



Attendance:

Policing Committee Members

- Perry Brooks, Chairperson
- Stewart Begg, Vice Chairperson
- Councillor Jibs Abitoye
- Steven Hull, Public Complaints Director
- Gloria Brathwaite – Policing Committee
- Sean Clements – Policing Committee

Administration Representatives

- Coreen Rayner, Director of Protective Services
- Insp. Mike McCauley, Officer in Charge RCMP
- Lauren Reid, Protective Services Coordinator (Recording Secretary)
- Sgt. Lee Hardman, MES Supervisor
- Heather Cowie, General Manager of Community & Protective Services

Absent:

Administration Guests

Public Guests:

Sharie Valentine Manager of The Bridge
Wellness Hub for Youth-
manager@thebridge.com

1. Welcome and Call to Order

- a. Meeting called to order at 5:02 pm by Perry Brooks.
- b. Introduction of members to guest Sharie Valentine

2. Consent Agenda Approval (Agenda & Minutes)

3. RCMP Officer in Charge Report – Inspector Mike McCauley

- a. Exchange Zone: Media release has gone out regarding a safe space for the community to exchange property/money. It is also being used for custody exchanges. This is too allow for a safe place for people to meet-up, where they are close to help, if needed.
Discussion: Councillor Abitoye and Perry note that the addition of the domestic violence safety consideration is innovative and important.
- b. St. John's Silver Medal: Cst. Roberts and Cst. Forester are being awarded medals for saving the life of an individual overdosing on drugs. While they saved the life by administering NARCAN, Cst. Roberts thumb was bitten off.
Discussion: The members of the policing committee would like to attend award ceremony if time/safety allow.
- c. AACP meeting -Jackie Edwards from ABLE (Association of Black Law Enforcers) made an impactful presentation. She has agreed to partner with the detachment and committee to do an online presentation to our members.
Discussion: Heather offered the Shell Theatre space as an option for the presentation.
- d. Council Meeting: Coreen and Insp. McCauley are presenting on the APP stats from last year. One highlight is: property crimes are down. A copy of the report will be available to this committee

after Tuesdays councils meeting

4. Public Guests- Sharie Valentine BRIDGE Youth Hub

- a. Overview: The Bridge is a Drop-in Service Hub serving young people ages 11-24. It is a government funded pilot project in collaboration with Boys & Girls Club, AltView, Restorative Justice, Saffron, Primary Care Network, and the Eating Disorder Clinic. The Bridge is a drop-in centre located in downtown Fort Sask (above the old Roland's Jewelry) focusing on youth mental health and all aspects of youth well-being. They have programs, services and professionals all available in one place. They have a new psychologist that will be working within the Bridge, which will help increase accessibility of mental health to the youth. The pilot project is government funded for now, but they are looking for long-term sustainability

- b. COVID19 Considerations: The Bridge opened in 2019 but has not been running at ideal capacity because of the pandemic. Little advertisement and community outreach has been done, because they have already been at max allowable capacity. They have space/computers for youth who are homeschooling and do not feel that their homes are safe. They have been striving to stay open during the pandemic, in any way possible to serve youth in the best capacity possible.

- b. Relationship with the RCMP: Sharie noted that she is looking to strengthen the relationship between the RCMP and the Bridge. She spoke about the importance of interventions prior to escalation. In the future Sharie is going to provide the detachment with an info card to provide to youth that members interact with. **ACTION**: Insp. McCauley to connect with Sharie one-on-one

- c. Age Range: Stewart asked why there was such a large age range. Sharie reported that it was mandated by the pilot project funding. Mental health diagnosis are often missed before age 24 and 11-12 year olds stop engaging with services, and often drop-off. Many services stop for youth older than 18, and this helps bridge that gap. The bridge helps with food security, and job services for the older age group. Insp. McCauley inquired about potential issues that could arise from mixing the young youth with the older youth. Sharie reports that they are on the lookout (always adult supervision), but the older youth seems to be there to be accessing services and less to hang out.

- d. Discussion: Counsellor Abitoye inquired about Sharie's support of the Conversion Therapy Bylaw. The Bridge is a safe place for LGBTQ2+ youth, and have a close partnership with the Rainbow Alliance and AltView. They fully support the motion.

5. Director Report- Coreen Rayner

- a. Mental Health: The Dr. Jodi Carrington presentation on mental health and resiliency put on by the City was well-received and timely. The detachment has a Members Mental Health Committee, and an Employee Engagement Committee who are currently hosting a fitness challenge for the month.



- b. Council Updates: Coreen is speaking to City Council multiple times this month. First on June 15th with an APP update, and with a Traffic Safety update from 2020 (and 4 year comparative). July 15 is also Conversion Therapy bylaw, and an update to the Dangerous Goods bylaw. On June 22nd is the Municipal Enforcement capacity review. Highlights will include, new ideas to create efficiencies, and become an employer of choice. It is also time to look at modernizing the automated traffic enforcement camera program. We own two camera devices and an outside contractor owns two. An analysis will be done to see if an outside contractor should handle it completely so that Municipal Enforcement can do more proactive bylaw enforcement.
- c. Barking Dogs: There have been increased bylaw complaints and it is a challenge to enforce. Residents are asked to keep a barking dog log for 2 weeks. It is a frustration for the community. Discussion: Gloria offered Restorative Justice's assistance, but also noted that the log can create further conflict between neighbors.

6. Municipal Enforcement Services Report – Sgt. Lee Hardman

- a. Joint Operations: Sgt. Hardman has been building external partnerships, particularly with Commercial Vehicle Enforcement (Sheriffs). Recently a successful joint operation occurred in Radway, and in June there will be one in Fort Saskatchewan involving MES, EPS, City of Edmonton, and RCMP
- b. Challenges: Still waiting on the new vehicles, and dealing with issues with the older ones.
- c. Staffing Update: Officer McCleghan is moving on to join the RCMP next month, his position has been posted. Rebecca Pashko, the new full-time police clerk has started.

7. New Business – Perry Brooks

8. Council Update – Councillor Jibs Abitoye

- a. Support Letter: Councilor Abitoye is asking that Mayor Katchur writes a letter to the Provincial Government in support of keeping the RCMP in Alberta. Councilor Abitoye requests that this committee supports that letter.
Discussion: \$160 million of federal supports will be lost if Albert moves away from the RCMP. Coreen reports that Price-Waterhouse has been contracted to write a report on the price/service comparators of moving to a provincial police force. Coreen sees no benefit to municipalities with this proposed change. It was noted that this report is costing Alberts 2 million dollars. The committee agreed that we have a great relationship with the RCMP in our community, and not only is the cost not worth it but the value of the RCMP service levels do not merit a change. The committee agreed and we would support the letter. Insp. McCauley thanked the committee for the great support.

Motion: Made by Councilor Abitoye, seconded by Steve Hull to write a letter to the City in support of keeping the RCMP in Alberta. **ACTION:** Lauren will draft a letter and Perry will sign it



- b. Recreational Use Survey Results: In the next 10 years three priorities were identified by residents: # 1 West River's Edge trails, #2 Fort Centre Park, #3 new pool. Community groups wanted, #1 Jubilee Arena upgrade, #2 West River's Edge, #3 renovation on Harbour Pool.
- c. Additional Updates: The construction of a small dog area at the dog park has been approved. There will not be an overall property tax increase.
Discussion: Perry notes that the west rivers edge skating pond was great addition to the City.

9. Public Complaints Director Report – Steven Hull

- a. No complaints at this time.

10. AAPG Representative Update – Perry Brooks

- a. Ian Sanderson has taken over as Treasurer for Perry.
- b. AAPG Virtual Conference: Coreen and Perry enjoyed it, but found it technically difficult to navigate and be effective. Coreen noted an excellent LGBTQ2+ presentation from John.

11. Guest Speaker/ Committee Presentation

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

Speaker ideas: a representative from the Philippine community. **ACTION:** Counsellor Abitoye will invite Clarizze Truscott

Round Table

- a. A round of thanks was expressed to Perry for doing a great job this year.

11. Adjournment

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

12. Next Meeting: June 17th 2021