



Minutes of the public meeting of the Altona Police Board held on Tuesday, February 24th, 2015 at 12:00 noon in the Town of Altona Council Chambers.

Present were: Chair Kevin Bell, Vice Chair Leanne Braun, Terry Wiebe, Donna Rosling-Wolters, Chief Perry Batchelor and Delores Loewen.

Regrets: Archie Heinrichs.

Gallery: Mike Tarnick.

1. Call to order
Chair Kevin Bell called the meeting to order at the appointed time.

2. Approval of the Strategic Planning Session Minutes

MOTION: Donna Rosling-Wolters – Terry Wiebe –moved to approve the 2015 Strategic Planning Session minutes as circulated.

CARRIED.

- 2.1 2015 Strategic Plan

MOTION: Terry Wiebe – Donna Rosling-Wolters – moved to approve the 2015 Strategic Plan as presented.

CARRIED.

3. Chair's Report –
 - 3.1 Chair Kevin Bell and Chief Batchelor will be presenting the 2015 proposed budget to the Town of Altona Council today at 4:45 p.m.
4. Chief's report – November, December and January 2015
Chief Perry Batchelor reviewed the Altona Police Service November, December and January 2015 activity reports:
 - All Officers have now completed the Use of Force training and are all current.

- The past few months both communities have been busy, well over 300 files have been opened.
- At a recent meeting with the Minister of Justice discussions were held on the length of time Officers are dealing with Mental Health Act files. Altona Police Service escorts all mental health patients to Boundary Trails. Although there should be two Officers in attendance due to the shortage of staff, Altona Police Service sends one Officer and a trained Security Guard to Boundary Trails. If patients are being transported to the Health Science Centre, the hospitals own security takes over. Boundary Trails does not have security staff available to assist. Some discussion was held on whether a regional agreement could be in place to perhaps get an additional Officer to assist instead of the Security Guard.
- Recently the Altona Police Service did successful drug warrant in Plum Coulee in a school zone. The individual has been charged.
- Constable Wiebe successfully completed the Drug Investigative Techniques Course, Constable Funk completed his TASER training, Corporal Tarnick recently attended a two day leadership training course in Brandon. Acting Sergeant Defer will be attending a SPAC, a 14 day training course in Ottawa later on this spring.

MOTION: Terry Wiebe – Donna Rosling-Wolters moved to adopt the Chief’s report as presented.

CARRIED.

5. Review of the 2015 Budget

Chief Batchelor reviewed the proposed 2015 budget. One change to the budget since it was reviewed in December. With the Live Scan there will be an additional yearly service fee of \$5,000. Without this fee the Altona Police Service would be required to pay the entire cost of having an IT person from Ottawa come out to Altona to repair the Live Scan if needed. If we sign the agreement updates, repairs, etc. are included in the service agreement.

The budget does not include any funds for training. Although the Altona Police Service would prefer to hire an officer with experience chances are limited. The budget does include a fully trained Officers salary, but if the

Service hires a recruit, training costs will be higher but wages will be reduced.

MOTION: Donna Rosling-Wolters – Leanne Braun – moved that the Altona Police Board approve the 2015 Altona Police Service operating and projected 5 year capital budget as presented and reviewed.

CARRIED.

Board members were encouraged to attend the annual Board workshop and learning event in St Anne's this March. Donna and Leanne will be attending.

Chief Batchelor noted that the Altona Police Board has ordered new pins to recognize our Officers. This year three members of the Service will be receiving pins to honour their service in the community.

6. Review of the Procedures and Polices (continued)

6.1 Continuation of Altona Police Board Procedures & Polices

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5.8 Board members reviewed 5.8 and approved of the highlighted changes.

5.9 Contracting by the Board – Board members agreed to remove the highlighted areas and review the Town of Altona Purchasing Policy at their next meeting.

5.10 Acceptance of giving of gifts – Board members reviewed and agreed to remove the highlighted areas and to include and review Town of Altona Council's Code of Conduct at their next meeting.

5.11 Expense accounts – approved as presented.

5.12 Expenditure approval – approved as presented.

5.13 Honoraria and expenses – Board members agreed to include the following in the first sentence: `` All members of the Board will be reimbursed for expenses incurred for attending duly constituted meetings of the board as per the Town of Altona indemnities rates.``

Mike Tarnick asked to speak to the Board. Mike thanked the Board for their dedication and Chief Batchelor for his leadership. He would encourage Board members to consider allowing the Altona Police Officers to carry assault rifles. He also stated that the Board should be more visible in the community so that people know who they are.

Adjournment at 12:55 p.m.