



**TOWN OF BLACKFALDS
POLICING COMMITTEE
Operations Center Building "A"
5200 Duncan Ave – Town of Blackfalds
December 11, 2024 (6:30 pm)**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Theressa Franko
Tom Tompkins
Laura Svab
Lance Chalmers

ATTENDING

S/Sgt. Allen, NCO i/c RCMP
Joe Croken, Municipal Enforcement Senior Peace Officer
Ken Morrison, Director of Emergency Management & Protective Services
Rhonda Stierle, Clerk of Emergency Management & Protective Services

REGRETS

Mike Woykin
Sheila Giffin
Edna Coulter
Sgt Brent Dueck
Cpl. Dallas Trail, GIS CREW

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1 Welcome to the Policing Committee meeting December 11, 2024.
 - 1.2 Call to Order – Theressa at 6:37 pm.
 - 1.3 Approval of Agenda – No discrepancies, all in agreement
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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

None

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4. BUSINESS**4.1 Approval of Minutes from June 12, 2024 & October 2, 2024:** Tom**4.2 RCMP Quarterly Report:** S/Sgt. Andrew Allan

Year to date and comparison to past 5 years for (Town/Municipality only) – Significant drop in total Criminal Code (mostly property crime). Stats show in town crime has dropped, rural crime is increasing and can be contributed to the work being done locally, response times and increased patrolling.

Thanks to the Town's efforts in getting approval for a new member. Will be earmarking that position to be for General Investigation Section (GIS) to work with other GIS members, which will benefit the Town to dedicate that member for high level crime events within the Town.

Complication of call coming in, cyber crimes and frauds is time consuming for members and accounting for time spent on files.

As for current resources, 4 vacancies, with at least 1 to be filled in the new year.

4.3 Community Peace Officers Quarterly Report: Community Peace Officer Sgt. Joe Croken.

Year to date Municipal files and violation tickets, 1129 reported. Particularly 51 bus violation tickets, which is a huge concern.

Discussed other vehicle regulation violations, eg. vehicle documentation (No insurance/registration).

Several collisions in past couple months with the season.

52 files this month for request to remove vehicles from roadway for snow removal, time consuming, some violation tickets issued for repeat offences and in some cases, vehicles towed. Animal complaints: a couple wild animal complaints, a few dog bites, a lot of barking dogs and animals at large complaints.

Intersection safety issues being monitored. Overview of fines issued and outstanding fines not paid.

Travis Permits for approving routing for heavy vehicles and oversized loads travelling through town: 1138 permits to date.

APIS 37 violation tickets, 14 seizures.

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Question on use of E-bikes: Discussed the issues with following rules of the road, ie driving on sidewalks, blowing through intersections. Educating operator's on violations for distracted driving, stunting and disobeying stop signs. Includes mopeds, e-boards, scooters, e-bikes (electric pocket bikes with pedals).

4.4 Crime Prevention by Environmental Design (CPTED): Ken Morrison, Director of Emergency Management & Protective Services

Going to counsel on January 14, 2025.

Response summary from website/QR code (low participation from community compared to 2015):

Very little complaints/issues came from east side of Blackfalds. Majority of complaints of speeding, stop signs, line of sight. CPOs, Mike (from Policing Committee), Crime Prevention Centre went around to all areas that were identified as issues and determined that most are easy fixes, perception from public differs from solar speed signs set in place. Public Works was made aware of a few changes required to some signage.

Discussed that obvious traffic volume and issues have been identified by the traffic violation stats and speed signs set up. Efforts being made to patrol troubled areas.

Discussion of property issues, not many reported. Suggested for more efforts via Town media to encourage community to report property issues.

4.5 Womacks Road and Broadway Avenue: Ken Morrison, Director of Emergency Management & Protective Services

Traffic circle being put off at this time. Discussed a push for the best possible solution and more research being done by Council, Administration, Planning and Development and Infrastructure to come up with best possible solution. Addressing the high pedestrian traffic and parking issues during peak times of arena use. Talks of possibly putting a 4-way stop up in the interim but isn't the ideal solution. Laura mentions that Council has it currently in the 2026 budget but would like to bump it into the 2025 budget to address the need and design for it.

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- 4.6 **Change of September Meeting Date (Victim Services Farewell)** Ken Morrison, Director of Emergency Management & Protective Services.

Ken attended farewell and discussed the change of the Victim Services structure for the future.

- 4.7 **Sign on Park Street off Parkwood Road (Sheila):** Ken Morrison, Director of Emergency Management & Protective Services.

Ken spoke with Sheila, new crosswalk signs have been installed and have solved issues with pedestrians crossing. Offi

- 4.8 **Round Table**

Ken introduces Rhonda Stierle who has filled the new position as Emergency Management & Protective Services Clerk and discusses how the position will evolve in supporting the Peace Officers, Emergency Management, Occupational Health & Safety and Fire.

5. **CONFIDENTIAL**

None

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

8:00 pm.

Next meeting March 12, 2025 @ 6:30 pm

Committee Chair, Theresa FRANKO

**Emergency Management & Protective Services
Director, Ken MORRISON**