



Attendance:

- Policing Committee Members

- Gloria Brathwaite – Policing Committee
- Perry Brooks, Chairperson
- Heather Boonstra
- Councillor Jibs Abitoye
- Sean Clements

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

Absent:

- Stewart Begg
- Steve Hull

Public Guests:

1. Welcome and Call to Order

2. Meeting called to order at 5:05 pm by Perry Brooks.

3. Consent Agenda Approval (Agenda & Minutes)

Gloria, seconded by

4. City Council Update –Councillor Jibbs Abitoye

a. Capital budget Update: Total is 21 million, including the highway widening. There will be a 2.9% tax increase. Dec 12th is the budget approval meeting.

b. AUMA Conference today: Councillor Abitoye made a motion to have AUMA to advocate for increased mental health and wellness in public safety personnel, it was approved.

5. RCMP Officer in Charge Report –Inspector Mike McCauley

a. Numbers are trending in the right direction this quarter. Down 13% in persons crime and no change in sex offenses. Property crime down 6%. Overall crime also down 6%. 0 fatalities this quarter. Injury collisions are lowest in 5 years. Vision zero plan has been working. Minor accidents are up, but not injury collisions.

b. Domestic Violence Stats: Increase this quarter by 15%, which is about 1 DV call per day

c. Cst. Bantle was patrolling during the evening and came across a break and enter in progress. Cst. Bantle coordinated a successful arrest. 3 males arrested with multiple charges. Great pro-active patrol

d. Chair of the Provincial Auto Theft Committee Update: The groups' purpose is to have a multi-pronged approach. Inspector McCauley created an education committee who will be working with the Alberta Chiefs of Police to do an operation Cold Start (blitz on folks who leave their car running in the winter). 50% of stolen cars have the keys in them, and 50% of those cars were running. Alberta is the auto theft capital of Canada. This is an education and an enforcement operation.

Questions:

Perry asked if there has been any new plans to help reduce catalytic converter thefts. Insp. McCauley reports that our analyst was able to get the list of people pawning the convertors and



compare that to our list of know offenders. Using this data the members were able to do a door-knock at a home that had many converters inside. Other than tightening the scrap metal dealer's act, there is not enough that can be done.

1. Director Report- Coreen Rayner

- a. Invite to an engagement session for each Municipality to have an info session with the Minister of Justice Kace Madu in February. Coreen has sent a link to register.
- b. Coreen presented budget to council: Largest request was to contract out automated traffic enforcement.
- c. The province has chosen not to increase the policing grants to municipalities
- d. 18 collisions as a result to our first snowfall, made for a busy week
- e. Farwell to two of our members Perry and Sean. Thank you for all your service and help.
- f. Congratulations to Heather for being approved to join the committee for a 3 year term (as well as 2 others)

Questions:

Perry asked for a Coles-notes version of the changes to ATE (Automated Traffic Enforcement). Coreen responded that currently a vendor is operating our program with our capital equipment and our officers doing the mobile enforcements. We are having difficulty keeping up with mobile enforcement due to increase demands on our officers, and there are large costs to maintaining the cameras. We are also the only Municipality to operate this way, and our staff are maxed out, and need more time for proactive patrols. Abitoye responded that she supports this because 60-70% of complaints she received are bylaw related. It is important to free up our officers to respond to this.

Discussion: Bikes on pathways. Heather mentioned electric bikes and off-leash dogs.

Sgt. Hardman responded: There is currently no bylaw to capture electric bikes on pathways, but an addition of a "micro mobility" bylaw will be put forward in the future.

2. Municipal Enforcement Update – Sgt. Lee Hardman

- a. Commercial Vehicle Enforcement: There has been a budget ask for a position dedicated to commercial enforcement. Last inspection reported 27/51 inspected vehicles failed.
- b. Approx 30% increase in workload this past month
- c. Snow removal starts Monday
- d. Vision Zero signage will be going up around the community
- e. Santa Clause Parade: TBA
- f. Woodbridge Link: New portal speed sign has been added
- g. Mobile Speed Trailer: new addition to the equipment to analysis speeding in specific area
- h. Coyote sightings are up



- i. Officer Carnegie has passed field training

3. New Business –

- a. New Shirts: Should we order some new shirts for the committee? We could do shirts, or binders.

ACTION: Lee to check on swag inventory

- a. Policing Study: Heather looking for more info on this study. Coreen mentioned that we did write a letter to the City advocating to keep the RCMP in Alberta. One reason that this study has come up is because of rural communities needing more officers and better response times. Coreen reports that the Province has the current ability to hire more RCMP members for the rural areas, but has not. Insp. McCauley informed that the study mainly focused on painting a picture of what a Provincial Police force would look like, but RCMP are already doing all those things. When the money is broken down the reports fails to mention that the Federal government pays for portions of the cost, approx. 26%/year. The Province can also build the facilities that they are proposing currently, and are not. In our Municipality the Federal government pays 10% of our operating costs, who will pay that?

Perry asks other than money, why does the government want this? Coreen and Insp. McCauley both agree that this is mainly about the Provincial government wanting to take control away from the Federal government. Minister Madu wants to get locals from small towns policing the small towns for continuity. Insp. McCauley suggests that would not be the case, even within a Provincial model there will be transfers and officer movement. Consultation has been done with the RCMP, and town halls in Municipalities.

Gloria asked if the members were consulted – at a higher level info was given by the RCMP. Members are stressed about their future. The members union the NPF are against the move.

- b. Policing Committee Annual Event - Gloria: This would be for appreciation of our law enforcement and a community engagement piece. Coreen suggested an open-house. RCMP could bring in some of their special units. Sunset Ceremony could be an option to partner with. Two ideas brought forward: one to go to community events and one to have an open house. We need to start thinking about planning these events. **ACTION**: have an event/award committee in the new year
- c. AGM List: Heather and Gloria have created a list of community AGM's for the group. In January we will decide who will attend for the group. Also, we are invited to Building Bridges and can attend in January
- d. New Members: Kabir Randhawa, Mardoche Kapseu, and Heather Boonstra are the new members
- e. **Holiday Dinner**: Dec 16th 5pm at Ricki's

4. Public Complaints Director Report – Steven Hull

See the bikes on pathway discussion.

- 5. **AAPG REPORT**: Perry reports that new board nominations will happen at the next meeting. Perry supports a member of our committee attending this and putting themselves up as a board member



6. Round Table

- a. Perry: Shared a story- Young driver (with car full of friends) was pulled over by Pryce Alderson by an Officer, the young man got a minor ticket, but commended them for having chosen a designated driver.
- b. Coreen: N/A
- c. Gloria: Appreciates the stories
- d. Heather: Thanks to Gloria for help with the AGM project. Heather is back at Families First in an interim capacity
- e. Mike: Be safe and thanks
- f. Lee:
- g. Lauren: Bike Index is up and running and will have an official launch in the spring.
- h. Steve: Thanks to Mike for bringing in Cst. Allison from the Domestic Violence Unit. Also, that it is nice to have more conversations and freedom of exchange rather than formal written reporting
- i. Perry: Advised that he will not be re-applying to his position, and he intends to leave the Policing Committee.
- j. Sean: Awesome meeting with lots of information. Thanks to Perry for all the work to get the committee to where it is now.

7. Adjournment

- a. Stewart moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:56 pm.

8. Next Meeting: January 20th 2021