

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

Present

Mayor Heron
Councillor MacKay
K. Kalmbach
J. Raso
I. Sanderson
P. Specht
T. Walsh
K. Wells

Staff

Inspector R. Comaniuk, Officer in Charge, RCMP
D. Leflar, Director, Legal & Legislative Services
R. McDonald, Legislative Officer

Call to Order – D. Leflar

Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m. and the Acknowledgment Statement recognizing that we are on Treaty 6 Lands was completed by D. Leflar, Acting Chair.

Welcome & Introductions of new OIC and Committee Members – D. Leflar

D. Leflar welcomed new Policing Committee members, Ian Sanderson and Paul Specht, and new Officer in Charge, Inspector Ryan Comaniuk to the Committee. The Policing Committee members introduced themselves and welcomed new members and Officer in Charge to the Committee.

New Members Oath of Office – Mayor Heron

Mayor Heron administered the Oath of Office prescribed by the *Police Act* to the new Committee members Ian Sanderson and Paul Specht.

Election of Chair, Vice-Chair & Public Complaints Director – D. Leflar, Acting Chair

D. Leflar assumed the role of Chair and called for nominations for the position of Policing Committee Chair for the 2021 term. T. Walsh nominated K. Wells. K. Wells accepted the nomination. As no other members came forward, K. Wells was declared Chair by acclamation.

D. Leflar relinquished the Chair to K. Wells.

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Policing Committee for 2021. K. Wells nominated T. Walsh. T. Walsh accepted the nomination. As no other members came forward, T. Walsh was declared Vice-Chair by acclamation.

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Public Complaints Director of the Policing Committee for 2021. T. Walsh nominated K. Kalmbach. K. Kalmbach accepted the nomination. As no other members came forward, K. Kalmbach was declared Public Complaints Director by acclamation.

Committee Contact Information

Moved by T. Walsh

That the distribution of the Policing Committee members' contact information be shared with the Policing Committee members for the purpose of carrying out committee business pursuant to Part 2 the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Agenda

Hearing no objection, the Chair declared the January 26, 2021 Agenda adopted as presented.

Approval of Minutes

Hearing no objection, the Chair declared the Minutes of November 24, 2020 adopted as presented.

Conflict of Interest Declaration

No member declared a conflict.

Reports

Officer in Charge Report

Inspector Comaniuk provided a high level update to the Policing Committee members on the Officer-In-Charge Report and referenced the "St. Albert RCMP Quarterly Report: Q3 2020" of which was previously distributed to the Policing Committee members in the January 26, 2021 Agenda Package.

Members of the Policing Committee asked questions and discussed issues reported from Inspector Comaniuk's update. Issues highlighted included:

- Crime Reduction
- Enhance Public Confidence & Engagement
- Accountability to Stakeholders

Chair Report

The Chair provided an update to members of the Committee. Discussion among the Committee included:

- St. Albert Policing Priorities (APP) Survey Report
- Cultivate the Conversation – Policing Committee Project Report (Oct 2, 2020 – Jan 19, 2021)
- Annual Policing Priorities Survey results as of Jan 19, 2021
- Start draft of the 2021 Annual Policing Priorities to
- Importance of scheduling a meeting with Council, OIC and Policing Committee
- Importance of implementing proactive community policing

Public Complaint Director Report

Inspector Comaniuk commented for the benefit of new Public Complaint Director, K. Kalmbach's, that the RCMP has been successful of being able to deflect potential complaints trickling down to the PCD by resolving issues as they arise.

Administrative Report

D. Leflar, Director of Legal & Legislative Services offered the members of the Committee to answer any questions on behalf of Administration.

Input from the Public

J. Milne was in attendance on behalf of a newly formed Policing Committee in the Town of Innisfail. J. Milne attended the January 26th meeting as an observer only.

Public Engagement Subcommittee

The Chair provided a brief summary to the Committee on past public engagements and the role of the 2020 Public Engagement Subcommittee. The Chair opened up discussion around consideration and establishment of members interested in forming a Public Engagement Subcommittee for 2021.

Members provided comments, ideas and feedback moving forward into 2021.

Policy Manual Update

Inspector R. Comaniuk provided an update of the Policy Manual as it currently sits with the RCMP for review, which should be completed soon.

Committee Memberships

The Chair advised the members of current annual memberships coming up for renewal.

14.1 Renewal of Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) Membership

- \$100 Annual fee – paid January 2021

The Chair provided an update to the Committee on the Annual AAPG Conference scheduled for the spring of 2021 and participation will be virtual.

14.2 Renewal of Alberta Hate Crimes Committee (AHCC) Membership

- \$25 annual fee

Moved by J. Raso

That the Policing Committee request that the City renew the Alberta Hate Crimes Committee (AHCC) membership of \$25 to be paid from the Policing Committee Budget for 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee Member Inquiries

Councillor MacKay provided an update and information to the Committee regarding the following:

- January 18th, 2021 Community Growth & Infrastructure Standing Committee - agenda item: *Traffic Bylaw Amendments* Link to Community Growth & Infrastructure Standing Committee Agenda –*Bylaw 18/2005 Traffic Bylaw Amendments* agenda item:
<https://stalbert.ca.legistar.com/Gateway.aspx?M=LD&From=RSS&ID=21183&GUID=5A77541C-92CC-4A8D-942E-4A0BDC46A204>
- February 16, 2021 Council Meeting Public Hearing: Amendment to Traffic Bylaw 18/2005 Link to Transportation Network Speed Limit Review:
<https://stalbert.ca/cosa/participation/results/transportation-network-speed/>
- AUMA President's Summit on Policing – opportunity for Policing Committee members to attend Feb 4, 2021 or Feb 17, 2021

Next Meeting

Tuesday, Feb 23 @ 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Kristopher Wells

Kristopher Wells (Feb 23, 2021 21:04 MST)

CHAIR

Renee McDonald

Renee McDonald (Feb 24, 2021 08:10 MST)

DESIGNATED OFFICER