

ST. ALBERT POLICING COMMITTEE 2021 WORK PLAN

The St. Albert Policing Committee was established by City Council in 2017 and began formal operations in January 2018. The purpose of the Committee is to maintain a proper balance between the independence and authority of the RCMP and accountability to the community and civilian authority through community input, increased transparency regarding policing operations, removal of political interference perceptions, and assistance with dealing with local complaints.

Ultimately, a Policing Committee is designed to serve as an important liaison between City Council, the RCMP Detachment, and City residents to foster responsible community actions towards the creation of a safe and secure community. We also receive and share information with Municipal Policing Services to accomplish these objectives.

The St. Albert Policing Committee Responsibilities

The St. Albert Policing Committee is a legislative body that was established under the St Albert Policing Committee Bylaw 28/2017. In April of 2019, Bylaw 13/2019 reaffirmed that the Committee is responsible for:

“The duties, functions and responsibilities set out in Section 23 of the Police Act and such additional duties, functions and responsibilities as may be prescribed from time to time by the Solicitor General of Alberta under the authority of Section 3.1 of the Police Act, including anything the Committee is empowered or required to do pursuant to the Oversight Standard.”

“The duties, functions and responsibilities of a municipality outlined in Article 7.0 and Article 8.0 of the MPSA are delegated to the Committee to the extent of and pursuant to the language set out in clause R.R. 4.1 of the Oversight Standard.”

Our Priorities for 2021

1. Support ongoing operations of the St. Albert Policing Committee in consultation with our community
2. Increase awareness about the Public Complaint Director (PCD) position
3. Work with the RCMP Officer in Charge on setting and approving the 2021/2022 Annual Policing Priorities
4. Support committee member training, orientation and ongoing professional development
5. Engage public on policing matters generally and to supplement planning for 2021/2022 policing priorities
6. Collaborate with City Council, community, and non-profit organizations

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

Objectives :

- a. Develop and approve the 2021/22 Policing Committee Annual Work Plan and communicate it to Council and the Community

Status:

- i. Work Plan approved by Policing Committee
- ii. Committee to share with City Council and post publicly when complete

- b. Create and approve the St. Albert Policing Committee Annual Report to Council

Status:

- i. Final Annual Report (for 2020) delivered to City Council

- c. Finalize the St. Albert Policing Committee Policy and Procedure Manual

Status:

- i. Committee Policy and Procedure Manual to be revised on an ongoing basis

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

Objectives:

- a. Provide support for the public complaints and facilitation process

Status:

- i. PCD position filled
- b. Continue to liaise with RCMP Officer in Charge to support operations of the PCD

Status:

- i. Facilitate complaint process and awareness
- c. Ongoing communication about the PCD role and function to public

Status:

- i. Establishment of position reported in St. Albert Gazette

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

Objectives:

- a. Provide the St. Albert RCMP Officer In Charge with community identified annual policing priorities

Status:

- i. Committee to develop and share with Officer In Charge
- b. Approve the RCMP 2021/2022 APP

Status:

- i. Chair to sign acknowledgment of consultation on behalf of Committee
- c. Communicate the RCMP 2021/2022 APP to the community

Status:

- i. Committee to share 2021/2022 APP with City Council and post publicly

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

Objectives:

- a. Coordinate and ensure all new and continuing committee members have completed mandatory and suggested education/training sessions and security clearances

Status:

- i. Fall orientation provided by City for new Boards and Committees
- ii. Usual orientation activities have been delayed due to COVID restrictions

- b. Support ongoing professional development for committee members

Status:

- i. Attend (virtually) the Alberta Association of Police Governance Conference (AAPG) & Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) Policing Summit
- ii. Support committee participation in other policing/community safety conferences, workshops, and events, as appropriate

- c. Engage in Committee Self-Evaluation

Status:

- i. Survey distributed to Committee members

Priority 5: Engage public on policing matters generally and to supplement planning for 2021/2022 policing priorities

Objectives:

- a. Host a community town hall in partnership with RCMP Officer in Charge

Status:

- i. To be completed in Fall 2021

- b. 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

Status:

- i. Joint meetings held with St. Albert Youth and Seniors Committees

- c. Ongoing information sharing as part of Policing Committee Webpage and Cultivate the Conversation project page

Status:

- i. Content is regularly updated and maintained

- d. Participate in local public engagement opportunities (e.g., Farmer's Market, Volunteer Fair, Trade Show, Council in Park, community events, festivals, etc.), as safe and appropriate

Status:

- i. delayed due to COVID restrictions

Priority 6: Collaborate with City Council, community and non-profit organizations

Objectives:

- a. Participate in presentations to City Council with RCMP Officer In Charge

Status:

- i. Occurs on quarterly basis

- b. Connect and collaborate with other city citizen committees and community and non-profit groups in relation to public safety and security

Status:

- i. Ongoing basis as safe to do so

- c. Support the planning and hosting of the 2022 Alberta Association of Police Governance Conference in St. Albert

Status:

- i. Create subcommittee to support planning

- d. Review and renew annual committee organizational memberships

Status:

- i. Ongoing as renewals occur or new opportunities arise

- e. Host and attend community stakeholder working groups and events

Status:

- i. Ongoing basis

- f. Collaborate with other community groups/organizations as opportunities arise

Status:

- i. Participate and host joint meetings when feasible

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