

CITY OF FORT SASKATCHEWAN

Annual Police Priorities Policing Year April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2016

Motion:

That Council approve the Annual Police Priorities for the policing year April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016.

Purpose:

Earlier this year, members of Council received information and a feedback form to assist in the setting of Annual Police Priorities (APPs) for the City of Fort Saskatchewan. Based on this information the Officer-in-Charge developed four APPs, which were also aligned with that of the Provincial Minister who has directed a focus on Crime Reduction for the 2015/2016 police year.

The Officer-in-Charge conducted consultation with City Council, the Policing Committee, business community, community partners and community groups related to policing concerns and priorities. Information received during the consultation process was incorporated into the development of the APPs. This year's recommended priorities are consistent with last year's, indicating that these priorities continue to be areas of concern for our community.

The four recommended APPs (in no particular order) are:

- Traffic Safety (education/enforcement);
- Substance Abuse (education/enforcement);
- Crime Prevention (youth, seniors, domestic violence, businesses); and
- Crime Reduction (habitual offenders/problem areas) – provincially set priority

A comprehensive report on the recommended priorities for 2015/2016 is attached as Appendix "B".

Although not included as a stand-alone APP, domestic violence will be included in our Crime Prevention priority and reported on quarterly. The focus will be to bring awareness and education to the community in partnership with community groups, such as Families First Society.

Police visibility is addressed through each of the identified priorities, as well as attendance at various community events and enforcement activities.

Each initiative will have measurable targets, and results will be reported to Council. Emerging issues may be brought forward at any time throughout the year and may be built into these priorities or addressed separately.

Background:

Annual Police Priorities serve to set the direction for enhanced police activities. As outlined in the Municipal Police Service agreement, the City may set annual priorities, goals and objectives for the police service. In Fort Saskatchewan, Council sets the policing priorities based on information from the Officer-in-Charge, Provincial Justice and Solicitor General Minister, Policing Committee, business

community, community groups and community partners to ensure all concerns and issues are considered. APPs are set for the police year which runs April 1 to March 31. Initiatives to support each APP are developed, and the progress on these initiatives is reported to Council. The final report for the 2014/2015 Annual Police Priorities is attached to this report as Appendix "A". You will note that significant results were achieved in each priority which contributes to the overall safety of our community.

Although the APPs are police priorities, often the initiatives are achieved through a team effort of the RCMP, Municipal Enforcement and community partners. The RCMP enforces some City bylaws in the course of their duties, such as being in the park after hours and fighting in a public place. Many investigations may overlap both the RCMP and Municipal Enforcement functions.

The setting of APPs is an RCMP structured operational plan for all detachments. Progress and success in these priorities are included in the performance measures considered in annual detachment reviews. The Provincial Minister of Justice and Solicitor General may also direct APPs; the provincial directive of Crime Reduction has been included in the recommended APPs for this year.

Plans/Standards/Legislation:

- The recommended police priorities contribute to Goal Three of the Strategic Plan, "to foster a livable and safe community".
- Community Sustainability Plan - the goal of a Compassionate Community and Sense of Community includes an initiative to ensure all members of the community feel safe. Each of the recommended APPs contributes to the success of this goal.

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications from identifying APPs.

Internal Impacts:

There will be no impact on staff capacity from this recommendation. The police positions approved through the 2015 Budget will serve to enhance the success in each of these identified priority areas.

Alternatives:

1. That Council approve the Annual Police Priorities for the policing year April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016.
2. That Council not approve the Annual Police Priorities for the policing year April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016, and advise how they wish to proceed.

Recommendation:

That Council approve the Annual Police Priorities for the policing year April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016.

Enclosures:

Appendix "A": RCMP Annual Police Priorities Final Report - 2014/2015 Police Year

Appendix "B": RCMP Annual Police Priorities Proposed for the 2015/2016 Police Year

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