



**Attendance:**

**Policing Committee Members**

- Stewart Begg, Vice Chairperson (Chairing)
- Councillor Jibs Abitoye
- 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)
- Sgt. Lee Hardman, MES Supervisor

**Absent:**

- Gloria Brathwaite – Policing Committee
- Perry Brooks, Chairperson
- Sean Clements – Policing Committee

**Public Guests:**

**1. Welcome and Call to Order**

- a. Meeting called to order at 5:04 pm by Stewart Begg.
- b. Welcome to new member Heather Boonstra

**2. Consent Agenda Approval (Agenda & Minutes)**

- **Perry is not here to present on AAPG**
- **Change to minutes: –Pedestrian bridge conversation to be amended from last month’s minutes. Moved by Steve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stewart**

Stew, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sean

**3. RCMP Officer in Charge Report –Inspector Mike McCauley**

- a. Staffing: Currently down two Corporals; Andy Wetstein moved to Canmore, and Jennifer Brown to Training. Constable staffing is full, but we have 6 soft vacancies. There had needed to be some juggling of resources.
- b. Black Society picnic: Members of both the RCMP and ME attended. They made a dance video that was a big success
- c. AACP fall conference speaker: Cpl. Katherine Jackson has a great message about checking-in on each other’s mental health. She speaks openly about her mental health struggles while being an RCMP member. She would be a great speaker to invite to the community.
- d. Victim Services Update: Program understaffed, short gap in services but Gloria is helping keep the program running.
- e. Jan-Aug stats: Persons crimes up 8%, which is the highest since before 2017. Sharpest increase was Assaults (mainly Domestic Violence) likely due to pandemic. Property Crimes are down 11%.



Total motor vehicle collisions are down 4%, lowest they have been since before 2017. Drug files are also down 51% since last year. Overall Fort Sask is becoming safer.

Questions:

Jibs: Is the Domestic Violence situation similar to other municipalities?

- Inspector McCauley reports that in our district Domestic Violence has stayed the same as last year, but the numbers are higher than pre-pandemic years.

Stewart: Has Catalytic converter thefts decreased since the last arrest?

- No, unfortunately it is very difficult to catch people in the act of stealing them. New approach is to try to disrupt the demand, because the supply is so great.

Stewart: When will the new speed limits come?

- Coreen answered spring of 2022

Stewart: Can the new Domestic Violence Coordinator come to a meet?

-Mike says yes.

Stewart: Could the committee get more stats.

- Mike will oblige

#### **4. Director Report- Coreen Rayner**

- a. Covid19 Update: Status Quo for our detachment, no change in service levels.
- b. Speed limit changes: Approved on Aug 24<sup>th</sup> by council. Residential will be 40km and some collector road will increase to 60
- c. Bylaw changes: Changes to affect Pawn Shops to help deter criminal activity
- d. Sol-Gen changes traffic tickets. Officers will no longer be needed for court unless there is an appeal of the resolutions. E-ticketing is rolling out
- e. Bike Index: Rolling out this new way to help get bikes back to their owners. It is a bike registration tool for residents.
- f. Vandalism in city parks: Ongoing issue over the summer
- g. Policing committee budget: \$1,900 for promotions and networking. This needs to be added to the agenda. Some ideas: radio ads, vests and jackets, promo swag.

Questions:

Jibbs: Will the Bike Index be free?

- Lauren responded it will be free.

Will the ATE program help reduce the stress on the admin team?

- Coreen responded that it will require a pivot. There will be some time freed up that will be used to help in other areas.

Stewart: What will the fee to fight your ticket?



- Minimum \$50-150. Lee added that it will be a 21 day window to get it dealt with. The process will be administrative, and not legal.

## **6. Municipal Enforcement Services Report – Sgt. Lee Hardman**

- a. Vision Zero Campaign:
  - Media campaign coming up.
  - New electronic speed sign for the Woodbridge link area- as a response to resident concerns.
  - Option 4: Joint operations have occurred to target noisy mufflers, and tint. Option 4 allows people to fix the issue instead of getting the ticket. 20 tickets were issued and 80% were compliant.
- b. Commercial Vehicle Enforcement: Another officer has been trained. 38 inspections have been done 54 safety defects found. 8/38 vehicles were taken off the road. 17 passed, and 13 needed immediate attention
- c. E-ticketing: rolling out next month. Currently testing, 1<sup>st</sup> week of Oct will be live.
- d. New officer has started: Dillian Carnegie has come from Edmonton transit/probation. He is in field training currently.

Questions:

Stewart: Are the commercial vehicles large trucks or small cars?

- The main focus is on the large vehicles and gravel trucks, but includes all commercial vehicles.

Stew: Is the dangerous goods training still going forward?

- No it will be postponed due to COVID19.

## **7. New Business –**

N/A

## **8. Council Update – Councillor Jibs Abitoye**

- a. Council Updates: Covid19 cases are increasing. Worst case counts so far. The City is going to participate in the Restriction Exception Program. One of the current Council members is not running in the upcoming election. The Intermunicipal Relations Committee (between Fort Sask and Strathcona) asked for budget for enhancements for transportation for seniors.
- b. Jibbs is running for Council and would like to stay on the Policing Committee if she is re-elected
- c. Thanks to the Inspector and Sgt. for sending members to the Fort Black Society picnic

## **9. Public Complaints Director Report – Steven Hull**

- a. No complaints at this time.

## **Round Table**

- a. Heather: Thank you for the warm welcome



- b. Thank you to Jibbs for your service to the committee

**10. Adjournment**

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

**11.** Next Meeting: October 21<sup>st</sup> 2021