

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

Present

Councillor MacKay - joined the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

K. Kalmbach

J. Raso

I. Sanderson

P. Specht

T. Walsh - Vice Chair

K. Wells - Chair

Staff

E. Cook, Director of Emergency Services / Fire Chief

Inspector R. Comaniuk, Officer in Charge, RCMP

R. McDonald, Legislative Officer

Guests

Cpl. C. McCarron, RCMP Sexual Assault Review Coordinator

Cpl. M. Kyle, RCMP Community Policing Supervisor

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:32 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 Cpl. McCarron, RCMP Sexual Assault Review Coordinator, to the Committee.

Cpl. McCarron provided a presentation on *Sexual Violence & Policing in Alberta* to the Policing Committee members. Some highlights of the presentation included:

- Overview of K Division Sexual Assault and Victim Support Strategy
- Police Training & Investigative Accountability
- Victim Support & Public Awareness
- Breakdown of Sexual Assault Occurrences in St. Albert
- RCMP Statistical Information on Sexual Assaults in St. Albert

The Committee members asked questions of Cpl. McCarron. Discussion topics included:

- Sexual assault against children and youth
- Pros and cons regarding social media
- Child abuse and victimization supports
- Me Too Movement <https://metoomvmt.org/>

Councillor MacKay joined the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

T. Walsh left the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Reports

6.4 Administrative Report

- 6.4.1 Review of Mental Health Supports for First Responders

E. Cooke, Director of Emergency Services / Fire Chief, provided an update to the members of the Policing Committee in regard to mental health supports for First Responders.

The Policing Committee members asked questions of E. Cooke and mental health services and support programs moving forward. Discussion topics included:

- Current Mental Health resources available for employees within the City of St. Albert
- Mental Health Resources – review of what is available and what is needed
- Implementation of an Anonymous Service
- Priority to post incident care
- Text4Hope app <https://mentalhealthfoundation.ca/text4hope/>

T. Walsh joined the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

E. Cooke left the meeting 7:35 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Hearing no objection, the Chair declared the December 7, 2021 Agenda adopted as presented.

Approval of Minutes

Hearing no objection, the Chair declared the Minutes of November 2, 2021 adopted as presented.

Conflict of Interest Declaration

No member declared a conflict.

Reports (con't)

6.1 Officer in Charge Report

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

- 6.1.1 Opioid Discussion

Highlights from the discussion included:

- Dec 6, 2021 Alberta Law Enforcement update noted a significant opioid spike from the previous weeks update.
- Digital Overdose Response System (DORS) <https://www.dorsapp.ca/>
The Digital Overdose Response System (DORS) app allows Albertans using opioids or other substances to summon emergency response to their location if they become unconscious.
- Lockzone / Naloxone kit – **Naloxone** is an opioid antidote and can reverse the potentially fatal effects of an overdose. Naloxone is effective against all opioids including: codeine, morphine, hydromorphone (Dilaudid), meperidine (Demerol), oxycodone (OxyContin), fentanyl, heroin, methadone, buprenorphine and others. Recommend adding a Lockzone kit to a regular first aid kit.

For more information: <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/opioids/naloxone.html>

- 6.1.2 Community Diversity Advisory Committee (CDAC) Update – Nov 24/21 Meeting
Inspector Comaniuk updated members of the Policing Committee on the second CDAC meeting that took place on November 24th. Highlights of the meeting included:

- Introduced the implementation to a draft the committees Terms of Reference Working on establishing a Vision and Objectives for the committee
- Next meeting to be scheduled early February
- Discussion around Equity Diversity & Inclusion (EDI)

6.2 Chair Report

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

- 6.2.1 Meeting with Council – Nov 15/21

Highlights of the presentation to Council included:

- Inspector Comaniuk and Dr. K. Wells presented a Policing Committee update, the RCMP Municipal Q2 Policing Report, and highlighted the upcoming AAPG Conference to Council at the November 15, 2021 City Council Meeting.

- 6.2.2 Committee Membership and Evaluation

Highlights from the outcome of the Committee Membership Evaluation included:

- New ideas needed for more community engagement
- Looking forward to return to in person meetings
- Improved orientation for new Policing Committee members
- More diverse committee representation
- Found value the guest speaker presentations through 2021
- Desire to continue the good working relationships with Council and RCMP

- 6.2.3 Edmonton Police Service (EPS) Satisfaction Survey Results

Highlights from the discussion included:

- Perspectives from Black, Indigenous, Racialized, and Underserved Communities
- Methodology
- Inclusion of diverse communities

Dr. Wells announced his retirement from the Policing Committee at the end of his 3rd Term expiring December 31, 2021.

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 (con't)

Councillor MacKay provided an update to the Committee of the successful Civic Agency Interviews that took place on Saturday November 27, 2021. Official announcement of the successful applicants will be made at the December 20, 2021 City Council Meeting.

Councillor MacKay also updated the Committee of the 2022 Budget meetings that were completed as of December 7, 2021 and will also be finalized at the December 20, 2021 City Council Meeting.

Input from the Public

There was no public input.

Community Engagement Subcommittee

T. Walsh provided updates to the committee on the Community Engagement Subcommittee. Highlights from the discussion included:

- 2022 St. Albert Farmers Market – waiting on dates
- Looking for other ideas from the Committee of low cost or no cost initiatives

Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) Conference Subcommittee

9.1 AAPG Conference, April 29 – 30, 2022

I. Sanderson provided an update on the Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) Conference Subcommittee to the members of the Policing Committee. Highlights from the discussion included:

- Starting to look at where Policing Committee volunteers will be needed to represent the St. Albert Policing Committee
- Draft program of the conference in the works

Committee Member Inquiries / Updates

No updates or inquiries from the committee.

Next Meeting

Tuesday January 18, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Todd Walsh

[Todd Walsh \(Jan 19, 2022 08:51 MST\)](#)

CHAIR

Renee McDonald

[Renee McDonald \(Jan 19, 2022 08:52 MST\)](#)

DESIGNATED OFFICER