

MEMBERS PRESENT

Marina Appel
Tom Tompkins
Laura SVAB
Lance Chalmers
Sheila Griffin

ATTENDING

Cpl. Mackinnon, Blackfalds RCMP Detachment
Joe Croken, Municipal Enforcement Senior Peace Officer

REGRETS

Ken Morrison, Theresa Franko

1. CALLED TO ORDER

Sheila Griffin **called** the meeting to order at 06:34 PM.

2. Land Acknowledgement – Treaty Six Land Acknowledgement**3. AGENDA APPROVAL**

3.1 Agenda approval for September 20th, 2023, Unanimous

4. Minutes Approval

4.1 Minutes from June 14th, 2023 – Approved Unanimous.

4.2 Minutes from March 8th, 2023 – Approved Unanimous.

5. DELEGATION

5.1 - None.

6. BUSINESS

6.1 RCMP Quarterly Report (Cpl. James MacKinnon):

Currently fully staffed, one-off duty sick, another on gradual return to work, two P.S. positions vacant job offers have gone out to two individuals.

Persons increase of 13%, Property Crime decrease of 9%. Criminal Code, 2022 was 307 reports, this year sitting at 316, so an increase of 3%. Break and enters has been a decrease of 59%, theft of Motor Vehicle has seen a decrease of 40%, theft under 5,000 has stayed the same, so we are looking pretty good.

1st quarter of the APP was completed at the end of June. So far this year in our community policing initiatives we have attended 13 meetings, which includes Police Committee meetings, Restorative Justice.

Continue to focus on safe roads, we have worked together with our partners on joint initiatives, relating to speeding, distracted driving, seat belts, impaired drivers to name a few. These have proven very successful.

VSU, change coming April 1st, 2024, there will no longer be individual Boards, but a four-person regional board, in 4 RCMP Districts, one in St. Paul, Leduc, Airdrie and one in Grand Prairie. Blackfalds will fall under the Leduc program. This has been initiated as some smaller locations have not been able to keep a Board in place.

Motion made to accept the report.

6.2 Community Municipal Enforcement Quarterly Report (CPO Croken)

Municipal files 700 files so far for complaints and calls for service. 330 violations have now been issued either municipal or through the TSA for handwritten tickets. These are registered owner tickets which we still can't do on our E-ticketing system. E-ticketing system has produced over 195,000.00 in fines to date.

Officer Croken showed photo of a truck, in reference to vehicle inspections. Showed some photos of a cannabis stop. Photos shown of the new Mustang Mach E in stages of its build.

APIS update walked through the program which is a provincial program to write E-tickets, we will have access to both. APIS must be used for a suspended driver. Shown the number of agencies contributing to the software program.

Discussion had over billing property owners for clean of property, how this is done, fines issued, and owner is billed back the cost of the clean up.

Motion made to accept the report.

6.3 Community Speed Sign Program Update (Joe Croken)

Sign was put up on Lansdowne due to complaints of high speeds, 1,000 vehicles more than 40 km/h. Stats are sent to RCMP traffic for their information and action as well.

The second sign was put on Cottonwood, top speed of 105 km/h, between 9-10 pm. were put up on Broadway south past elementary school. Top speed 110-115 km/hr. Went over some of the speeds recorded.

Discussed Photo Radar, company that had come do a presentation last year. This was set aside than as the provincial government had a freeze them. Wanting to know what is happening with this. (Marina)

6.4 Community Well Being & Safety Strategy Committee (Laura)

Came from our last meeting, committee was put together. First meeting held, but second one we haven't had yet, this stemmed from the AAPG conference. Cause we don't have any sort of Safety Policy for our community. We don't have a plan in our community, and we need a plan to address any problems.

Meeting minutes read to the committee. Had City of Lethbridge and City of Red Deer strategies/Safety plan, discussed who should be involved. Need to have public engagement. Sub-committee of policing committee.

Ken is supposed to put it in the budget for the coming year. Want a meeting in October, to ensure it goes before council. Need to have another meeting.

6.5 Policy Review (Sheila)

I have it here, I will email it out to everyone to have a look at it, possibly send to the sub-committee to have a look at it one more time. Decision to email it to everyone to have a look at it.

7. Business Arising from the minutes.

7.1 Crime Prevention by Environmental Design (CPTED)

Tabled until the next meeting.

7.2 Womacks and Grigg Way (Laura)

Sign is being changed, kept on because of the problems we are having at this intersection. Joe suggested the school bus should stop by the trailer park.

Joe will talk with Wolf Creek to see if there is a better spot to pick up the kids, will talk to Rod, Wolf Creek transportation manager.

7.3 Park St. Crosswalk (Sheila)

Joe reported when they are there the problem does not occur. There are speeds, still ongoing. We are at the elementary school because of issues there in the mornings. We have been trying to schedule two on during the days so patrols can be made. Operational matters are affecting these patrols.

Tom suggested renting, Joe explained due to Solicitor General rules Peace Officers can't do this. Conversation on the possibility of unmarked vehicle discussed, would have to go to the Sol Gen.

Joe indicated that speed sign is likely going to come off Cottonwood and be placed on the east bound lane of Park. Discussion continued about OPS plans for joint forces operations.

Sheila discussed People turning right on to Park off 2A and the near collisions she has seen there, as people don't obey the lights.

Discussion had on stop signs, reflective tape, flashing light on signs. Joe talked about news, ways of providing information to the public, used to have this in the utility bills. (Tip of the day) Joe indicated maybe we will do something up, on utility bills through MARCOM. Discussion had on this. Discussion had on "Did you know" type news articles.

Laura brought up "Swearing in of Policing Committee members" (Photo's of committee members as well so people get to know who they are).

Talk about "Rumble strips" if this would help at the stop signs. Talk about traffic calming measures, (Portable speed bumps). Laura talked about speed bumps in PA, Sask.

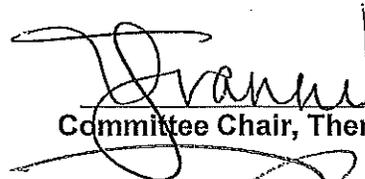
Discussion had on the possibility of building stats for "Repeat offenders" not names but the number of people repeating offences. Joe is going to investigate this.

8. Information (Round Table)

Vista Trail: Laura brought up that she is hearing concerns about Vista Trail not having a sidewalk, now with the high school Concern about youth will be going to the commercial property on Vista and their will be no sidewalk or cross walk. Nothing has been proposed on the budget. Safety concern with the High School, what is going to happen.

2A: Laura brought up RCMP whipping by on 2A, lights on but no slowing down for red light, could have had a collision or pedestrian hit, if any had been in the intersection. RCMP will bring it up at the next office meeting. Advised to bring it forward as soon as it happens.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm (Sheila)



Committee Chair, Theresa FRANKO



E.M & P.S Manager, Ken MORRISON