

# **St. Albert Policing Committee**

## **Annual Report, Policing Priorities, and Workplan**

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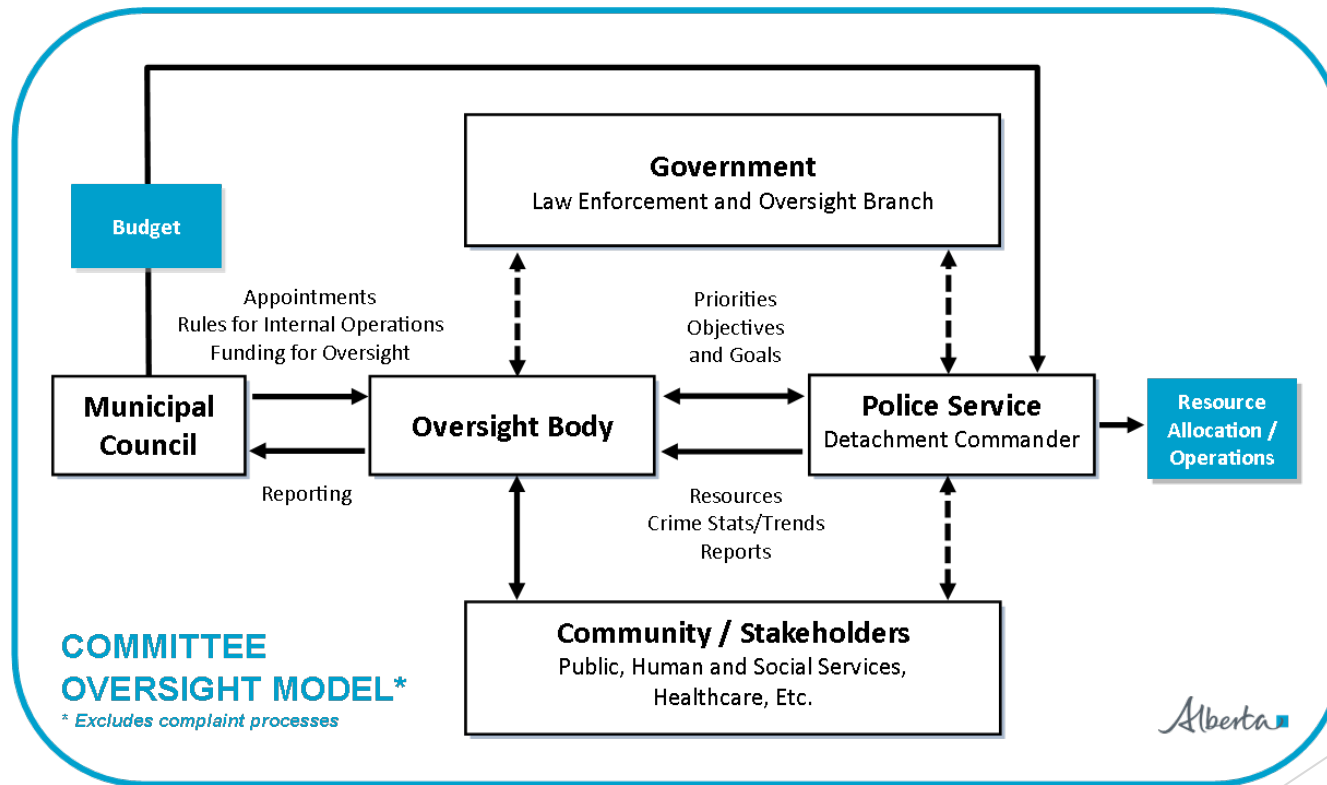
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# Purpose & Objectives

- ▶ The Policing Committee serves to “strike a balance between police independence to conduct investigations and maintain order without undue political or other influence, with the need for accountability to the public.”
- ▶ A Policing Committee also ensures for “efficient and effective policing and provides a local mechanism for receiving and monitoring public complaints against the police service.”


Ultimately, a Policing Committee acts 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 to accomplish these objectives.

# Policing Committee Oversight Model



# 2018 Annual Report Highlights

- ▶ Worked collaboratively to provide input into the 2018-19 Annual Policing Priorities
- ▶ Received quarterly reports and updates from the RCMP Officer-in-Charge on progress towards accomplishing these Community Policing Priorities
- ▶ Attended the Annual Alberta Association of Police Governance Conference in Lacombe, Alberta
- ▶ Reviewed and made recommendations on City of St. Albert Policy C-PS-02 Policing Services

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- ▶ Became organizational members of REACH Edmonton and the Alberta Hate Crimes Committee
  - ▶ Participated in consultations held by the Solicitor General of Alberta on revisions to the Police Act
  - ▶ Developed a “Communication and Public Participation Plan” to guide our community engagement activities
  - ▶ Developed Policing Committee public engagement materials, which included pop-up banners, business cards, and name tags for committee members

- ▶ Revised and maintained a public Policing Committee webpage ([www.stalbert.ca/spc](http://www.stalbert.ca/spc)), with agendas, minutes, reports, and contact information, which includes a dedicated phone number and email address
- ▶ Conducted a community policing priorities survey with Leger, which included
  - ▶ 12 2-hour Community Engagement Sessions hosted over 6 days
  - ▶ Survey Report informed development of 2019-20 APP

# What is the Annual Policing Priorities Plan (APP)?

- A detailed work plan that is developed to focus the proactive efforts of the local RCMP.
- The plan is jointly produced by the Policing Committee and the Officer-in-Charge, based on identified community safety needs and concerns.
- Top 3 priorities have been identified along with several goals, initiatives, and measurables for each priority.



# St. Albert Policing Priorities 2019/20

## Crime Reduction

**Objective:** Reduce theft, theft from vehicles, break and enter, and drugs in the community

## Community Policing

**Objective:** Work in partnership with St. Albert Policing Committee, social agencies, schools, and community to reduce crime and increase trust and confidence in policing

## Traffic Safety

**Objective:** Enhance road and citizen safety

\*Outcomes, initiatives, and measures are included for each objective and reported on quarterly.

# 2019/20 RCMP Policing Priority Reporting

- RCMP Officer in Charge reports progress on Priorities to the Policing Committee
- Quarterly statistical reporting
- Reports are made public through RCMP Media release and are linked on Policing Committee webpage

# 2019 Policing Committee Workplan Highlights

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

# For More Information:

- Reports are posted at:  
[www.stalbert.ca/city/eps/reports](http://www.stalbert.ca/city/eps/reports)
- Questions may be directed to:  
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