

Minutes of a Meeting of the Policing Committee conducted remotely via Zoom on the above date at 6:30 p.m.

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**Present**

Councillor MacKay

K. Kalmbach

J. Raso

I. Sanderson

P. Specht

T. Walsh

K. Wells

**Staff**

Inspector R. Comaniuk, Officer in Charge, RCMP

R. McDonald, Legislative Officer

**Guests**

L. Toop, Board Chair, St Albert Victim Services Association (VSA)

S. de Tremaudan, Program Director, St Albert Victim Services Association (VSA)

G. Cunningham, Court Coordinator, St Albert Victim Services Association (VSA)

M. Anderson, Volunteer Coordinator, St Albert Victim Services Association (VSA)

Cpl. M. Kyle, RCMP Community Policing Supervisor with the CP/VS Unit

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 6:31 p.m. and the Land Acknowledgment recognizing that we are on Treaty 6 Lands was read-by the Chair.

**Welcome & Introductions**

The Chair welcomed Committee Members, Staff, and guests in attendance. Inspector Comaniuk introduced the St. Albert Victim Services Association guests to the meeting.

L. Toop, Board Chair of St. Albert Victim Services Association shared a presentation on the Boards governance and operation of the Association to the Policing Committee members.

Some highlights of the presentation included:

- Governance of the Association
- Funding
- Risk Management
- Board Committees
- Volunteer program
- Court program

S. de Tremaudan, Program Director, St Albert Victim Services Association, provided information to the Committee on the background of the Association as well as highlights of the Volunteer Program of the St. Albert Victim Services Association.

G. Cunningham, Court Coordinator, St Albert Victim Services Association, provided information to the members with regards to her role with the Court Program and details of the processes of the program.

M. Anderson, Volunteer Coordinator of St Albert Victim Services Association, provided insight into the Volunteer Program and the volunteer needs within the Association.

Committee members asked questions of the St. Albert Victim Services Association and discussed trends within the Association such as:

- mental health
- demographics
- workplace issues
- domestic violence
- childcare issues
- crime tragedy
- advocacy of volunteers
- funding
- legislation
- community partners/agencies
- process

### **Approval of Agenda**

Hearing no objection, the Chair declared the April 27, 2021 Agenda adopted as amended.

Amendments made to the April 27, 2021 agenda were as follows:

Added to agenda under Chair Report – Letter from the Seniors' Advisory Committee

### **Approval of Minutes**

Hearing no objection, the Chair declared the Minutes of March 23, 2021 adopted as presented.

### **Conflict of Interest Declaration**

No member declared a conflict.

### **Reports**

#### Officer in Charge Report

Officer in Charge (OIC), Inspector Comaniuk, reported the following updates to the Committee:

- Overview of the *Dispatch Categories & Priorities* that was attached in the April 27, 2021 Policing Committee Agenda.

- RCMP Quarterly Report – summary to be provided more in May meeting (Q4)
- Final 2021-22 Annual Policing Priorities Report:
  - Detachment Issues:
  - Crime Reduction
  - Mental Health & Vulnerable Communities
  - Domestic Violence & Assault

The Committee provided comments and feedback for Inspector Comaniuk.

#### Chair Report

The Chair provided an update to members of the Committee regarding the following items:

- Budget/Expense – has returned to normal levels for 2021.

#### Moved by P. Specht

That the Policing Committee Annual Budget and Expenses be used and paid accordingly be approved if within the category allocated amounts.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Update from Alberta Association of Police Governance Virtual Conference, April 23, 2021. The members discussed the overall outcome of the April 23 Virtual Conference and takeaways to potentially implement within the St. Albert Policing Committee.
- Congratulations to I. Sanderson's appointment as Board member of the Alberta Association of Police Governance.
- ADDED TO AGENDA - Letter from the Seniors' Advisory Committee  
The Committee appreciated the feedback and input from the Seniors' Advisory Committee and their attendance at the March Policing Committee meeting.

#### 6.3 Public Complaint Director Report

K. Kalmbach provided an update to the Committee of the recent activity within the Public Complaints Department of the Policing Committee.

Inspector Comaniuk provided feedback on the progress of the Public Complaints Department and the positive working commitment from K. Kalmbach, Public Complaints Director.

#### 6.4 Administrative Report

K. MacKay provided an update to the members of the Operational Fiscal Review – Phase 2 is being presented at the May 3, 2021 City Council Meeting.

Inspector Comaniuk provided an update to the Committee regarding the Woodlands Skateboard Park regarding security, safe distancing, and popularity. The RCMP are currently keeping a close eye on the park.

## **Input from the Public**

There was no public input.

## **Annual Policing Priorities Discussion**

The Chair provided a summary of Inspector Comaniuk's report of the Annual Policing Priorities earlier in the minutes - Officer in Charge Report.

Inspector Comaniuk encouraged the members to contact him if any questions arise with regards to the Annual Policing Priorities final report.

## **Committee Member Inquiries**

K. Kalmbach asked a question of Inspector Comaniuk regarding the Rural Police and Crisis Team (RPACT) information that was emailed to the Committee. Inspector Comaniuk provided additional information on Rural Police and Crisis Team and encouraged the Committee to reach out if any other questions arise.

The Chair and the members discussed future speaker presentations for upcoming meetings. Suggestions from the Committee included:

- Clare's Law
- Indigenous Group

## **Next Meeting**

Tuesday May 25, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.

## **Adjournment**

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Kristopher Wells

Kristopher Wells (May 25, 2021 19:42 MDT)

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CHAIR

Renee McDonald

Renee McDonald (May 25, 2021 20:01 MDT)

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DESIGNATED OFFICER