

St. Albert Policing Committee

Annual Report to Council and Community 2022



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RECOMMENDATION

That the St. Albert Policing Committee's 2022 Annual Report be accepted as information.

MEMBERSHIP (JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2022)

Police Committee members 2022

Todd Walsh	Chair
Ian Sanderson	Vice Chair
Kristin Kalmbach	Public Complaints Director
Jim Raso	Citizen Member
Paul Specht	Citizen Member
Krimsen Sumners	Citizen Member

Council Representation

Councillor MacKay was appointed as the primary council representative. Mayor Heron serves as an ex-officio member and Alternate Council Representative.

City Administration Representation

The following individuals provided representation on behalf of City Administration:

Everett Cook, Director Emergency Services / Fire Chief

Grace Magyar, Legislative Officer

RCMP Representation

Inspector Ryan Comaniuk provided representation on behalf of the local RCMP detachment.

St. Albert Policing Committee Year-End Report - 2022

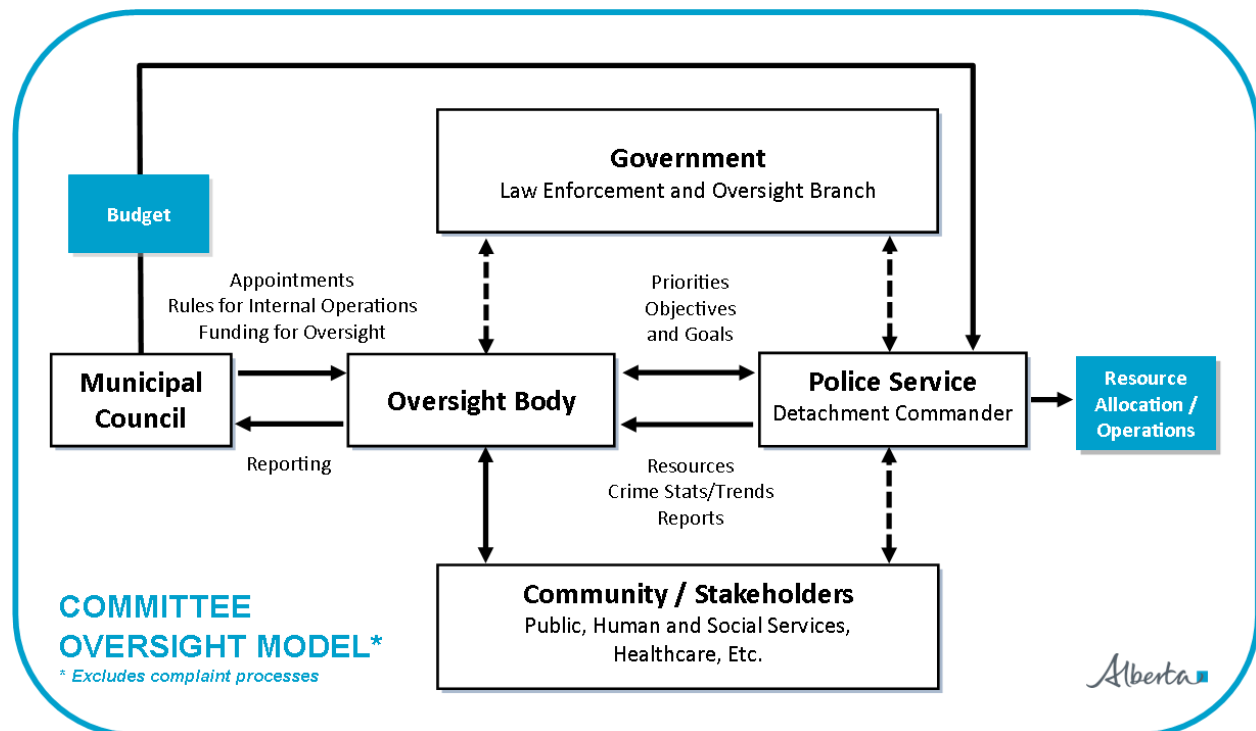
Introduction

The St. Albert Policing Committee, founded by City Council in 2017 and officially operational since January 2018, continues to fulfill its vital role. The committee's purpose is to strike a delicate balance between the independence of the RCMP and its accountability to the community. This is achieved through increased transparency, community input, and the removal of political interference perceptions. Our overarching mission remains the creation of a secure and responsible community, acting as a bridge between City Council, the RCMP Detachment, and St. Albert residents.

Committee Responsibilities

The St. Albert Policing Committee, established under the St. Albert Policing Committee Bylaw 28/2017, was reaffirmed in April 2019 by Bylaw 13/2019. The committee's responsibilities encompass the duties outlined in Section 23 of the Police Act and any additional obligations set forth by the Solicitor General of Alberta. This includes compliance with the Oversight Standard and delegation of municipal duties per the Municipal Policing Services Agreement (MPSA).

The following graphic provides an overview of the Policing Committee / RCMP Oversight Model as developed by the Ministry of Justice and Solicitor General of Alberta.



Policing Committee 2022 Priorities

The St. Albert Policing Committee reconfirmed our commitment to the following 6 key priorities for 2022:

Priority 1: Supporting Ongoing Committee Operations in Consultation with the Community

Priority 2: Increasing Awareness of the Public Complaint Director (PCD) Position

Priority 3: Working with the RCMP Officer in Charge on Policing Priorities

Priority 4: Supporting Committee Member Development

Priority 5: Engaging the Public on Policing Matters

Priority 6: Collaborating with City Council and Community Organizations

Policing Committee 2022 Priorities – Status Update

Priority 1: Supporting Ongoing Committee Operations in Consultation with the Community

In line with our commitment to transparency and community involvement, our first priority was to develop and approve the 2022 Policing Committee Annual Work Plan. This plan has been approved by the committee and was shared with City Council and the public upon completion. The work plans helps guide our committed members to achieve our goals for the year. Additionally, we delivered the St. Albert Policing Committee Annual Report for 2021 to City Council. To maintain our effectiveness, we continually review the committee's Policy and Procedure Manual.

Priority 2: Increasing Awareness of the Public Complaint Director (PCD) Position

We have actively supported the public complaints and facilitation process through ongoing assistance to the PCD. Collaborating closely with the RCMP Officer in Charge, we ensure the smooth operation of the PCD. Our efforts to communicate the role and function of the PCD to the public include reporting its establishment in the St. Albert Gazette and community groups.

Priority 3: Working with the RCMP Officer in Charge on Policing Priorities

Our committee played a pivotal role in providing community-identified annual policing priorities to the St. Albert RCMP Officer in Charge. Additionally, we approved the RCMP 2022/2023 Annual Performance Plan (APP) and communicated the APP to the community, thereby ensuring alignment with local needs.

Priority 4: Supporting Committee Member Development

To maintain a skilled and capable committee, we coordinated mandatory and suggested education/training sessions and security clearances for new and continuing members. This included orientation and participation in relevant conferences and events, like the Alberta Association of Police Governance Conference (AAPG) and Government of Alberta Police Committee training.

Priority 5: Engaging the Public on Policing Matters

Community engagement has been a core focus. Our goal was to host a community town hall in partnership with the RCMP Officer in Charge and continued public outreach efforts to enhance the visibility of the Policing Committee. However, due to COVID restriction, we were unable to host a date, but plan to in the 2023. Our online presence through the Policing Committee Webpage and Cultivate the Conversation project page ensures regular updates and information sharing, but needs to be revisited and updated. In-person participation in local events like the Farmer's Market, and various festivals has allowed us to connect with the community.

Priority 6: Collaborating with City Council and Community Organizations

The committee actively participated in presentations to City Council alongside the RCMP Officer in Charge, fostering quarterly engagement. We also forged connections with city citizen committees and community and non-profit groups to address public safety and security issues. We consistently reviewed and renewed annual committee organizational memberships and engaged in community stakeholder working groups and events.

RCMP Annual Policing Priorities

The St. Albert Policing Committee approved and express our commitment to support the following RCMP Annual Policing Priorities for 2022/2023:

1. Crime Reduction
2. Mental Health and Vulnerable Communities
3. Domestic Violence and Assaults

These priorities, which were shared with City Council, included objectives, outcomes, initiatives, and where possible key evaluative measures.

In conclusion, the St. Albert Policing Committee remains steadfast in its mission to create a safe and secure community through increased transparency, accountability, and community involvement. The year 2022 saw significant progress toward these goals, and we look forward to continuing our efforts in the years to come. The St. Albert Policing Committee would also like to thank the City Council and the City of St. Albert Administration team for continuing to support Committee operations. We also would like extend our most sincere appreciation to RCMP Inspector Ryan Comaniuk, for his work and commitment to this committee and the City of St. Albert.

APPENDIX A

St. Albert Policing Committee

2022 Annual Operating Budget Report

2022 Approved Operating Budget Total

\$20,000.00

Actual Expenses

Other Travel & General Expenses

\$ 883.98

Advertising & Promotion

\$ 390.00

Total Expenses

\$ 1,273.98

Appendix B

St. Albert Policing Committee 2022 Work Plan Progress

Priority 1: Support ongoing operations of the St. Albert Policing Committee in consultation with our community

Objective	Task	Progress
Develop and approve the 2022 Policing Committee Annual Work Plan and communicate it to Council and the Community	Work Plan approved by Policing Committee	Completed
	Committee to share with City Council and post publicly when complete	Completed
Create and approve the St. Albert Policing Committee Annual Report to Council	Final Annual Report (for 2021) delivered to City Council	Completed
Finalize the St. Albert Policing Committee Policy and Procedure Manual	Committee Policy and Procedure Manual to be revised on an ongoing basis	Completed

Priority 2: Increase awareness about the Public Complaint Director (PCD) position

Objective	Task	Progress
Provide support for the public complaints and facilitation process	PCD position filled	Ongoing
Continue to liaise with RCMP Officer in Charge to support operations of the PCD	Facilitate complaint process and awareness	Ongoing
Ongoing communication about the PCD role and function to public	Establishment of position reported in St. Albert Gazette	Ongoing

Priority 3: Work with the RCMP Officer in Charge on setting and approving the 2021/2022 Annual Policing Priorities (APP)

Objective	Task	Progress
Provide the St. Albert RCMP Officer In Charge with community identified annual policing priorities	Committee to develop and share with Officer In Charge	Completed
Approve the RCMP 2022/2023 APP	Chair to sign acknowledgment of consultation on behalf of Committee	Completed
Communicate the RCMP 2022/2023 APP to the community	Committee to share 2022/2023 AAP with City Council and post publicly	Ongoing

Priority 4: Support committee member training, orientation, and ongoing professional development

Objective	Task	Progress
Coordinate and ensure all new and continuing committee members have completed mandatory and suggested education/training sessions and security clearances	Complete GOA Police Committee training program	Completed
Support ongoing professional development for committee members	Attend (virtually) the Alberta Association of Police Governance Conference (AAPG)	Completed
	Support committee participation in other policing/community safety conferences, workshops, and events, as appropriate	Completed

Priority 5: Engage public on policing matters generally and to supplement planning for 2022/2023 policing priorities

Objective	Task	Progress
Host a community town hall in partnership with RCMP Officer in Charge	To be determined	To be determined
Continue public engagement to raise the profile and visibility of the Policing Committee with local citizens, agencies, boards, businesses, and diverse communities in accordance with Provincial standards	Joint meetings held with St. Albert Youth	Completed
Ongoing information sharing as part of Policing Committee Webpage and Cultivate the Conversation project page	Content is regularly updated and maintained	In progress and redevelopment
Participate in local public engagement opportunities (e.g., Farmer's Market, Volunteer Fair, Trade Show, Council in Park, community events,	TO be completed throughout the year	Completed - 1 community event, Farmer's Market

festivals, etc.), as safe and appropriate		
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Priority 6: Collaborate with City Council, community and non-profit organizations

Objective	Task	Progress
Participate in presentations to City Council with RCMP Officer In Charge	Occurs on quarterly basis	Ongoing
Connect and collaborate with other city citizen committees and community and non-profit groups in relation to public safety and security	Participate and host joint meetings when feasible	In progress for development
Hosting the 2022 Alberta Association of Police Governance Conference in St. Albert	Support APGC as needed	Completed - April 2022
Review and renew annual committee organizational memberships	Ongoing as renewals occur or new opportunities arise	Completed and ongoing
Host and attend community stakeholder working groups and events	Participate and host joint meetings when feasible	In progress
Collaborate with other community groups/organizations as opportunities arise	Participate and host joint meetings when feasible	In progress