

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

Present

Councillor MacKay
K. Kalmbach
I. Sanderson
P. Specht
K. Wells (Chair)

Absent

T. Walsh (Vice Chair)
J. Raso

Staff

Inspector R. Comaniuk, Officer in Charge, RCMP
R. McDonald, Legislative Officer

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 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 and staff in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

Hearing no objection, the Chair declared the September 21, 2021 Agenda adopted as presented.

Approval of Minutes

Hearing no objection, the Chair declared the Minutes of June 29, 2021 adopted as presented.

Conflict of Interest Declaration

No member declared a conflict.

Reports

6.1 Officer in Charge Report

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

- 6.1.1 Q1 Report and Format
Inspector Comaniuk updated the Committee on the Quarter 1 RCMP Municipal Policing Report including a summary on the Community Consultations with Council on July 5, 2021, Community Priorities, Crime Statistics and Municipal Overview in Human Resources and Financials.
- 6.1.2 Crime Severity Index (CSI) Report
Inspector Comaniuk provided a summary of the St. Albert Municipal Detachment – 2020 Crime Severity Index (CSI) dated July 27, 2021 to the Committee.
- 6.1.3 St. Albert Municipal Crime Gauge
- 6.1.4 RCMP Regular Member Pay Raise Letter
Inspector Comaniuk and the Policing Committee members discussed the letter Mayor Heron received from the Commanding Officer of the Alberta RCMP regarding the new collective agreement that was signed August 6, 2021 for pay increases to the RCMP working in our community.

Councillor MacKay and I. Sanderson provided an update to the Committee regarding the Community Stakeholder meeting with Minister Madu July 15, 2021.

- 6.1.5 OIC Community Diversity Advisory Committee (CDAC) Update
Inspector Comaniuk provided details to the Committee on the upcoming meeting of the newly established Community Diversity Advisory Committee scheduled to meet virtually at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, September 23, 2021.

6.2 Chair Report

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

- 6.2.1 St. Albert Board Appreciation Event – August 31, 2021
The Chair updated the Committee on the St. Albert Board Appreciation Event that took place near Rivercrest along the Sturgeon River. A plaque has been permanently installed and proudly displayed in this greenspace along the river.
- 6.2.2 Edmonton Street Harassment Bylaw
The Chair and members of the Committee discussed the Edmonton Street Harassment Bylaw and the possibility of implementing a similar bylaw in St. Albert.

Moved by P. Specht

That the Policing Committee write a letter to Council to explore options of the development of a street harassment bylaw.

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- 6.2.3 Cannabis Business License Fees

The Chair and members of the Committee discussed the topic of Cannabis Business License Fees in our community.

- 6.2.4 Committee Membership and Evaluation

The Chair reminded members of the Policing Committee of their terms expiring at the end of this year. The Civic Agency Annual Intake will be underway late October / early November 2021.

The Chair advised the Committee of the upcoming Self Evaluations members of the Committee will be completing next month.

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.

6.4 Administrative Report

The Chair provided a Committee Budget update to the members of the Policing Committee. No further updates from Administration.

Input from the Public

There was no public input.

Community Engagement Subcommittee

The Chair provided an update on the Community Engagement Subcommittee on behalf of T. Walsh.

St. Albert Pride has been rescheduled to the spring of 2022.

Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) Conference Subcommittee

I. Sanderson provided an update for the Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) Conference Subcommittee to the members of the Policing Committee. A date and location for the 2022 Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) St. Albert Conference has been scheduled for:

April 29 & 30, 2022
Kinsmen Banquet Hall, St Albert
Best Western Hotel, St. Albert

Committee Member Inquiries / Updates

Councillor MacKay provided the members with an update on the Alberta Association of Policing Governance (AAPG) webinar both I. Sanderson and Councillor MacKay attended

The Policing Committee members and staff provided updates, discussed items of general interest, and gave final comments.

Next Meeting

Tuesday October 26, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

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

Kristopher Wells

Kristopher Wells (Nov 2, 2021 20:29 MDT)

CHAIR

Renee McDonald

Renee McDonald (Nov 2, 2021 20:55 MDT)

DESIGNATED OFFICER