

## **ST. ALBERT POLICING COMMITTEE 2026/27 WORK PLAN**

The St. Albert Policing Committee was established by City Council in 2017 and began operations in January 2018. The initial purpose of the Committee was 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.

Since then, there have been several updates to the mandate through:

- St Albert Policing Committee Bylaw 28/2017
- St Albert Policing Committee Bylaw 13/2019
- St Albert Policing Committee Bylaw 1/2025

### **The St. Albert Policing Committee Duties and Responsibilities**

Bylaw 1/2025 was established to ensure that the City was acting as required by the recent amendments to the Municipal Government Act (RSA 2000, c M-26), the Police Act (RSA 2000, c P-17) and its regulations - Alberta Regulation 156/2024, **and** the Municipal Police Service Agreement (MPSA) dated April 1, 2012.

The Committee is responsible for:

- a) overseeing the administration of the MPSA;
- b) representing the interests and concerns of the public and of the Council to the Officer in Charge;
- c) developing a yearly plan of priorities and strategies for municipal policing in consultation with the Officer in Charge;
- d) developing a community safety plan in conjunction with the local RCMP detachment and Mayor, including a plan for collaboration between the community and community agencies,
- e) providing the community safety plan annually, or on request, to the Minister;
- f) assisting in the selection of the Officer in Charge;
- g) reporting annually, or on request, to the Minister on the implementation of and updates to programs and services to achieve the priorities of the police service; and
- h) as otherwise provided in the Police Act.

The implementation of the new Regulations and the Police Act revisions will be a major focus of the Policing Committee in 2026.

## **Our Priorities for 2026**

1. Finalize administrative requirements for the St. Albert Policing Committee
2. Work with the RCMP Officer in Charge on setting and approving the 2026/2027 RCMP objectives, priorities, and goals
3. Complete committee member orientation, training and enhance professional development including those members appointed by the Province of Alberta.
4. Engage public on general policing matters and assist in planning for 2026/2027 policing priorities.
5. Collaborate with community and non-profit organizations to establish or confirm the St. Albert community safety plan.

### **Priority 1: Finalize administrative requirements for the St. Albert Policing Committee**

Objectives:

**a. Update and approve the 2026/27 Policing Committee Annual Work Plan and communicate it to Council and the Community**

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

**b. Prepare and approve the St. Albert Policing Committee Annual Report to Council and Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services (PSES)**

- i. I Annual Reports (for 2025) delivered to City Council

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

- i. Committee Policy and Procedure Manual to be approved

**d. Develop and approve the position profile for Community Liaison role and responsibilities**

- i. Submit profile to PSES for approval
- ii. Public advertising of role and start of complaint intake option

**e. Review, discuss, and provide recommendations or comments to Council related to changes to the Council Policy on Policing Services and the Policing Committee Bylaw 01/2025**

**Priority 2: Work with the RCMP Officer in Charge on setting and approving the 2026/27 RCMP objectives, priorities, and goals**

Objectives:

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

- i. Committee to develop and share with Officer in Charge

**b. Approve the RCMP 2026/2027 Annual Performance Plan**

- i. Chair to sign acknowledgment of consultation

**c. Communicate the RCMP 2026/2027 Annual Performance Plan (APP) to the community**

- i. Committee to present 2026/2027 APP to City Council and post publicly

**Priority 3: Complete committee member training, orientation, and ongoing professional development**

Objectives:

**a. Coordinate and ensure all new and continuing committee members have completed mandatory PSES and suggested education/training sessions**

**b. Support ongoing professional development for committee members**

- i. Attend the Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) Conference
- ii. Support committee participation in other policing conferences, workshops, Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) webinars and events, as appropriate

**Priority 4: Engage public and stakeholders on policing matters generally and supplement planning for 2026/2027 policing priorities and the Community Safety plan.**

Objectives:

**a. 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**

**b. Public Engagement at as many of the following as is practical/possible:**

- i. St. Albert Farmer's Market (Spring/Summer)
- ii. Lifestyle Expo
- iii. City Hall Foyer (in conjunction with other public events)
- iii. Public Safety Open House
- iv. Servus Place 'Volunteer Fair'

- v. Other opportunities as they become apparent

**c. Examine uses of social media as a community engagement strategy**

**Priority 5: Collaborate with community and non-profit organizations**

Objectives:

- a. Renew membership with AAPG
- b. Renew membership with CAPG, and include bulk purchase of the webinar series
- c. Renew membership with Alberta Hate Crimes Committee
- d. Attend stakeholder working groups and events
- e. Collaborate with other City Committees
- f. Collaborate with other community groups as opportunities arise

**Other Planned Activities**

The below activities are not identified as 2026 priorities, but are items that the committee will endeavour to work on. Both are intended to supplement basic expectations as defined in the revised 'policy manual'.

- a. Review, discuss, and provide recommendations to City Administration, Council and the RCMP on issues that arise and affect service delivery or public trust or confidence in the policing of St Albert.
- b. Discuss and confirm the number and types of policing reports that are produced and communicated to the public, Policing Committee, and Council. Current reporting includes, Annual Policing Report, Quarterly RCMP Annual Performance Plan reports, Annual RCMP School Resource and Community Policing Report, and Quarterly reports to Council as well as media releases and specific information requests as needed.

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