

ST. ALBERT POLICING COMMITTEE 2019 WORK PLAN

The St. Albert Policing Committee was established by City Council in 2017 and began operations in January 2018. The purpose of the Committee is to maintain a proper balance between the independence and authority of the RCMP and accountability to the community and civilian authority through community input, increased transparency regarding policing operations, removal of political interference perceptions, and assistance with dealing with local complaints.

Ultimately, a Policing Committee is designed to serve as an important liaison between City Council, the RCMP Detachment, and City residents to foster responsible community actions towards the creation of a safe and secure community. We also receive and share information with Municipal Policing Services to accomplish these objectives.

The St. Albert Policing Committee Responsibilities

The St. Albert Policing Committee is a legislative body that was established under the St Albert Policing Committee Bylaw 28/2017. In April of 2019, Bylaw 13/2019 reaffirmed that the Committee is responsible for:

- The duties, functions and responsibilities set out in Section 23 of the Police Act and such additional duties, functions and responsibilities as may be prescribed from time to time by the Solicitor General of Alberta under the authority of Section 3.1 of the Police Act, including anything the Committee is empowered or required to do pursuant to the Oversight Standard.”
- The duties, functions and responsibilities of a municipality outlined in Article 7.0 and Article 8.0 of the MPSA are delegated to the Committee to the extent of and pursuant to the language set out in clause R.R. 4.1 of the Oversight Standard.”

Our Priorities for 2019

1. Finalize administrative requirements for the St. Albert Policing Committee
2. Work with the RCMP Officer in Charge on setting and approving the 2019/2020 RCMP objectives, priorities, and goals
3. Complete committee member training and orientation
4. Engage public on policing matters generally and to supplement planning for 2020/2021 policing priorities
5. Collaborate with community and non-profit organizations

Priority 1: Finalize administrative requirements for the St. Albert Policing Committee

Objectives:

- a. Develop and approve the 2019/20 Policing Committee Annual Work Plan and communicate it to Council and the Community**
 - i. Work Plan approved by Committee
 - ii. Committee to present Work Plan to City Council and post publicly when complete
- b. Create and approve the St. Albert Policing Committee Annual Report to Council**
 - i. Final Annual Report (for 2018) delivered to City Council
- c. Finalize the St. Albert Policing Committee Policy and Procedure Manual**
 - i. Committee Policy and Procedure Manual to be approved
- d. Activate Public Complaint Director role and responsibilities**
 - i. Training and Orientation with Alberta Justice, RCMP, and City on role and responsibilities
 - ii. Public advertising of role and start of complaint intake option
- e. Review, discuss, and provide recommendations or comments to Council related to changes to the Council Policy on Policing Services and the Policing Committee Bylaw 28/2017**

Priority 2: Work with the RCMP Officer in Charge on setting and approving the 2019/2020 RCMP objectives, priorities, and goals

Objectives:

- a. Provide the St. Albert RCMP Officer In Charge with community identified policing priorities**
 - i. Committee to develop and share with Officer in Charge
- b. Approve the RCMP 2019/2020 Annual Performance Plan**

- i. Chair to sign acknowledgment of consultation
- c. Communicate the RCMP 2019/2020 Annual Performance Plan to the community**
 - i. Committee to present 2019/2020 APP to City Council and post publicly

Priority 3: Complete committee member training, orientation, and ongoing professional development

Objectives:

- a. Coordinate and ensure all new and continuing committee members have completed mandatory and suggested education/training sessions**
- b. Support ongoing professional development for committee members**
 - i. Attend the Alberta Association of Police Governance Conference
 - ii. Support committee participation in other policing conferences, workshops, and events, as appropriate

Priority 4: Engage public on policing matters generally and to supplement planning for 2020/2021 policing priorities

Objectives:

- a. Continue public engagement to raise the profile and visibility of the Policing Committee with local citizens, agencies, boards, businesses, and diverse communities in accordance with Provincial standards**
- b. Public Engagement at as many of the following as is practical/possible:**
 - i. St. Albert Farmer's Market (Spring/Summer)
 - ii. City Hall Foyer (in conjunction with other public events)
 - iii. 'Public Safety Open House' on St Albert Centre Mall Parking Lot (June)
 - iv. Servus Place 'Volunteer Fair'
 - v. Other opportunities as they become apparent
- c. Examine uses of social media as a community engagement strategy**

Priority 5: Collaborate with community and non-profit organizations

Objectives:

- a. Renew membership with the Alberta Association of Police Governance
- b. Renew membership with REACH Edmonton
- c. Renew membership with Alberta Hate Crimes Committee
- d. Attend stakeholder working groups and events
- e. Collaborate with other community groups as opportunities arise

Other Planned Activities

The below activities are not identified as 2019 priorities, but are items that the committee will endeavour to work on. Both are intended to supplement basic expectations as defined in the proposed 'policy manual'.

Review, discuss, and provide recommendations to City Administration and the RCMP related to Communication protocols on matters such as Policing information requests, concerns/complaints from residents, and media queries.

Discuss and confirm the number and types of policing reports that are produced and communicated to the public, Policing Committee, and Council. Current reporting includes, Annual Policing Report, Quarterly RCMP Annual Performance Plan reports, Annual RCMP School Resource and Community Policing Report, and Quarterly reports to Council as well as media releases and specific information requests as needed.

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