d. New officer starting soon, new PT Admin, officer will be training in commercial enforcement training
- e. Hosting a traffic safety initiative joint operation focusing on hazardous goods, capacity review going to Council, as well as ATE review.
- f. Discussion: Stew asked about Hazardous good training. Sgt. Hardman will be hosting that training in September

7. New Business – Perry Brooks

N/A

8. Council Update – Councillor Jibs Abitoye

- a. Council Updates:
 - Dangerous Good Bylaw was review by Council. New permit was introduced on storage of dangerous goods.
 - The Conversion Therapy Bylaw is going through Council.
 - Water Meter reading infrastructure changes – the city has invested in new water meter infrastructure so citizens can login and check their usage to prevent people from getting giant water bills.
 - Downtown Fort Saskatchewan- action to get people to live downtown.
 - Water Service Commission: passed a motion to leave the commission in 10 years. The bylaws are not favorable to Fort Saskatchewan (we pay too much). We served notice because the new bylaw states 5/6 of the municipalities would need to approve another municipality to leave.
 - Covid19 cases are at 13, Council will be repealing the mandatory mask bylaw. We will default to the provincial bylaws
- b. Discussion: Perry asked about the pedestrian bridge. The current government has not prioritized the NERC

9. Public Complaints Director Report – Steven Hull

- a. No complaints at this time.

10. AAPG Representative Update – Perry Brooks

- a. No new meetings



11. Guest Speaker/ Committee Presentation

ACTION: Perry will follow-up with the Chamber of Commerce and contact the radio

Round Table

- a. Thanks to Coreen for the presentation
- b. Interviews for the new committee member (for a member until the end of December)
- c. Jibs suggested that the committee gets involved in Canada Day
- d. Suggestion for the new Domestic Violence coordinator to present in the fall

11. Adjournment

- a. Councillor Abitoye moved to adjourn, seconded by Steven Hull. Meeting adjourned at 6:31 pm.

12. Next Meeting: September 15th 2021