

TOWN OF BLACKFALDS
Policing Committee
Operations Center – 5200 Duncan Ave
Wednesday, March 11, at 6:30 p.m.
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sheila Giffin, Committee Member (Chair)
Lance Chalmers, Committee Member
Theresa Franko, Committee Member
Shane Hanson (New Committee Member)
Brenda Dennis (New Committee Member)

ATTENDING

S/Sgt. Andrew Allen, NCO i/c Blackfalds RCMP
Sgt. Brent Dueck, Blackfalds RCMP
Ken Morrison, Director of Emergency Management & Protective Services
Rhonda Stierle, Clerk for Emergency Management & Protective Services

REGRETS

Joe Croken, Sergeant Peace Officer of Municipal Enforcement

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1 **Welcome to the Policing Committee meeting March 11, 2026**
- 1.2 **Call to Order – 6:35 p.m.**
- 1.3 **Approval of Agenda**
~ Motion of approval of Agenda made by Theresa Franko. All in Favour - **Approved**

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

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4. BUSINESS

4.1 Approval of Minutes from December 10, 2025

~ Motion of approval of December 10, 2025 Minutes made by Shane Hanson. All in favour – **Approved**

4.2 Policing Committee

4.2.1 Review of updated Bylaw and Policy – Sheila Giffin

- Bylaw was reviewed last meeting and has already been presented to Council.
- Policy reviewed. Discussion:
 - Awaiting finalization of Financial Management for various expenses.
 - Oath of Office – All members to renew or complete after Enhanced Security Clearances are complete.
 - *New* Appointment of members can be made by Province.

~ Motion made by Theresa Franko to send current and updated Bylaw and Policy to Council for approval. All in Favour – **Approved.**

4.3 RCMP Quarterly Report – S/Sgt. Andrew Allan

- Review of Crime Stats and Crime Severity Index (CSI). Discussion:
 - Small increase naturally comes with population growth and increased reporting.
 - RCMP School Resource Officer will continue to explore concerns of drugs and other behaviours at schools.

~ Motion made by Theresa Franko for approval of RCMP Quarterly Report. All in Favour – **Approved.**

4.4 Community Peace Officers Quarterly Report – Ken Morrison

- Review of Municipal Enforcement ticket and file stats. Discussion:
 - Snow removal – Ongoing efforts made by Peace Officers to notify residents to clear streets of parked vehicles for efficient snow removal, tickets issued and vehicles towed.
 - Continued enforcement in school and playground zones.

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- Digital Speed Signs – Average speeds noted.
- Travis Permits for heavy equipment movement through Town.

~ Motion made by Theresa Franko for approval of Community Peace Officer Quarterly Report. All in Favour – **Approved.**

4.5 Womacks Road & Broadway Ave.

- Temporary solution approved by Council and will move forward in near future.

4.6 Vista Trail & Womacks

- Crosswalk has been installed.
- Monitor for anticipated increase in traffic flow with new school and housing development.

4.7 Eastpointe Drive

- Monitor for anticipated increase in traffic flow with new school and housing development.

4.8 Broadway Avenue Crosswalk

- (Near School) Peace Officers have been patrolling and ticketing for traffic and parking infractions during school hours.

4.9 Aspen Lakes Boulevard & Vista Trail

- Monitor for anticipated increase in traffic flow with new school and housing development.

4.10 Enhanced Security Clearance

- All members have submitted their applications and are awaiting results to come back. (Average waiting period of 6 weeks once submitted)

4.11 AAPG Conference May 29 & 30th, Taber Alberta

- This opportunity is being offered to 1-2 committee members to gather information, be updated on changes and network with other communities and committees.
- Sheila Giffin is interested in attending.

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4.12 Youth Members At Large

- No youth applicants received to date. Discussion:
 - Suggestion to set up information table at high school during designated mental health week, as well as provide brochures at the Public Library.

4.13 Resignation of Mike Woykin

- Resignation letter from Mike Woykin and Tom Tomkins was brought forward to, and accepted by Council.

4.14 Vacant Committee Member seats

- Currently there are 2 vacancies (adult).
- Youth vacancy may be filled by an adult.

4.15 Election of new Vice-Chair

- Theresa Franko volunteered. All voted in favour, accepted - **Approved**

4.16 Review of Year in Review Document

- ***New*** Requirement for the committee is to submit a Year in Review report to the Province.
 - Sheila created report with committee's year highlights, shared with committee members, all members approved.
 - Sheila and Theresa delegated to attend next council meeting on April 14, 2026* and present to Council for approval. ***Will be attending April 28, 2026 Council Meeting**

~ Motion made by Theresa Franko to accept review of Year in Review and send to council for approval.

4.17 Community Priority Survey Results

- Review of survey results. Discussion:
 - Handing out brochures and QR code led to great response to the survey.
 - Feedback received by community (adults and students) on several main themes such as traffic safety concerns, property crimes, youth behavior, substance use and social issues.

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- Feedback received by community (adults and students) requesting more visibility of RCMP and Peace Officers within the town, more youth engagement programs and more community policing for crime prevention and neighbourhood support.
- Survey feedback will aid in future efforts for the committee to organize and educate the community more efficiently.

4.18 Setting Police Committee Priorities for 2026

- April 9, 2026 @ 6:30pm is set for sub-meeting to discuss and set priorities as a committee.

4.19 Pedestrian Crosswalks for Iron Ridge Schools

- Review of email received from community member regarding a safety evaluation request for pedestrian crosswalks for Iron Ridge Schools. Discussion:
 - Concerns of safety due to low visibility and consistency of crosswalk signage and lights throughout entire town.
 - There is a need for future improvements to the crosswalks throughout town and to provide education to encourage proper use of crosswalks and crosswalk devices.

4.20 Round Table - None

5 CONFIDENTIAL - None

6 ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm

Next Meeting June 10, 2026, 6:30 p.m.



Committee Chair, **Sheila GIFFIN**



Emergency Management & Protective Services Director,
Ken MORRISON

Future Meetings/Events:
Policing Committee – June 10, 2026 @ 6:30 pm