



CITY OF  
FORT SASKATCHEWAN

**Request for Decision  
Regular Council Meeting – May 14, 2024**

**RCMP Annual Policing Priorities 2024-2025**

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**Motion:**

That Council adopt three strategic priorities for April 2024 to March 2025, as outlined in the RCMP Annual Performance Plan Year End Report, being:

1. Traffic Safety
2. Police Community Relations – Police Visibility
3. Crime Reduction: Property Crime – Theft.

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the year-end results on the 2023-2024 Annual Policing Priorities (APP) as outlined in Appendix “A”. This report summarizes the results of the initiatives and efforts of the RCMP against the objectives of the past year’s APP. Inspector Barry LaRocque will present the proposed 2024-2025 RCMP APP for Council’s consideration.

**Background:**

The Municipal Police Service Agreement empowers a municipality to work with its police agency to set annual priorities, goals and objectives provided these are also aligned with the priorities of the RCMP. These priorities underscore Fort Saskatchewan RCMP’s dedication to ensuring the safety and well-being of our community.

The Officer in Charge collaboratively develops these priorities through public consultations, the RCMP Town Hall, the policing survey, and the Policing Committee’s input. This approach ensures our policing priorities are informed by community feedback and a thorough analysis of crime data and trends. The Fort Saskatchewan RCMP have demonstrated exceptional service by deploying dedicated Officers who actively engage with the community, participated in community events and cultivate positive relationships, thereby promoting community safety in Fort Saskatchewan.

The 2023 – 2024 Annual Policing Priorities were:

1. Traffic Safety
2. Police Community Relations – Enhancing Police Visibility
3. Crime Reduction: Focusing on Property Crime and Theft.

## **Summary Analysis:**

### 2023-2024 RCMP Policing Priorities

The Fort Saskatchewan RCMP creates an Annual Policing Plan to ensure that in addition to responding to calls for service, members are focusing on issues identified by the public as important. The RCMP implements intelligence-led strategies, enhanced police visibility and fostering community partnerships to achieve the goals set out in the Policing Plan.

Council can find a detailed accounting of the RCMP Annual Policing Priorities in “Appendix A”. Overall, most of the targets were attained or exceeded during the fiscal year (FY) of the Annual Performance Plan. Targets that were not achieved were extremely close to the goal set.

### New 2024-2025 Policing Priorities

What we heard through the community engagement is that overall crime reduction is the most important priority which includes property crime, substance abuse, domestic violence, and concerns for incidents involving youth in the community. Traffic Safety is top of mind for residents with speeding and bylaw enforcement as one of the areas of focus.

The RCMP are recommending continuing with the same priorities for 2024-2025 to build on the initiatives and work being done in the community. These priorities are reflective of what we heard from community engagement.

The proposed 2024-2025 Annual Policing Priorities are:

1. Traffic Safety
2. Police Community Relations – Police Visibility
3. Crime Reduction: Property Crime – Theft.

## **Financial Implications:**

There are no financial implications to this request.

## **Internal/External Impacts:**

The RCMP works closely with Municipal Enforcement Services on the delivery of public safety services in the community. The community benefits from having a dedicated RCMP Detachment responding to calls for service and emergencies, deterring crime and improving overall safety in the community.

## **Diversity Impacts:**

Protective Services is dedicated to fostering an environment where all individuals, regardless of their background, identity, or lived experiences, feel valued, respected, and empowered. By embracing diversity, we enrich our organization and enhance our ability to effectively serve and protect the communities we are entrusted to serve.

