

ALTONA POLICE BOARD

Minutes of the Public Meeting held on Thursday, September 16, 2014, 4:30 in the Town of Altona council chambers.

Present: Chair Kevin Bell, Co-Chair Leanne Braun, Melvin Klassen, Chief Perry Batchelor, Archie Heinrichs, Terry Wiebe

Regrets: Delores Loewen

Gallery: Don Radford (RRVE), Colleen Mullen, Citizen

1. Chair Kevin Bell called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting June 19, 2014

MOTION: Terry Wiebe moved – Archie Heinrichs seconded that the minutes of the June 19, 2014 meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. Chair's Report - Public Meeting dates to begin at 4:30 p.m.

- 3.1 Thursday, March 19, 2015
Thursday, June 18, 2015
Thursday, September 17, 2015
Thursday, December 17, 2015

MOTION: Terry Wiebe moved – Leanne Braun seconded that the meeting dates be approved for the 2015 year.

CARRIED

4. Altona Police Service monthly report Altona and Plum Coulee
4.1 & 4.2

Review of the report

Questions with regard to End of Life Directive and Possible Impaired Arrests have been made in the thefts in Altona in July an adult male and male youth were arrested and subsequently released on conditions.

The more recent thefts of concern are that 3 of 4 vehicles had the keys left in them. Trailer not locked containing antique car. This is an organized group and other communities have also been hit. Media has been used including Global news today. Videos have been released to the public.

Videos play a huge role in solving crime.

An analyst with the RCMP has been given the information on the thefts and is working on it, as well as members of our service. We are doing our best to clear the file.

MOTION: Archie Heinrichs moved – Terry Wiebe seconded that the Police reports be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4.3 Financial Report Presented

Overtime Question – would be good to see overtime in one place rather than separate.

PORF – understood that \$47,000 when Ryan was hired to have been deferred and a portion of the \$80,000 but that has been placed into the general town coffers. A request will be made for a journal entry to be made to indicate this to Police Budget.

MOTION: Terry Wiebe moved – Archie Heinrichs seconded that the financial report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

5. Chief of Police Report

5.1 Town of Altona Planning Session December 2 & 3, 2014

Chief has made presentations in the past mostly with regard to accommodations – should he continue to attend the planning sessions? Police Board should meet to ratify the presentation that the chief wishes to present. Then to be brought to the committee of the whole at which time the chair to attend to represent at council. This is what we see.

The Police Board should have a 5 year plan, 10 year, 15 year and revisit it every year. The Police Board needs to move ahead with their 5 year plan.

What matters in policing in our community?

Can we set that date to put our plans in place?

What do we want to do?

Other committees have submitted their plans – the province requires that the Police Board submit plans.

It is time to move forward with this. We have completed the internal scan and the survey – we need to look at the strengths and challenges and time needs to be set aside for this.

Chief sees that succession planning and hiring as part of his planning .

Set aside: for planning sessions.

Monday, Nov. 17 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday Nov. 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 if needed.

Chief Batchelor to prepare the agenda.

At this time Klassen announced that he would be naming someone else from council for his place on the board.

5.2 Containment Team

5.1.1 - Approval letter included from Andrew Swain

Selection process has been completed – Physicals, 360 interviews and one on one's. The board will meet on Friday, October 17, 2014 to determine who will make the selection – four from Winkler Police Service, four from Morden Police Service and one from Altona Police Service.

Training – November 3, 2014 in Winnipeg.

This team is not an ERT team. The Containment Team will be a higher level of public safety. This is a tactically chosen team. When a warrant is executed we know that drugs and guns go hand in hand. This team is a higher level of officer safety.

Altona Police Service has two good candidates that have done very well. It is not possible to send the two candidates resource wise.

All of Altona Police Service members will be trained with carbines. We will use the Proceeds of Crime grant which will be discussed at Budget Time.

The Containment Team will be activated in the three communities.

5.3 Plum Coulee Contract Extension

Municipality of Rhineland and Plum Coulee have amalgamated to begin January 1, 2015. The agreement with Town of Altona and Plum Coulee for policing has been extended to five years to 2019 with Municipality of Rhineland agreeing with these at this time.

5.4 Future Plum Coulee Reporting

At this time Chief Batchelor reports monthly and attends to Council quarterly. Plum Coulee will now be a ward in the Municipality of Rhineland. Would Plum Coulee reporting be done at Municipal or Police Board LUD does not have any authority over budget items. Would reporting happen at the shared services which meets four times a year At the Town of Altona Committee of the Whole the budget is discussed. What is valuable to the Communities

Chief presence creates awareness and understanding. Transparency is important. It is valuable to the community and has had purpose to Plum Coulee in the past. The Municipality of Rhineland will be asked the question.

The five year process will need to take place within the Town of Altona and the Municipality of Rhineland.

- 5.5 Strategic Planning
To take place as discussed.
- 5.6 A/Sgt. Dan Defer has been nominated for Excellence in Law Enforcement Award by Chief Batchelor. In perusing A/Sgt. Defer's file it was noted that he has twelve letters of commendation in the file including one for saving the life of a woman who was overcome by carbon monoxide in her home. He has been involved with Special Olympics in his early years with the department. He was seconded to IBET for two years and developed a national plan that is being used today. A recognition gala will be held on Nov. 13, 2014. Melvin Klassen is interested in attending. Chief Batchelor will attend.

6.1 Procedures & Policies

MOTION: Archie Heinrichs moved – Terry Wiebe seconded that the review of procedures and policies be tabled.

CARRIED

Request that the procedures and policies be forwarded as one document rather than in pieces.

No Public meetings till March 19, 2015

Planning Session to take place Nov. 17, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. and Nov. 18, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Graduation for Cadet Brendan Funk on December 19, 2014 in Regina, SK. Chief Batchelor will attend, Melvin Klassen is considering attending.

Klassen indicated that he has enjoyed his involvement with the police board.

Meeting adjourned.

Questions from the gallery – expressed thanks to Colleen Mullen for attending the meeting. Her questions were: Does APS have AFIS? What is CR/CNI? Who does the analysing?

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