



City of Fort Saskatchewan  
Municipal Enforcement Services  
2020 Annual Report to Director of Law Enforcement





**About Fort Saskatchewan**

Fort Saskatchewan is the largest urban centre in Alberta’s Industrial Heartland and home to more than 26,942 people. The City is the fourth fastest growing urban centre in Alberta, averaging 4.8% growth annually during the past decade.



Major events, such as Canada Day, draw crowds exceeding 15,000 people to festivities situated on or near the more than 529 hectares of parks, open spaces and recreational areas. Amenities include 75km of outdoor trails, a 38-acre dog park, a performing arts theatre, the Dow Centennial Centre used by or for conventions, sporting events and community clubs, and the 1875 – 1885 NWMP Fort Representation in historic downtown.

In 2020, the City encompasses over 5,000 hectares of land (2019 Census). Our road network consists of approximately 28.3 kilometers of arterial roads and 23 traffic signals that help residents and visitors get to where they live, work, and play. Each day, more than 50,000 vehicles pass through each of the City’s major intersections. Traffic is of a mixed nature, and includes a significant amount of commercial vehicle traffic including vehicles transporting dangerous goods. Traffic safety is strongly emphasized and supported by citizens of the community.

**City Vision and Values**

- Vision: Engaged People, Thriving Community
- Mission: Working together to create a sustainable community through responsible leadership and management
- Core Values: Leadership, Innovation, Service Excellence & Fun





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**Peace Officers Employed by the City of Fort Saskatchewan during 2020**

Level 1

Community Peace Officers

Matt Lowther  
Maryjo Webster  
Dereck Cummings  
Kimberley Wood  
David McLenaghan  
David Murray (casual)  
Cody Rossing (casual)  
Chelsea Eshpeter  
Carlos Patino

Administrative CPOs

Coreen Rayner  
Kalie Anderson  
Candi McPhee  
Shanda Chenger  
Lee Conforti  
Shirley Denbraber  
Kelly Grant  
Kristen Johnson  
Ashley Laird  
Kristin Luimes  
Brandy Tasse  
Crystal Forhart

Administrative CPOs

Leslie-Ann Oshust  
Shannon Quinton  
Sharon Roberts  
Tannis Robertson  
Dyan Scherer  
Gaylene Sinclair  
Lauren Reid

**Municipal Enforcement Services Mandate**

City of Fort Saskatchewan Community Peace Officers are mandated through their appointment with the City and by the Province of Alberta, to enforce Municipal Bylaws and select Provincial statutes. Officers do so in partnership with the RCMP. Both agencies, the RCMP and Municipal Enforcement Services, work within the City's Protective Services Building.

In addition to City bylaws, Community Peace Officers enforce the following Provincial Acts and Regulations:

- Animal Protection Act
- Dangerous Dogs Act
- Environmental Protection & Enhancement Act
- Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Act
- Petty Trespass Act
- Provincial Offences Procedures Act
- Traffic Safety Act
- Trespass to Premises Act
- Weed Control Act
- Tobacco and Smoking Reduction Act



### **Traffic Safety Plan**

The Protective Services Department is currently operating under the City's three-year traffic safety plan (2019-2022). The plan is aligned with Provincial priorities and complements the RCMP's traffic safety plan. At the core of the plan is the vision statement that Fort Saskatchewan's long-term goal is to be fatal and serious injury collision free. Strategies to achieve this outcome rely on the 5-E's of traffic safety;



### **New Traffic Safety Initiatives**

The City of Fort Saskatchewan adopted Vision Zero as our traffic safety program and the Safe System Approach as our strategy to achieve Vision Zero. In addition to the regular traffic safety funding allocated to Municipal Enforcement Services and the RCMP, Council extended its commitment to Traffic Safety by allocating \$85,000 in special funding to support a variety of operational traffic safety initiatives.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many of the 2020 traffic safety initiatives and plans were put on hold. Our traffic safety funds support the following initiatives:

- 1) Purchase and use of traffic speed survey and feedback signs
- 2) Pedestrian cross-walk rectangular rapid flashing beacon light sets
- 3) Youth / Pedestrian visibility initiative : when we can start doing presentations again MES officers will attend each elementary school and give pedestrian safety talks, followed by the distribution of high visibility clip on lights/reflective slap bands)
- 4) Bicycle Helmets for the youth bicycle rodeo (not held in 2020 due to pandemic)
- 5) Traffic enforcement equipment
- 6) Education - Vision Zero Marketing
- 7) Traffic High Visibility Enforcement Operations (conventional enforcement)
- 8) Commercial Vehicle Enforcement
- 9) "Option 4" Education Sessions for ticketed motorists. (zero held in 2020 due to pandemic)

The Protective Services Analyst provides weekly reports about the collisions, underlying causes and trends. This information is helping to guide our traffic safety program and assess the benefits/efficacy of our interventions.



**Traffic Safety Working Group (TSWG)**

The Protective Services Department leads a Traffic Safety Working Group committee that is committed to traffic safety. The mandate of the TSWG is to address traffic safety concerns within the City of Fort Saskatchewan from an interdepartmental perspective to achieve the safest possible conditions for all users of our roadways. The scope of topics or issues considered by the TSWG may relate to engineering, education, enforcement, evaluation and communications.

**Capital Region Intersection Safety Partnership (CRISP)**

The City of Fort Saskatchewan is a member of the CRISP Organization. This is an invaluable partnership with other Municipalities who come together to share information, research and knowledge on traffic safety issues. This partnership supports our dedication to traffic safety in our community.

**Automated Traffic Enforcement - Intersection Safety Devices & Photo-Enforcement**

Municipal Enforcement Services manages the City's automated enforcement programs under the direction of the Fort Saskatchewan RCMP. Nine intersection safety device cameras are used to detect red-light and speed-on-green violations at seven high-risk intersections. Municipal Enforcement Services also manages the photo enforcement program to detect and record speed related moving violations. There are 16 locations in the City where photo enforcement may be utilized. All automated traffic enforcement sites are selected in accordance with 2019 provincial guidelines. These sites are published in local newspapers and posted on the City website.

**Intersection Safety Device Statistics (Table 1)**

2020 January to December - City of Fort Saskatchewan Intersection Safety Device Data						
			ATE Data			
Site	Location	Vehicle Count at site	Speed on Green Issued Tickets	Red Light Issued Tickets	Total Issued Violations	Percent Ticketed
601	HWY 15 SW BND @ HWY 21	1,092,390	111	27	137	0.00125
608	HWY 21 NE BND @ HWY 15	1,828,036	192	12	204	0.00116
609	HWY 21 NE BND TURN LANE @ HWY 15	639,257	0	128	128	0.002
602	HWY 15 NE BND @ 101 ST	1,235,752	98	31	129	0.004
603	HWY 21 SW BND @ 84 ST	2,161,329	1,438	50	1,488	0.068
604	HWY 21 NE BND @ SOUTHFORT BLVD	1,563,172	1,070	24	1,094	0.070
605	99 AVE NE BND @ 95 ST	866,474	3,599	100	3,699	0.43
606	HWY 15 SW BND @ 114 ST	1,801,289	3,469	13	3,482	0.19
607	HWY 15 NE BND @ 114 ST	1,565,027	3,528	18	3,546	0.23



**2018 to 2020 ISD Data (Table 2)**

Description	2018	2019	2020	Variance 2018-2020
Vehicles Monitored at ISD Sites	10,972,152	12,330,876	12,752,726	16.23%
Records	50,748	63,114	49,904	-1.66%
Violations	30,470	44,062	33,069	8.53%
Issued Violations	16,429	20,820	13,908	-15.34%
Red Light	551	420	403	-27.0%
Speed on Green	15,878	20,400	13,505	-15.0%
Non-Issued	14,041	23,242	22,738	62.0%

Note 1: Records refers to any time the system is triggered to record a violation, test image, etc. The total traffic volume is available in Table 1, above.

Note 2: Violations data refers to any record when the device has been triggered to retain a red light or speed on green record.

Note 3: Issued Sub-Total is the count of all speed on green and red light tickets that have been issued, with a more detailed description following for Red Light and Speed on Green violation data).

Note 4: Non-Issued violations may include poor quality photos, funeral processions proceeding through an intersection against a red light, obstructed or obscured plates, emergency vehicles, test shots & system calibrations, etc.

**Collisions at ISD Sites – City of Fort Saskatchewan (Table 3)**

Site	Location	Fatal			Major			Minor			Property Damage			Total 2018-2020
		'18	'19	'20	'18	'19	'20	'18	'19	'20	'18	'19	'20	
601 608 609	HWY 15 SW BND @ HWY 21 HWY 21 NE BND @ HWY 15 HWY 21 NE BND TURN LANE @ HWY 15	0	0	0	2	3	0	1	4	6	9	8	7	40
602	HWY 15 NE BND @ 101 ST	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	8	9	22
603	HWY 21 SW BND @ 84 ST	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	5	1	13
604	HWY 21 NE BND @ SOUTHFORT BLVD	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	5	10
605	99 AVE NE BND @ 95 ST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	4
606 607	HWY 15 SW BND @ 114 ST HWY 15 NE BND @ 114 ST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	3	6



**Automated Traffic Enforcement Website and Interactive Map**

The City’s website is up to date with information specific to automated traffic enforcement. The site includes specific information about our automated traffic safety program including an interactive map featuring collision data, ISD and photo-enforcement locations, along with individual site justifications reports. The following screenshot captures part of the website.

[Fort Saskatchewan Traffic Safety](#)

## Automated Traffic Enforcement

Thank you for visiting the City of Fort Saskatchewan automated traffic enforcement webpage where you can find information about traffic safety, collisions, collision costs, enforcement, and other ways the City is working to make our roads safer.

- + Our Traffic Safety Goal
- + Our Traffic Safety Strategy
- + Council Supports
- + About Enforcement
- + Our Results

The City of Fort Saskatchewan was averaging 1 to 2 fatal collisions per year leading up to 2008. In 2007, the City lowered the Highway 21 and Highway 15 speed limit to 70 km/h in part to address the number and nature of collisions along the urban highway corridor.

By 2008, our rate of fatal and injury collisions stood at 3.989 per 1000 residents. In 2009, the City introduced our first two intersection safety devices at problem intersections. That year, the two intersection safety devices recorded an average of 14 red-light violations per week or 7 per week per intersection.

Between 2008 and 2015, the City added additional police and peace officers, and additional intersection safety devices at high collision locations or approaches to those locations. In 2015, the intersection safety devices recorded an average of 4 red-light violations per week across multiple sites and our rate of fatal and injury collisions decreased to 1.872 per 1000 residents, a 53% reduction. By 2018, the overall rate of collisions decreased by 59.1% when compared to 2008.

Comparators	2008	2009	2015	2018	2008 - 2018 (Change)
Population	16,793	17,469	24,040	26,328	Increase of 9,535 or 56.8%
Fatal & Injury (F&I) Collisions	67	49	45	43	Decrease of 24 or 35.8%
F&I Collision Rate per 1000 Residents	3.989	2.805	1.872	1.633	Decrease of 59.1%
Number of Intersection Safety Devices (ISD)	0	2	4	9	Increase of 9
Number of ISD Locations	0	2	4	7	Increase of 7

Ticketed motorists make up less than one-quarter of 1% (.211%) of the total number of vehicles travelling through those intersections. The most recent trend is more motorists are obeying the law. Those who violate speed limits, do so less frequently and at lower average speeds.

- + Cost of Collision Data



**Case Load** – Municipal Enforcement has had an overall 21% decrease in case files in 2020, which comes from Animal Control files. With more people home less dogs at large and cats were no longer accepted in May of 2020 due to a change with our Contractor. 2 staff vacancies from May –December of 2020 has also been a factor in workloads and capacity within Municipal Enforcement.

CATEGORY	Trend	2018	2019	2020 YTD
<b>Animal Control</b>				
Animal Control Files		1280	920	393
Animal Control Tickets		73	61	64
Animals Re-united with owner		113	129	72
Animals to Edmonton Human Society		32	43	19
Animal Licences Sold by ME		309	308	124
<b>Case Types</b>				
Assist RCMP		41	71	79
Business Licensing/Signs		110	71	14
Community Standards Bylaw		367	411	360
Commercial Vehicle Enforcement		0	0	26
Environmental Protection Act		6	4	6
Fire Blaw		0	1	2
Found Property		102	80	59
Gaming, Liquor & Cannabis Act		0	1	3
Land Use Bylaw		11	11	5
Open Spaces and Parkland Bylaw		12	5	17
Public Health Act		0	0	82
Serve Subpoena/Summon		70	107	51
Snow Removal		194	107	139
Traffic Bylaw		579	536	626
Traffic Safety Act		223	231	192
Tresspassed Premise Act		2	3	7
Waste Disposal Bylaw		0	38	31
Parking Complaints (further captured in traffic bylaw)		361	367	381
Abandoned Vehicles (further captured in traffic bylaw)		132	115	142
<b>Total Case Types (including traffic)</b>		3,152	2,611	2,073
<b>Citations</b>				
Bylaw to Provincial		0	88	94
Verbal Warning		2,287	1,337	1,269
Warning		668	894	902
(Parking/Snow)		820	671	319
Provincial Ticket		2,173	1,945	1,002
Disputed Tickets (further counted above)		224	383	213
<b>Total Citations</b>		5,948	4,935	3,910
<b>Events</b>				
Events		653	699	1,536
Eventents - Covid		0	0	181
<b>Ticket Case</b>				
Ticket Case		1,683	1,730	1,394





### **Covid-19**

The City of Fort Saskatchewan was not immune to the concerns of Covid-19 in the community. Our Officers responded to 82 Public Health Act complaints with an additional of 181 events (patrols and attendance at businesses to help educate the community) surrounding Covid-19. Municipal Enforcement Officers did have the added responsibility to enforce the Public Health Orders and our Officers issued verbal and written warnings with no violations tickets issued to date. The pandemic caused a decrease in overall calls for service in the City during 2020. This was also apparent in tickets issued by Municipal Enforcement.

### **Community Education and Engagement**

A weekly news article published by Municipal Enforcement Services (M.E. & You) provides frequent and timely messages about community standards, responsible pet ownership and all matters related to traffic safety and the shared responsibility between all types of road users (e.g., pedestrians or motorists).

The COVID-19 pandemic has effected our ability to attend community events and to do public presentations in the schools or various social events.

Municipal Enforcement is included in Policing Committee meetings within the Protective Services Department. This committee engages with the public on various topics including traffic safety concerns.

### **Code of Conduct Investigations**

Total 2020 Code of Conduct Files = 1

POSP File 2020-138 refers with allegations of the officer hanging up on the complainant and being rude. The second allegation was that an officer wrongly accused the complainant of distracted driving. These allegations were investigated and determined to be unfounded.