



Attendance:

- Policing Committee Members

- Gloria Brathwaite – Policing Committee
- Perry Brooks, Chairperson
- Stewart Begg, Vice Chairperson (Chairing)
- Steve Hull
- Heather Boonstra

Administration Representatives

- Coreen Rayner, Director of Protective Services
- Insp. Mike McCauley, Officer in Charge RCMP
- Lauren Reid, Protective Services Coordinator (Recording Secretary)
- MJ Webster, MES Team Lead

Absent:

- Councillor Jibs Abitoye
- Sean Clements

Public Guests:

Cst. Holly Allison –Domestic Violence Unit

1. Welcome and Call to Order

- a. Meeting called to order at 5:06 pm by Stewart Begg.

2. Consent Agenda Approval (Agenda & Minutes)

3. Domestic Violence Presentation: Cst. Holly Allison

Cst. Allison is the Domestic Violence Coordinator at the Fort Saskatchewan RCMP Detachment. Holly transferred to Fort Sask in June 2018 and has been in the DV (domestic violence) position since April 2021. Her roles are to review DV files and provide advice on victim safety and case management. She also ensures that investigations and procedures are consistent throughout the detachment and that policy is adhered to. Cst. Allison completes 3 day/7 day/ongoing reviews on tasks in the High Risk task que, and when appropriate takes over high risk files/

Cst. Allison is also in charge of ensuring that mandatory training is complete, and that members are up to date on evolving policies. She also assists with Victim Services, updating victims on file info and court proceedings.

Cst. Allison shared a story about working with a domestic violence victim, who moved to our area with her kids to escape her estranged husband. This woman had previously been denied an Emergency Protection order by the Courts, so Cst. Allison worked to gain enough evidence to finally obtain an Order. She also connected her with local resources and stayed in contact with her throughout the court process. The victim was very appreciative.

DV Stats:

2020-2021 there has been a 5% increase in DV files

2020-2021 11% increase in domestic physical violence charges (indicating an increase in severity)



Questions:

Heather: Do any of the RCMP courses touch on trauma, family violence, or stress? Holly responded that there are many courses that change often. Insp. McCauley added that there are some online training courses on trauma and DV for all members, but there are other ones for the specialized positions.

Heather: How do the RCMP Members transition people to Families First Society for support? Holly responded that the detachment has a great relationship with the organization, and she is well connected with Jodi (the Family Violence Coordinator) there.

Gloria: Thanks to Holly for keeping Victim Services going over the last year.

Stew: Who signs the information on Domestic Violence Charge? Holly advised that a victim will not sign any Information.

Perry: What is happening with Claire's Law? Holly responded that Claire's Law will allow an individual to make an application to receive information related to past intimate partner violence history.

4. RCMP Officer in Charge Report –Inspector Mike McCauley

- a. Land Acknowledgement Ceremony: Kookum Doreen came and shared her story, and did a land acknowledgment at the RCMP detachment. Mayor and Council attended. We now have a framed Treaty 6 Acknowledgment in the lobby
- b. Brain Story: 28 hour, free course about a layman's approach to understanding brain development in youth, and how poor outcomes are developed through toxic stress. Inspector McCauley has worked with the Palix Foundation to make a condensed police-based course. This course for RCMP members will focus on childhood trauma, giving members insight into how childhood traumas can impact on individuals. McCauley shared that he was able to get hockey tickets for the family of the baby that will killed, in order to help that family have a less negative interaction. Hopefully that act can help change the memory of the young sister- and ultimately change her experience.

5. Director Report- Coreen Rayner

- a. New Policing Committee Position: Three positions available, Perry, Heather, and Sean's. Closes tomorrow. Applicants need to apply again for this term.
- b. Vision Zero: New advertising campaign. Every month for one week there will be radio ads on the radio, on the DOW electronic board, and in the newspaper. Focus on Vision Zero and traffic safety education. A member of the community wrote to Coreen with a Poem about Vision Zero. Coreen will ask permission to share with the paper
- c. Business License Bylaw Update: Looking to separate out pawn shops from the general bylaw. This is to modernize the bylaw to allow for more reporting.
- d. Policing Committee Bylaw: Need to update to expand membership. Potentially increasing the number, or adding a youth position.



- e. Positions: New year will be new positions
- f. Counsellor Abitoye is asking for a report before the meeting. Inspector McCauley is currently sending quarterly, yearly, and collision reporting. Coreen is doing stats and ATE reporting. Do we need more?
- g. Election: was very busy time for Municipal Enforcement
- h. New Officer Update: Dillian Carnegie is now security cleared.
- i. Admin Team: Many shortages, the pandemic is spreading people thin. Feeling the strain.
- j. City Update: David Irvine presented to City staff about authenticity, moving forward, and mental health. It was clear that the staff are struggling and this needs to be a priority

Discussion:

McCauley: In answer to more reporting – he will include stats, but there is some report fatigue happening. Perry agrees there is a constant change of asking more and more from the police.

6. Municipal Enforcement Update – Officer MJ Webster

- a. Weekly Messaging: Will focus on School zones, 13 positive tickets handed out.
- b. Election Signs: 21 election sign calls in Sept., and ongoing into Oct.
- c. Animal Protection Act: 3 calls due to animal welfare concerns
- d. Highest speeds: 110/ km in a 70km zone
- e. Commercial vehicle: 18 inspections, 5 vehicles were removed from the road.
- f. E-ticketing: Went live with new Smart Squad
- g. New Member: Security Cleared and starting in the office
- h. Upcoming Events: Oct. 30th Trunk or treat

7. New Business –

a. Gloria: Attending community AGMS: In conjunction to inviting groups to us, perhaps we should be attending other groups AGM to listen to their needs. Gloria and Heather will work on compiling a list of community AGMS's. Gloria suggested that our members report back to our group when we attend. Coreen added that the Building Bridges might be a good place to become involved in.

Action: Heather to reach out to Tammy Lautner to be included in Building Bridges

b. Gloria: Policing Committee Annual Event: Could we have an annual event where we present the Policing Committee Award. We could invite our partners and community organizations

Action: To add to November Agenda

c. Perry asked how the RCMP union contract will affect the policing in Fort Sask? McCauley explained that the NPF has completed negotiations and the new 21% raise will go ahead. The City of Fort Saskatchewan has budgeted for this increase. The service level will not be impacted – but the members will be happier. The RCMP will no longer be ranked so low in pay/compensation. Coreen noted that the average Constable will be paid \$20,000 more (which they deserve). Protective Services has budgeted for this increase, but may lead to difficulty asking for new additional members. No impact on Municipal Enforcement



8. Council Update – Councillor Jibs Abitoye N/A

9. Public Complaints Director Report – Steven Hull

No complaints at this time.

10. AAPG REPORT: interim president, with a new one starting in January. Waiting for the new Police Act to come out

Round Table

- a. Perry: 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 a designated driver.
- b. Coreen: The City is hosting a Media training, it would be beneficial for the Chair or others to attend. Note: we cannot change our ATE, VSU guidelines, Peace Officer program manual and more are waiting on the Province. Also, requesting to council this year include: new community office for commercial vehicle enforcement, contracting out ATE, and one new police clerk.
- c. Gloria: appreciates the stories
- d. Heather: Thanks for the stories, appreciate the addition of the Brain Story
- e. Mike: Great idea for community engagement. The value of this committee is what the members find out from the community
- f. MJ: Great to be here
- g. Steve: Thanks to Mike for bring in DV member. Too much written reporting can make this too formal, instead of give and take, with freedom of exchange.
- h. Stew: Appreciation for the
- i. Perry: will not be re-applying to his position. Perry intends to leave the committee.

11. Adjournment

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

12. Next Meeting: November 18th 2021