

TOWN OF BLACKFALDS  
Policing Committee  
RCMP Detachment – 4405 South St  
Wednesday, October 2nd, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.  
**Minutes**

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## MEMBERS' PRESENT

Tom Tompkins  
**Mike Woykin**  
Laura SVAB  
Jim Sands  
Sheila Giffin  
Lance Chalmers

## ATTENDING

Sgt. Brent Dueck, Blackfalds RCMP  
Ken Morrison, Director of Emergency Management & Protective Services

## REGRETS

S/Sgt. Allen, Joe Croken, Theresa Franko,

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### 1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1 Welcome to the Policing Committee meeting October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.
- 1.2 Call to Order Sheila @ 6:42 p.m.
- 1.3 Approval of **Agenda**: Mike

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### 2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- 2.1 Treaty Six Land Acknowledgement - Blackfalds Policing Committee acknowledges that we are on Treaty 6 territory, a traditional meeting ground, gathering place, and travelling route to the Cree, Saulteaux (So-toe), Blackfoot, Métis, Dene (De-nay) and Nakota Sioux (Sue). We acknowledge all the many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries.

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### 3. PRESENTATIONS

- 3.1 None
- 3.2 **Addition** – Ken Morrison –

Message from Alberta Association of Police Governance, referencing changes in policing committee, from Minister ELLIS.

Sheila Giffin – Email about log-in change for taking courses, new links to the new logins for training.

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### 4. BUSINESS

- 4.1 Approval of Minutes from June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024:

Put over approval until the next meeting to allow for changes to be made.

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Changes:

- Attendees
- Date change from 2023 to 2024
- Meeting held at Operations Centre

### 4.2 RCMP Quarterly Report – Brent DUECK

**Stats:** From January to August

- 18% decrease of Criminal Code offences compared to last year.
- Increase of 1 Break & Enter since last year. Compared to 2020, decrease from 32 to 19.
- Increase of 1 Stolen Vehicle since last year. Compared to 2020, it decreased from 31 to 16.
- Person's offences 26% decrease since 2020 (131 compared to 97).
- 100% decrease in Robberies (no offences this year).
- 2% decrease in Assaults since last year, (1 fewer incident); 28% decrease since 2020
- Extortion, no change since last year.
- Total property crime 34% decrease since 2020.
- Traffic Statistics for within town, 0 fatalities, 5 injury MVCs. Because of the Provincial threshold amount for MVC property damage went from \$2000 to \$5000, it does appear reportable collisions have decreased.
- Common police activities: 16 false 9-1-1 calls, increased slightly from last year. Slight increase of reporting suspicious vehicles, persons and property from last year. Missing persons reports 16 this year, all have been located by end of shift. Spousal abuse saw a decrease this year from 93 to 84, 39% decrease over past 5 years (138 down to 84).
- Decrease of Mischief incidents from 7 to 5 from last year
- To note, recently an executed search warrant was conducted, and a significant amount of cocaine, other drugs and cash was seized.

Blackfalds RCMP Detachment consists of 28 members, 9 of which are municipal positions, 1 of those are a soft vacancy, 1 position is currently on light duties. Provincial positions have 2 hard vacancies, 1 soft vacancy (medical leave).

Discussion of safety improvement for the intersection at Cottonwood Drive & 2A. Although it is a provincial matter, perhaps messages from public will help in writing a suggestion to the Town, as well as Policing Committee to improve set of controlled lights and/or pedestrian crossing.

Discussion of vandalism/mischief in town. Active patrols are being made by RCMP and Community Peace Officers.

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### 4.3. Community Peace Officers Quarterly Report – Ken MORRISON (speaking on behalf of CPO Croken's notes)

#### Stats:

- 57 operational files this month. Significant ongoing file where charges have been laid in an incident where 3 dogs attacked 1 dog and caused significant injury.
- 18 municipal TSA violation tickets issued. CPOs have been out in school zones, following busses and 2 tickets were issued to violators for passing school bus where there is a fine and licence demerit, other violation tickets for same offence are issued to registered owner violation tickets.
- CPOs have been busy with issuing tickets and trials when not guilty pleas are entered; 86 TSA fines issued this month through E-ticketing. Year to date 1015 tickets issued, approximately 300-400 traffic stops where warnings were issued.

#### Other files of interest:

- Working with a developer's vacant lot, ongoing issue and after multiple warnings and violation tickets have been issued a Municipal Government Act Order was issued to allow the town to hire someone to clean the lot.
- RV Dump Station – Ongoing issue with a contractor dumping sewage from septic tanks, Public Works have warned, and fines issued by CPOs.
- Increase of barking dogs and dogs at large, complainants encouraged to keep bark logs and report.

Increase in use of E-Bikes, scooters and dirt bikes, rules and regulations, registration/insurance is currently being worked on by the province. Town is in midst of planning and completing new traffic bylaw for use.

In the past month, all CPOs have all been re-certified OC Spray and extendible batons.

FYI discussion: A couple of people sleeping by the pond by Parkwood Road, not always there, but are usually gone early in the morning. No tents, just sleeping bags. Also, some down by bottle depot. No problems so far.

### 4.4 Community Well Being & Safety Strategy Sub-Committee – Ken MORRISON

Discussion was had on this, we will keep it in the agenda for now, see where the CPTED review leads us

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### **4.5 Crime Prevention by Environmental Design (CPTED). (Update) – Ken MORRISON**

Handout/rough notes from Crime Prevention Centre out of Red Deer:

Issues brought up by the public at the RCMP Community BBQ and Community Info Expo via QR Code or direct in-person questions:

- Arrangements made for next week to meet up with Protective Services, RCMP, Public Works, and other departments to go around to sites and provide any suggestions. Info can be forwarded to those interested in joining.
- Request to assess crossing on 2A and Womacks and onto Panorama as it is reported to be an ongoing hazard for residents. Also adding left turning signal lights from 2A onto Womacks and Park Street, possible issue from train backing up traffic. Short, timed light from Park Street onto 2A was timed by Province and it met their specs but can be revisited. Traffic counts have been done on a couple of intersections in town.
- Is QR code still available? If advertised, could possibly get more input. Suggestion that schools could give out code for more exposure. Will check into it.

### **4.6 Womacks Road & Broadway Ave. (Update) – Ken MORRISON**

No update, still being assessed. Everyone agrees there is an issue, experts and engineers looking at best solution.

### **4.7 Brochure Review – Ken MORRISON**

In process of creating a brochure: Comment card with Top 3 priorities for RCMP, Safety and Crime issues of most significant concern and other comments. Suggestion of adding QR Code to it.

### **4.8 AAPG**

A new training module link can be sent to those interested, but keep in mind, changes coming in the next 12-18 months (about 1 and a half years).

All committee members agree to receive emails from the AAPG to keep up to date information throughout the province.

Discussion on policing committee requirements for communities, meetings and engagement sessions being set.

### **4.9 Round Table**

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5. **CONFIDENTIAL**  
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6. **ADJOURNMENT**  
8:15 p.m.

**Next Meeting December 11th, 2024, 6:30 PM.**

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*Theresa Franko, Committee Chair*

*KEN MORRISON DIR OF E.M.P.S.*