



Minutes of the Olds Policing Advisory Committee (OPAC) meeting conducted electronically through ZOOM on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Present – Committee Members:

James Cummings, Tony Hammer, Michael Keeling-Barrand, Councillor Mary Anne Overwater, Councillor Heather Ryan, Jody Tomm, Marnie Williams.

Present – Staff:

S/Sgt. Jody Achtymichuk, Olds RCMP Detachment, Justin Andrew, Director of Protective Services. Jennifer Lutz, Meeting Facilitator and Recorder. Regrets: Sgt. Eric Christensen, Senior Community Peace Officer,

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mary Anne Overwater called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

A.) CALL FOR ADDED ITEM(S)

No items were added.

B.) ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Michael Keeling-Barrand, “to accept the OPAC agenda for Thursday, February 11, 2021, as presented”.

Motion Carried.

2. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Moved by James Cummings, “to accept the OPAC meeting minutes - January 11, 2021, as presented”.

Motion Carried.

3. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

A.) Olds RCMP Municipal Detachment 2020 Statistics

S/Sgt Jody Achtymichuk introduced himself as Acting Detachment Commander for retiring Olds RCMP Detachment Commander S/Sgt. Jim MacDonald. S/Sgt Jody Achtymichuk presented the Fourth Quarter Statistics and the 2020 Year End Statistics as contained in the agenda package to OPAC members and responded to questions.

Items/Questions noted by OPAC members:

- OPAC member shared that there was over a 200% increase in Mountain View Emergency Shelter usage which correlates with RCMP information presented regarding an increase cases of Spousal Abuse.
- A questioned was raised if there was an increase in Emergency Protection Orders and failing to comply issues.

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- A question was raised if OPAC could get a break down in Drug and Alcohol related Driving under the Influence.
- The committee was asked to think about statistics that would be helpful to the committee and let the RCMP know.
- Staffing – S/Sgt Jody will confirm staffing numbers at next RCMP update.

Moved by Michael Keeling-Barrand “to accept the Fourth Quarter Statistics and the 2020 Year End Statistics report from the Olds RCMP as information.”

Motion Carried.

B.) RCMP 2021 Annual Performance Plan

Every year the Olds Detachment reaches out to residents and businesses to help determine policing priorities for the community. Policing priorities ensure that in addition to responding to calls for service, members focus on the policing issues most important to the public.

As community engagement and serving as a liaison between the public and policing is a key function for the Olds Policing Advisory Committee and with current COVID-19 Public Health Measures in place, the RCMP requested assistance from the Town of Olds and OPAC to reach out to the public.

Last year’s priorities from the Town of Olds perspective was:

1. Police Visibility / Public Relations
2. Community Engagement
3. Property Crime Reduction

The 2020 RCMP Priorities included:

1. Reduce property crime
2. Build and maintain positive community engagement
3. Increase traffic safety with a focus on speed-related offences
4. Support employee wellness

It was noted the deadline of April 1, 2021 for this engagement is a tight turn-around and OPAC should re-look at engagement planning and strategies in the fall to create a more fulsome plan for community outreach for 2022 Policing Priorities.

For this year, J Lutz will create a survey and marketing plan for this project, in coordination with the RCMP. The results of the survey will be shared at the next OPAC meeting.

C.) Town of Olds Municipal Enforcement 4th Quarter Report – tabled

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES / UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A.) Community SWOT Analysis (Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities, Threats)

- A survey link was provided to capture committee insights regarding the SWOT.

Mary Anne Overwater reminded the committee that OPAC are public meetings and there may be times where a closed session is appropriate. It was mentioned a closed session can be called at any time and it would be good procedural practice moving into a closed section. This

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would be done in accordance to section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act to discuss matters exempt from disclosure under FOIP Section. It was noted when moving into a closed session, the reason needs listed. The list will be on-hand for the next meeting.

Moved by Michael Keeling-Barrand, "that the Olds Policing Advisory Committee move to closed session". The Committee moved into a closed Session 8:05 PM, all participants remained in the meeting.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Heather Ryan, "that the meeting reconvene to the regular committee meeting at 8:35 p.m."

Motion Carried.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A) **2021 AUMA President's Summit on Policing** – attended virtually by Mary Ann Overwater, Marnie Williams and Heather Ryan. *Reviewed Police Act* and Provincial Policing Advisory Board to look at Police Service delivery in Alberta.
- B) **Conferences/training** – AAPG will be hosted in Brooks. Mary Ann Overwater was approved to attend from her Council Training Budget. The conference registration fee is \$500 plus \$130 for Lodging. Mary Ann Overwater asked OPAC members if there was interest in attending.

James Cummings made a motion that the Committee Co-chair also attend this conference.

Motion Carried

C) Communication roll-out to public, OPAC intake process

Discussed OPAC information on the Olds.ca website and launch of the Communitypolicing@olds.ca inbox. Minutes and Agenda are listed on the site.

Discussed OPAC information going out in March Town of Olds Connector Newsletter that will be shared with the Committee prior to being released. J. Lutz to create contact list that can be shared eternally with OPAC members.

- D) **OPAC Draft Policy Manual** – Chairs met and revised the document removing references to Policing Committees which are legislated to carry out functions and processes that an advisory committee is not required to do. Additional feedback was provided and a new draft will be circulated prior to the next meeting.

6. ROUNDTABLE

Everyone was good, no further updates.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Michael Keeling-Barrand "that this meeting be adjourned at 9:15 p.m."

Motion Carried.

- A) Next Meeting Scheduled – March 18, 2021 (via ZOOM until further notice)

These minutes were approved on the eighteenth day of March 2021.

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#	Action Items:	Assigned To	Due Date	Closed
1	Create internal Membership list	Jennifer	Next Meeting	X
2	Roll out Community Engagement Opportunities for RCMP Policing Priorities	Jennifer/Jody	March 14, 2021	X
3	Share March Connector content with OPAC prior to release	Jennifer	March 2, 2021	X
4	Confirming Olds RCMP Detachment break down on rural versus urban staffing numbers	S/Sgt Achtymichuk	Next RCMP Update	
5	Revise Policy Manual and Circulate	Jennifer	Next Meeting	X
5	Re-look at engagement planning and strategies for Policing Priorities in the fall	All	Fall	