

**TOWN OF BLACKFALDS**  
**Policing Committee**  
Operations Center – 5200 Duncan Ave  
Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at 6:30 pm  
**MEETING MINUTES**

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## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Sheila Giffin, Committee Member (Chair)  
Lance Chalmers, Committee Member  
Tom Tompkins, Committee Member  
Mike Woykin, Committee Member

Shane Hanson (New Committee Member)  
Brenda Dennis (New Committee Member)

## **ATTENDING**

S/Sgt. Andrew Allen, NCO i/c Blackfalds RCMP  
Cst. Danielle Lohmann, Blackfalds RCMP  
Ken Morrison, Director of Emergency Management & Protective Services  
Rhonda Stierle, Clerk for Emergency Management & Protective Services  
Aaron Hoyte, Town Councillor  
Cory Twerdoclib, Town Councillor  
Ryan Brown, Town Councillor

## **REGRETS**

Theresa Franko, Committee Member  
Joe Croken, Sergeant Peace Officer of Municipal Enforcement

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## **1 WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

- 1.1 Welcome to the Policing Committee meeting December 10, 2025**
  - 1.1.1 Introduction of all attendees, including new Committee Members and Town Council members.*
- 1.2 Call to Order – 6:45 pm**
- 1.3 Approval of Agenda – Amend to add Youth Member; Optimist Club re: refurbished bikes; Tom Tomkins resignation.**
  - ~ Motion of approval by Lance - All in favour, with additions, approved.**

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## **2 LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

- 2.1** *“In the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation, the Town of Blackfalds acknowledges that we are on Treaty 6 territory, the ancestral lands of Cree, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Métis, Dene and Nakota Sioux. We acknowledge all the many First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and non-status peoples whose footsteps have marked these lands since time immemorial. We recognize the inherent relationships Indigenous communities have with this land and its creatures and commit to supporting reconciliation and healing. We honour the resilience, culture, and contributions of Indigenous peoples, past and present. As we gather, we pledge to listen, learn, and take meaningful action toward a future based on mutual respect and understanding as we continue on our journey of truth and healing. We recognize that reconciliation is not a single act but a lifelong journey – one that requires accountability, humility, and the centering of Indigenous voices.”*

## **3 PRESENTATIONS – No presentations**

## **4 BUSINESS**

- 4.1 Approval of Minutes from September 10, 2025**  
~ Tom motioned approval, all in favour.

**4.2 Policing Committee Status Update (Ken)**

**4.2.1 Review of updated Bylaw and Policy (Ken)**

- Sheila updated policy with changes but will require more updates that will be complete by next meeting.
- Highlighted changes:
  - Bylaw was updated and approved by Council.
  - Committee members terms set for maximum 3 term (9 years) duration
  - Committee members are required to have mandatory Enhanced Security Clearances (To be completed electronically and submitted to Province).
- Discussed training opportunities for Chairperson for sitting on boards.

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#### 4.2.2 Police Committee Brochure (Sheila)

- Trifold brochure presented and designed by Sheila that includes basic information, mission statement and values of the Policing Committee for community awareness. Brochures to be dispersed at Town facilities and businesses.
    - Email address has been set up for community to use for concerns
    - Still working on policy for responding to the emails (Who & How)
- ~ **Motion made to accept brochure - All in favour.**

#### 4.3 RCMP Quarterly Report (Andrew)

##### Main Priorities:

- Introduction to Cst. Danielle Lohmann. RCMP making an effort to have non-management members show up to non-formal committee meetings to become familiar with what's going on behind the scenes in the community.
- Overview of RCMP personnel positions. Overall, 29 Members: 22 Constables; 1 hard vacancy, 1 parental leave, 1 Off Duty Sick, 1 duty to accommodate (actively working), 1 injury (modified duties), 1 graduated return to work, 2 incoming transfers. A couple of doubled up positions awaiting transfers.
- Crime stats – Year to date there is slight increase in persons, property, criminal code crimes, but overall, down 30% within a 5-year trend. General Duty and GIS team (General Investigation Section) actively targeting crimes with special projects.
- Discussed increase in domestic violence and resources available to help victims.
- Discussed anticipated increase in homelessness resources available.

#### 4.4 Community Peace Officers Quarterly Report (Ken)

- Year to date stats: Dispatch centre calls (932), Municipal files (2,490), E-tickets (703), Warnings (105), Provincial e-ticket (suspended drivers) 73,

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Travis Permits 1,060. Continuing with consistent enforcement activity and traffic safety education.

- Proactive with community engagement to strengthen community ties, including, bike/segway patrols on town trails/parks, participation in schools and youth programs (Kids N Kops, school open house), Blackfalds Days, charity check stops and RCMP annual BBQ. Working on getting more participation for annual bike rodeo.
- Welcomed new Peace Officer, Chase Yetter, who recently completed training in Edmonton.
- Peace Officers facilitated a productive Restorative Justice session with a local youth and their parents, who was involved in operating a moped unsafely.
- Discussed consistent school bus traffic violations.
- Discussed consistent patrols and reminders for bylaw violations such as snow removal and property yard maintenance.
- Discussed long term plan on increasing Peace Officer and RCMP personnel with growth of community. Great addition to have summer students for support to Peace Officers, as well as community, engagement, especially with youth.

#### **4.5 Womacks Road & Broadway Ave**

- To bring to forward to next meeting: Draft letter to be sent to standing committee regarding reducing the speed limit to 30km/h straight through Womacks.
- Ongoing issues Womacks Road & Broadway Ave intersection – No solution to date and will be brought forward to next meeting.

#### **4.6 Vista Trail & Womacks**

- Crosswalk with lights have been installed. Usage varies depending on time of day.
- No complaints received to date.

#### **4.7 Eastpointe Drive**

- Address anticipated traffic flow issues in the future with development.

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#### **4.8 Aspen Lakes Boulevard & Vista Trail**

- Address anticipated traffic flow issues in the future with the new school being built and more development in the area.

#### **4.9 Enhanced Security Clearance**

- Mandatory Enhanced Security Clearance for committee members. Forms will be forwarded to all members to complete and forwarded to Province.
- Need to complete as soon as possible to comply with the province's requirements.

#### **4.10 AAPG Conference**

- 2026 AAPG Conference held May 29 & 30 in Taber, AB. Valuable information for Committee members and Council to attend. Funds are available to attend.

#### **4.11 Policing Committee Member Training**

- 4 modules for training for Municipal Policing Committee Members.
- Some members experiencing issues with accessing training.
- Ken will send email address to members for training and support.

#### **4.12 Round Table**

- Sheila thanks the Council members for joining the meeting.

#### **4.13 Youth Members At Large**

- Position ideal for a youth, ages 17 and up, with interest in the field of policing, criminal justice or municipal government.
- To do: Follow up with Cara Kroetsch (FCSS Volunteer Coordinator) if she has any youth member suggestions for this position. Or reach out to high school. Consider inviting those interested to attend meetings.

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**4.14 Optimist Club – Bike Donation**

- Discussed bike refurbishing and donation program to help those in need in community and perhaps coinciding it with annual bike rodeo. (Ken and/or Joe to reach out to Red Deer Optimist Club to further discuss)
- Sheila will follow-up with a potential donor for bike helmets.

**4.15 Tom Tompkins – Resignation. – Committee unanimously accepted.**

- Tom officially resigns from the committee with letter of resignation.
- Ken presented Tom with a challenge coin as a token of appreciation.

**5 CONFIDENTIAL**

None

**6 ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm

*Next meeting March 11, 2026 @ 6:30 pm*



Committee Chair, Sheila GIFFIN



Emergency Management & Protective Services  
Director, Ken MORRISON