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Minutes of the Altona Police Board public meeting held in the Town of Altona council chambers on Thursday January 25th, 2024 at 12:00pm

Present: Chair Audrey Schmidt, vice-chair Katie Eyre-Saunders, Archie Heinrichs, Gord Sawatzky, Tammy Braun, Police Chief Dan Defer, S/Cst Julie Seniuk.

1. **Call to order** at 12:00 and approval of agenda

Motion: Gord Sawatzky- moved- Tammy Braun that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

2. **Approval** of the minutes of December 7, 2023

Motion: Archie Giesbrecht- moved- Gord Sawatzky to approve the December 7th minutes as circulated.

CARRIED.

3. **Chairs Report**

3.1 Manitoba’s Restorative Justice Program: A program that allows individuals to deal with their charges through alternative measures instead of through the judicial system. Often used for smaller incidents such as mischief or small thefts but not limited to only those. Can be used for minor’s as well as adults, often a good option to use for first time offenders. Chief Defer gave a brief description of the restorative justice process as well as a explanation of our local Justice Committee involvement.

3.2 Provincial appointee update: Audrey has spoken with Mayor Schroeder looking for an update on the process of appointing someone to the police board. Mayor Schroeder has been in contact with Brandon Burley who is Southern Manitoba cabinet office leader regarding this vacant spot and submitted 4 names but has not heard anything back.

3.3 Current/upcoming policing campaigns: no campaigns running right now, and nothing in the near future has been scheduled.

3.4 Altona Police budget presentation to Altona town council update: the Chief financial officer has not set a date yet for presentations. Could be February 13th or February 27th but not confirmed.



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4. Police Chief’s report

4.1 Monthly report- December 2023: A slower month prior to Christmas.

- 2 major cases over the holidays which tied up a lot of resources, over time costs.
- Highlight of a few occurrences.
- RSTT was deployed twice.

4.2 Strategic Plan review/targets: to be discussed further at next weeks in camera meeting.

4.3 Criminal property forfeiture fund update: Two proposal’s will be submitted. A CCTV system for the Town of Altona to be installed and a second proposal will be submitted on behalf of the RCNU for a throw phone with small back up unit for their unit.

- Board certification is required for this grant application.
- Chair Audrey Schmidt brought forward a motion to approve the CCTV camera grant proposal and the RCNU equipment grant proposal.

Motion- Gord Sawatzky- moved- Katie Eyre-Saunders second. All in favour.

CARRIED.

4.4 Budget update

4.4.1 Final budget for 2023 is not complete yet.

4.4.2 Finalized 2024 numbers are not complete yet.

4.5 General operational update:

4.5.1 Department of Justice project “Hatrack” was a success. Illicit drugs, weapons and drug trafficking paraphernalia was seized. 10 individuals were arrested in this project.

4.5.2 Police Standards meeting with the Department of Justice will be held on March 7th at the Winkler Fire Hall at 10AM. An email invite will be sent out to all board members. Anyone interested in attending is welcome.

4.5.3 Online criminal record checks is now live on our website through the Forest Green portal. Our fee’s have been increased slightly to \$35.00. A luncheon will be held on February 15th through the Altona Chamber of Commerce to educate businesses on the new processes.

5. New Business: None

Adjourned 1:25pm. Next meeting April 11th at 12:00