

Minutes of the Altona Police Board public meeting held on Thursday, January 17th, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Altona Civic Centre Council Chambers.

Present were: Chair Adam Mace, Vice Chair Don Radford, Chief Perry Batchelor, Archie Heinrichs, Carol Penner and Harv Schroeder.

1. Call to order at 5:13 p.m. and approval of the agenda

Additions:

- 4.3 Update HealthIM
- 6.0 Setting of next meeting date

MOTION: Archie Heinrichs – moved – Harv Schroeder – seconded – that the agenda be approved with the above noted additions.

CARRIED.

2. Approval of the minutes

2.1 Minutes – November 29th, 2018

MOTION: Carol Penner – moved – Don Radford – seconded – that the minutes of November 29th, 2018 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED.

3. Chair`s Report

3.1 Budget Report to Council

Chair Adam Mace and Chief Perry Batchelor reviewed proposed budget; Council was receptive as no additional funds were requested outside of salary increases IAW negotiations.

3.2 Plum Coulee Policing Agreement

Current Agreement is due to expire as of January 1, 2020. Chief Perry Batchelor advised that there has been ongoing communication with the Provincial Government regarding the extension and that he remains hopeful Altona Police Service will be able to continue to work in Plum Coulee.

4. Police Chief

4.1 Monthly Reports – November and December 2018

Chief Batchelor reviewed the monthly reports for November and December 2018. The police dealt with several missing children, all unrelated, who were all located during the reporting period. Police also dealt with theft from Motor Vehicles, domestic violence, Mental Health Act Files and break and enter which remains under investigation.

Chief Batchelor also reported that methamphetamines are becoming an issue in the community. However, there is no indication of meth labs within our area.

Year-end Financial Statement

Chief Batchelor reviewed the year-end statement, and although not all the figures are in yet, it appears that it will be close to a balanced budget.

MOTION: Archie Heinrichs – moved – Harv Schroeder – seconded – the approval of the 2018 year-end Financial Statement as presented.

CARRIED.

4.2 Update on OFSD

The screening device was ordered and it has arrived. One officer is scheduled for training on the device in early February. At the end of next month, five officers will be fully certified to administer tests using SFST. The device (value of \$7,300) is being fully funded by the Province. The device is able to detect cocaine, along with cannabis, from an oral swab.

4.3 Update HealthIM

Chief Batchelor attended a meeting with hospital staff to discuss the HealthIM software. When officers are attending a Mental Health Act call, they will have the software available at their fingertips to perform pre-screening of the individual involved, and get their baseline, which will then be sent to the hospital. Officers will then be transporting the individual to the hospital for further assessment. We have received provincial funding for a 1-year pilot project. Several other communities are implementing the same software. The cost is currently \$17,000/year.

5. New Business

No new business

6. Next meeting date

Meeting to be held on Thursday, April 18th, 2019 at 5 p.m.

Adjournment at 5:42 p.m.

MOTION: Harv Schroeder – moved – Don Radford – seconded – that meeting be adjourned and the next Public meeting be held on Thursday, April 18th, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.