



CITY OF FORT SASKATCHEWAN POLICING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 16th, 2025, at 5:00 pm
RCMP Community Room

Present:

A. Wesley, T. Noble, D. Dumont, D. McInnes, J. Krokis
Insp. LaRocque, Detachment Commander, RCMP
Coreen Rayner, Director of Protective Services
Sgt. Sharpe, Municipal Enforcement Supervisor
Regrets: Cassidy Sinclair, Councilor Makin

1. Welcome and Call to Order @1659 Allan Wesley
2. Round Table Check in
3. Official Oath for New Member Insp. Barry LaRocque
 - Danielle DUMONT sworn in as official member
4. Consent Agenda Approval (Agenda & Minutes) Allan Wesley
 - Terry Noble motioned, Allan Seconded
5. Public Guest Introductions
 - 1 member of the public in attendance
6. RCMP Officer in Charge Report Insp. Barry LaRocque
 - Discussion on increase in catalytic converter and vehicle thefts and break-in these past weeks. Believed to all be related. RCMP continue to put out messaging to try to keep citizens vigilant about locking their vehicles and homes.
 - 2024 stats, an overview of the increases and decreases in different categories from over this last year.
 - Mileage for all the police vehicles collectively over the last year – 323 993 kms
 - Discussion on the development of the COP in the city.
 - Update on address of interest in the city, continued efforts from the RCMP to bring compliance.

7. Director of Protective Services

Coreen Rayner

- Clarification on some of the Changes to the Police Act, will be amending the Bylaw:
 - o Committee will consist of 7 members
 - o Security clearances will be completed by the Government of Alberta for all members
 - o No longer a Public Complaints Director Position
 - o Awaiting template to come out to help create Community Safety Plan with the RCMP
 - o Will still be overseeing the administration of the Municipal Police Services Agreement, representing the interest of the public, help develop the Policing Priorities (Annual and Provincial)
- Will be updating the traffic bylaw this year.
- ATE update, speed on green cameras no longer working, red light only as per the province. Mobile sites can only be in school and playground zones.
- Vision Zero consultant hired, waiting on reports
- Working on an Encampment Bylaw

8. Municipal Enforcement Report

Sgt. Ben Sharpe

- Have identified an additional 11 mobile enforcement sites, submitted for approval to the province.
- 1 vacant position posted currently. Discussion on turnover and comparison to other detachments/programs.
- Coyote “hazing” over the Christmas break to help redirect them out of town
- Adjusting shift schedules to optimize the day, created an hour of overlap. Good feedback from the officers.
- Snow removal, new process when needing to remove a vehicle. Instead of towing to tow yard, just towing them out of the way. Violations still issued, very positive feedback from residents.
- ME officers now transitioned over to the encrypted radio channels with RCMP
- Option 4 will be starting again
- Discussion on stats from the last year.

9. Subcommittees for Strategic Priorities

- Outreach Committee, Mental Health Committee, continue as went on last year.

10. New Business

- Brochure update
- Send contact info for Fort Signs to Terry, he will review and bring options for swag.
- Review strategic plan next meeting
- Get dates for appreciation luncheon with members
- AAPG Conference in Westlock this year

11. Old Business

- Nametags

12. Next meeting- February 20, 2025