



CITY OF
FORT SASKATCHEWAN
POLICING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minute
Thursday, Feb 17th, 2022 at 5:00pm
Webex Video Call

In attendance: Mardoche Kapseu, Gloria Brathwaite, Heather Boonstra, Coreen Rayner, Sgt. Hardman, S/Sgt St. Pierre, Stew Begg, Steven Hull, and Lauren Reid

1. Welcome and Call to Order: Stew at 5:04pm

2. Consent Agenda Approval (Agenda & Minutes)

Gloria Motion to accept agenda, all in favor.

3. RCMP Officer in Charge Report-S/Sgt. St. Pierre:

Quarterly Report: Quarterly report was presented. Focus on ensuring that domestic violence files are being completed in a timely manner to minimize difficulties for victims

File Updates: No further hate crime files (pro-white agenda posters from last month). No issues with protests, seems to be coming to an end Alberta-wide.

Staffing Updates: No changes, and a new Inspector will be announced next week.

RCMP Town Hall: RCMP Virtual Town Hall March 16th @7pm. The Town Hall is an opportunity for community engagement and education. There will also be a policing priorities survey sent out to the community prior to the Town Hall.

Discussion Followed:

- Suggestion of including Victim Services and Restorative Justice in the town Hall
- How the number of police officers is determined in Fort Saskatchewan

4. Director Report -Coreen Rayner

Presentation: Protective Services Department Business Plan highlights:

- Department org-chart overview
- RCMP org-chart overview
- RCMP change of leadership (both Inspector and Staff Sargent)
- 2022 Goals: Vision Zero/Traffic Safety, High Quality Administrative Support for Municipal Enforcement and RCMP, Capture Program (doorbell cam/security video registry), Improve/Enhance the profile of the Policing Committee, Provide Enhanced MES and animal control, and Employee Wellness

Discussion and Questions:

- The Policing Committee could help with education re: The Capture Program
- Policing Committee Bylaw needs to be updated in order to increase our committee membership
- Policing Committee Report to council coming up in May

5. Municipal Enforcement Services (MES) Report- Sgt. Lee Hardman

- 130% proactive patrols
- 55% increase for overall workload from 2020 to 2021,
- Proactive patrols have increased by 131% from 2020 to 2021.
- Traffic Bylaw going to COW in April
- Staffing- Commercial Vehicle Enforcement/Traffic position filled internally
- Speed trailer arrived, will be ready to deploy where needed to combat speeding complaints
- Vehicle challenges. 3 vehicles Ordered Dec 2020. 2 are operational now, waiting for one other. Should be operational in March.
- Traffic safety plan is due for review this year. Will be updating once RCMP staffing is complete
- Mental Health First Aid for all staff
- Increase in fines being proposed

Discussion:

- Micro-mobility bylaw is being pre-emptively included to ensure there can be enforcement of dangerous behaviours
- Fine are being increased to be more consistent and appropriate for the offence

6. New Business

- Social Media:** Mardoche advocates for the Policing Committee to consider activating a Facebook page. Mardoche proposes that we create a sub-committee to examine the feasibility of creating a Facebook page.
- Policing Committee Survey:** to be discussed in-camera
- Policing Committee Workshop:** Coreen would like to help educate the Committee on policing functions in our community. It is proposed that the group has an education workshop and a detachment tour as soon as possible.
- Student Positions:** Discussion around recruiting youth to join the committee. Potentially we could ask the Youth Advisor Council if there is an interest.
- Public Survey-** in-camera

7. Council Update

- New strategic plan survey currently out
- City of Fort Saskatchewan approved new intersection
- Electronic utility bills, and property tax assessments

8. **Public Complaints Director Report** n/a

9. **Strategic Plan Update:** Planning session is needed to update the plan

10. **Round Table:**

Gloria: Will be attending the AAPG meetings going forward

Heather: Families first staff are now trained in two courses sciences of Hope, intro to Trauma Informed Care and toxic stress are impacting our lives. Heather is looking to help connect Families First in training in drug use/ naloxone help

S/Sgt. St. Pierre: Moving onto Indigenous Policing

Councilor Abitoye: February is Black History Month- The theme is February and forever. The Fort Black Society is doing a book distribution to promote black history and authors.

ACTION: Coreen to consult the City further to share some of our committee's information

Gloria: Advises that there is a new grant and project that will address hate crimes in Fort Sask against LGBTQ2+ and minorities.

Coreen: A radio interview would be a great way to share the Policing Committee with the community

Stew: We should consider creating a PowerPoint that we can share with the community in AGM's or meetings.

Heather: Welcome new members!

Adjourned Meet at 7:00 by Stew Begg

11. **In Camera Session**

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Stewart D. Begg