

CITY OF FORT SASKATCHEWAN

RCMP 2016/2017 Annual Performance Plan Priorities

Motion:

That Council approve the three recommended RCMP 2016/2017 Annual Performance Plan priorities as identified in the May 24, 2016 Council Report.

Purpose:

To request Council approval of the recommended RCMP 2016/2017 Annual Performance Plan priorities.

Background:

The Municipal Police Service Agreement empowers a municipality to work with its police agency to set annual priorities, goals and objectives. These form the foundation of an Annual Performance Plan (APP) produced by the RCMP and define the priorities for the upcoming year. Through quarterly reporting, the APP will be used to measure the performance of the Detachment and its Officer in Charge.

The APP priorities incorporate Council feedback along with input from the Director of Protective Services, Policing Committee, community groups and partner agencies (i.e. Building Bridges, Chamber of Commerce and Eastgate Business Park business owners group).

The recommended APP priorities are consistent with those of the RCMP and Alberta's Provincial Justice & Solicitor General Minister.

In no particular order, the APP priorities are:

- to improve traffic safety (includes education, enforcement and engineering activities)
- to reduce substance abuse (includes education and enforcement activities)
- to reduce crime frequency and severity (includes focus on domestic abuse, habitual offenders, crime prevention, and improved quality and timeliness of investigations related activities). 'K' Division has made this a Divisional priority.

Each priority includes two or more objectives and a number of activities and performance measures. Objectives and activities are assigned to individual "owners" to ensure proper follow-through occurs and are expected to enhance police visibility and accountability. Priorities are tracked and reported on a quarterly basis.

The APP can accommodate emerging issues that arise throughout the year.

Topic Identification/Outcomes:

APP priorities are intended to reduce the greatest risks of harm to our community, whether physical, social, emotional, economical or reputational. The recommended priorities, and a description of each, are as follows:

1. Improving Traffic Safety – careless or hazardous operation of motor vehicles puts other roadway users at risk. Traffic collisions directly and indirectly affect communities through injury, lost productivity and emergency responder or other costs. This priority contributes to the safety of motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians on roadways, pathways and trails.

Four objectives support this priority: reducing the number and severity of injuries and property damage collisions; enhancing traffic education; identifying and removing impaired

drivers from our roadways; and identifying and sharing engineering related concerns with our Infrastructure Department to help improve roadway safety.

2. Reducing Substance Abuse – substance abuse negatively affects communities by contributing to family and social disorder. Illicit drug use is linked to crime, organized crime and criminality.

Two objectives support this priority: reducing possession of illegal drugs and trafficking; and reducing illegal tobacco use and distribution.

3. Reducing Crime and Crime Severity – crimes impact individuals, families and businesses.

Five objectives support this priority: reducing the number and severity of crimes against persons; reducing the number of property crimes; enhancing the monitoring of habitual offenders; improving the quality and timeliness of criminal investigations; and enhancing crime prevention.

While domestic abuse is not a stand-alone priority, it is strongly emphasized within this priority. Reducing incidences of domestic abuse continues to be a Division priority and will be addressed through education, enforcement and crime prevention activities. Our Detachment will continue to work in partnership with community groups such as the Fort Saskatchewan Families First Society.

Policy/Council Priorities:

The development and approval of APP priorities supports Goals One and Three of the 2014-17 Strategic Plan by contributing “to our community as a preferred location to live, work and play” and fostering “a livable and safe community.”

Community Sustainability Plan:

The APP priorities contribute to a safe and welcoming community, Principle A in the Community Sustainability Plan Update (2014).

Intergovernmental Involvement:

Fort Saskatchewan's RCMP Annual Performance Plan priorities support Federal and Provincial police priorities.

External Communications/Participation:

Following Council approval, priorities will be submitted to the RCMP's Central Alberta District, on record as the APP priorities for the Detachment. They will also be widely communicated within the Detachment for implementation by the members. The APP priorities will be shared with the community through media and during group and/or partner agency meetings.

Recommendation:

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Enclosures:

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