

TOWN OF BLACKFALDS
Policing Committee
Operations Center – 5200 Duncan Ave
Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 6:30 pm
MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sheila Giffin, Committee Member (Chair)
Theresa Franko, Committee Member
Lance Chalmers, Committee Member
Tom Tompkins, Committee Member
Edna Coulter, Council Member
Laura Svab, Council Member

ATTENDING

S/Sgt. Andrew Allen, NCO i/c Blackfalds RCMP
Ken Morrison, Director of Emergency Management & Protective Services
Joe Croken, Sergeant Peace Officer of Municipal Enforcement
Rhonda Stierle, Clerk of Emergency Management & Protective Services
Aaron Hoyte, Candidate for Town Councillor

REGRETS

Mike Woykin, Committee Member

1 WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1 Welcome to the Policing Committee meeting September 10, 2025
 - 1.2 Call to Order – **6:38 pm**
 - 1.3 Approval of Agenda – *Amend to add 4.11 Enhanced Security Clearance. All in favour, approved.*
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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, Sauteaux (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 Citizens on Patrol Program – Aaron Hoyte, Candidate for Town Councillor

- Aaron presents as an advocate *only* for the Citizens on Patrol Program, and Theresa Franko will oversee leading the program soon.
- The value and benefit of starting up the program is to provide a sense of safety to the community, decrease crime by increasing overwatch on the Town and allow the citizens to engage and have a direct influence on the safety within the community.
- Member, volunteer and supporters will be needed, and the program will need to be promoted through various avenues.
- Program guidelines will be required and gathered from the Citizens on Patrol program with support from the Central Alberta Crime Prevention Centre.

4 BUSINESS

4.1 Approval of Minutes from June 11, 2025 - All in favour, approved.

4.2 Police Committee Status Update (Ken)

4.2.1 Review of updated Bylaw and Policy (Ken)

- Draft to be vetted and completed by CAO and Executive & Legislative Coordinator.
- Highlighted changes:
 - Province can assign (2) Committee Members
 - Mandatory Enhanced Security Clearances
- Discussed training opportunities for Chairperson for sitting on boards.

4.2.2 Police Committee Brochure (Sheila)

- Trifold brochure presented and designed by Sheila that includes basic information, mission statement and values of the Policing Committee for community awareness. Brochures to be dispersed at Town facilities and businesses.

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- To do: Establish email address (Town IT Dept.) and/or social media page for citizens to contact committee.
 - Who will be responsible for responding and how, as well as how often? Suggestion of setting auto-responses and auto-moderators if using social media.

4.3 RCMP Quarterly Report (Andrew)

Main Priorities:

- Crime Reduction, Prolific Offenders and Fraud files. (GI Section)
- Annual Performance Plan (APP) update on increasing and improving community relations and visibility to show priorities.
- Traffic – Seeing an increase in motor vehicle collisions
- Mental Health – Having presentations on dealing with member workload as well as mental health in the community.
- Filling and maintaining staff and workload.
- Budget cuts affecting all aspects of policing.

4.4 Community Peace Officers Quarterly Report (Joe)

- Stats: Call Centre, Online Reporting and Peace Officer proactive/reactive files generated = 2,246; E-ticket fines = 596
- New CPO hire starts mid-September and will be sent for training
- Seasonal Bylaw Officer proactively focused on unsightly properties, animal complaints and monitoring trails and skill parks.
- Ongoing Traffic Enforcement in target areas, school zones, school bus violations.
- Focusing on community safety with proactive patrols, as well as community engagement with participation in community programs and campaigns.

4.5 Womacks Road & Broadway Ave

- Ongoing issues Womacks Road & Broadway Ave intersection – No solution to date and will be brought forward to next meeting.

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- Ongoing issue with speeding, increased traffic flow, increase in bus stops and new drivers on Womacks.
- Motion to put together a package to bring to council to request the elimination of playground zones and reduce speed limit on Womacks Road to 30km/h from Vista Trail to Broadway Ave and provide ample signage.
 - To do: Gather statistics for traffic flow count/collisions and collect comparative data from previous years. Sheila will do up draft to present to Standing Committee.
 - Joe will be attending schools and will be doing presentations on driving and e-bike/scooter safety awareness.

4.6 Vista Trail & Womacks

- Crosswalk with lights have been installed.

4.7 Eastpointe Drive

- Address anticipated issues in the future.

4.8 Aspen Lakes Boulevard & Vista Trail

- Address anticipated traffic flow issues in the future with the new school being built and more development in the area.

4.9 CPTED Report

- Report outlines issues and concerns with some of the streets and can be used for the argument of speed limit changes.
 - Copy to be emailed to Committee Members

4.10 Round Table

- Laura – Inquiring about if there could be bike engraving incorporated during the next bike rodeo.
 - Joe to investigate a program available to do this for the future rodeos.

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- Optimist Club of Red Deer and Blackfalds has bike program where bikes are refurbished and distributed.
 - Ken/Joe to speak with Ken Williamson with the Optimist Club to publish the program to the community for recipients and those looking to donate.
- Laura – High school for members at large, will there be an opening for a youth representative? Suggestion that now that high school is open, the opportunity can be advertised in an assembly. Council is now interviewing all new incoming committee candidates.
 - Touch base with Cara Kroetsch, FCSS Volunteer Coordinator, first to see if this has been addressed yet.

4.11 Enhanced Security Clearance

- Need to complete as soon as possible to comply with the province's requirements.

5 CONFIDENTIAL

None

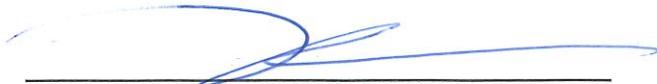
6 ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Next meeting December 10, 2025



Committee Chair, Sheila GIFFIN



Emergency Management & Protective Services
Director, Ken MORRISON