

TOWN OF BLACKFALDS
Policing Committee
Operations Center – 5200 Duncan Ave
Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 6:30 pm
MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Edna Coulter
Sheila Giffin
Mike Woykin
Tom Tompkins
Laura Svab

ATTENDING

S/Sgt. Andrew Allen, NCO i/c Blackfalds RCMP
Ken Morrison, Director of Emergency Management & Protective Services

REGRETS

Theresa Franko
Lance Chalmers
Joe Croken, Sergeant Peace Officer of Municipal Enforcement
Rhonda Stierle, Clerk of Emergency Management & Protective Services
Sgt. Brent Dueck
Cpl. Dallas Trail, GIS Crew

1 WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1** Welcome to the Policing Committee meeting June 11, 2025
 - 1.2** Call to Order – **6:34 pm**
 - 1.3** Approval of Agenda – No objections, all in favour, approved
-

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.

TOWN OF BLACKFALDS
Policing Committee
Operations Center – 5200 Duncan Ave
Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 6:30 pm
MEETING MINUTES

3 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 None

4 BUSINESS

4.1 Approval of Minutes from March 12, 2025

- Spelling correction of S/Sgt. ALLEN to ALLAN – **Amended, all in favour, approved.**

4.2 Police Committee Status Update (Ken)

- May 30, 2025, received letter of approval from Alberta Public Safety and Emergency Services Office of the Minister, Deputy Premier of Alberta MLA Calgary-West to remain status quo for the existing committee and has been approved by Counsel.

To do: Update Bylaw and Policy to reflect the changes made.

- Sheila will review and update policy
- Ken will review and update Bylaw

4.3 RCMP Quarterly Report

Four Major Priorities:

- **Crime Reduction**
 - GI Section working on major fraud series where one incident turned into 25 incidents of fraudulent sales of equipment in multiple jurisdictions. Our unit is now working with District, the Province, BC GIS teams, and GIS teams from Sylvan Lake and Lacombe.
 - Later this month, S/Sgt. Allan to do an anti-fraud presentation in town, mostly directed towards seniors, but also open to anyone else, to help educate and enforce.

TOWN OF BLACKFALDS
Policing Committee
Operations Center – 5200 Duncan Ave
Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 6:30 pm
MEETING MINUTES

- **Police and Community Relations/Visibility**

RCMP Participation:

- McHappy Days at McDonalds in Blackfalds
- (May) Touch-a-Truck with various law enforcement and other industries in Red Deer
- (April) Smile Cookie Day at Tim Horton's in Blackfalds
- (June) Blackfalds Days & Clive Fun Fest
- (July) Kids n Kops Program (Amalgamated with Lacombe Police/Peace Officers and Blackfalds Peace Officers)
- (August) Detachment BBQ

- **Traffic Safety**

- Cst. Proulx received 2024 Corporal Cummings Award. He apprehended and got 47 impaired drivers off the road. To date, he has (16) Fails, (1) Caution, (2) Caution, (2) 24-Hour Suspensions, (38) Tickets.
- Efforts made to reschedule members for St. Patrick's Day, purpose to send message and search for impaired drivers.

- **Mental Health**

- Brought in a psychologist (resourced outside of RCMP mandate), to provide a different spin on mental health resiliency for the officers, as well as help to deal with people in crisis on the road. This was an in-house training session, but if it gains traction, efforts will be made to do it again and invite more people.

Stats

- 47% increase in Theft Under, but only 8 more incidents from January to May of last year and 4 of those were scored incorrectly at the time of running these stats.
- Member Update:

TOWN OF BLACKFALDS
Policing Committee
Operations Center – 5200 Duncan Ave
Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 6:30 pm
MEETING MINUTES

- (1) Corporal started this week, (1) experienced Constable will be coming in July. (1) Member currently on ODS, (1) Member deployed to wildfires, (1) Member deployed to G7 and (1) Member on standby for G7. Public Relations availability: (2) in Blackfalds Days parade, (1) in Clive parade, plus traffic control. Availability may vary with operational needs.
- Motion made to accept report, **all in favour, approved.**

4.4 Community Peace Officers Quarterly Report (Ken)

Stats

- 150 files (parking, unsightly properties, noise complaints, traffic complaints.
- Summer Bylaw student concentrating on checking alleyways, properties to ensure properties are maintained. Also taking Community Standard files (noise complaints, barking dogs, animal control, etc.)
- Working with Land Use Bylaws
- Assist files with RCMP
- E-bikes (pedal assist) complaint files are ongoing issue. In the midst of making changes to the Traffic Bylaw, Provincially there are no regulations. Town has exemption for rental scooters.
- E-motorbikes (non pedal assist with throttles that look like e-bikes) – Actively engaging enforcement.
- Influx of homeless. (Campground and other areas in town)
- **Police and Community Relations/Visibility**
 - McHappy Days
 - Bike patrol
 - Plan for Summer Bylaw Student to make a presence throughout community with focus around bike skills park and other parks.
- **Traffic Enforcement**

TOWN OF BLACKFALDS
Policing Committee
Operations Center – 5200 Duncan Ave
Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 6:30 pm
MEETING MINUTES

- Regularly picking up traffic infractions – Have been focusing a lot in residential areas for speed (Womacks Road & Park Street high amount of complaints)
- Discussion on revising 30km/h back to 40km/h on Womacks, where it was originally established to be for bus loading zone, and have 30 km/h zone moved up closer to school to Vista Trail to incorporate Bike Skills Park area. Signage would have to be changed to reflect playground zone rather than school bus crossing.

4.5 Womacks Road & Broadway Ave

- They received temporary traffic circle from the Province to test out and it was too big.
- Will be reassessing and looking for other options.

** Add CPTED Report to agenda for review of traffic calming measures.

4.6 AAPG Conference – May 2025 (Tom attended)

- Tom gave an overview of topics presented and discussed at the conference.
- Next conference proposed to be held in Lacombe.

4.7 Round Table

- S/Sgt. Allan spoke briefly about recent Provincial funding provided to Grande Prairie Police force where funds were not originally allocated to. Questions brought up of why Provincial funds are not being provided to other police jurisdictions.
- Discussion of going forward with the Committee and the need for Enhanced Security clearances to be done for each member. Will need to add this to policy and bylaw updates.
- Discussion of removing some trees and brush around ponds to make less attractive for homeless. Influx of homeless migrating from Red Deer. Campground has had a couple homeless campers, one that was recently removed for erratic behaviour.
- For next meeting add Vista Trail and Womacks onto agenda. Anticipated issue traffic and pedestrian safety when additional townhouses are built.

TOWN OF BLACKFALDS
Policing Committee
Operations Center – 5200 Duncan Ave
Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 6:30 pm
MEETING MINUTES

Other anticipated concerns in the future for Eastpointe Drive, as well as, Aspen Lakes Boulevard and Vista trail once school has been built.

5 CONFIDENTIAL

None

6 ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

Next meeting September 10, 2025



Kew Housley