

Minutes of the Altona Police Board public meeting held on Thursday, April 19th, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. in the Altona Civic Centre Council Chambers.

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

Regrets: Archie Heinrichs and Carol Penner.

1. Call to order at 12:30 p.m. and approval of the agenda

Additions:

- 3.1 Strategic Plan
- 4.7 Financials

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

CARRIED.

2. Approval of the minutes

2.1 Minutes – April 18th, 2019

MOTION: Don Radford – moved – Harv Schroeder – seconded – that the minutes of April 18th, 2019, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED.

3. Chair`s Report

3.1 Strategic Plan

Chair Adam Mace discussed our Strategic Plan with Andrew Minor who advised the plan is overly broad, and it requires more focus. The current plan was heavily researched and appears to be working well however, it will be reviewed at the end of the year where some changes will be implemented. The Strategic Plan will not require a complete re-write.

4. Police Chief

4.1 Monthly Reports – April, May, June, July, August 2019

Chief Perry Batchelor reported that the summer was busy and it is apparent that meth is impacting the community. He further advised that we had an increase of theft from vehicles where vehicles are

left unlocked throughout the night. Chief Batchelor continues to encourage everyone to lock up their valuables, as the suspects are not damaging vehicles to gain access. The Service has also noted an increase in impaired driving charges, which Chief Batchelor advises, are not specific to any age group.

Altona Police Service also conducted the annual bike rodeos, which were well received and appreciated by the schools. Chief Batchelor further advised that the Service is in early stages of the pilot project with HealthIM, and recommendations will be forthcoming.

4.2 Vehicle Replacement Update

The new, fully equipped, Chevrolet Silverado truck is now in service.

4.3 2011 Crown Victoria Update

Chief Batchelor reported that the 2011 Crown Victoria car is now retired and serving as a vehicle for animal control. An attempt was made to find potential buyers but there was no interest, as most Police Services are upgrading to SUVs and trucks.

4.4 Update on Plum Coulee

There is no signed contract with Plum Coulee as of yet. A decision is forthcoming in approximately 2 weeks, with an update to follow.

4.5 Update on 100th Celebrations

Police Ball event is scheduled for October 19th, 6:00PM, at Rhineland Pioneer Centre, and the tickets can be purchased through Town office. Chief Batchelor reported that invitations have been sent out to MACP, new MLA, Minister of Justice, and many local businesses. The organizing committee has also requested a grant for the hall rental, as all funds raised will be donated to Altona Youth for Christ. The event is going to feature Winnipeg Police Pipe Band, a local group Brothers Keep, and a local DJ.

Tickets are \$60 each, of which \$20 is tax deductible. Corporate tables (of 8) are being sold for \$480.

4.6 Training and Equipment Funding

Agreement has been signed but funds are still outstanding.

According to Chief Batchelor, these funds will be available soon, as advised by Owen Ferguson.

Altona Police Service is in good standing; with only 1 more officer to complete the necessary training.

4.7 Financials

Budget is on track, with 64% spending to date and \$473,600 still coming in from a Provincial grant. This year, we spent \$15,000 on a new HVAC and an additional \$64,000 for a vehicle replacement. Looking ahead to January, Windows 7 will no longer be serviced by Microsoft and an upgrade to Windows 10 will be required to all computers. We are currently awaiting a quote for this upcoming expense.

MOTION: Harv Schroeder – moved – Don Radford – seconded – the approval of the to-date financial statement as presented.

CARRIED.

5. New Business

5.1 Plan Budget

Budget planning meeting to be held at a different date, due to two Board Members being away. The meeting is scheduled for November 21st, 2019, at 11:30 a.m., followed by a public meeting at 12:00 p.m. Terry Fehr will also be required and present during this meeting.

5.2 Planning Session Meetings

The planning session meeting date is yet to be determined. Chair Adam Mace will follow up with all board members to schedule the meeting.

5.3 School Events

Altona Police Service responds to school requests as they come in.

Adjournment at 1:20 p.m.

MOTION: Harv Schroeder – moved – Don Radford – seconded – that meeting be adjourned and the next Public meeting be held on Thursday, November 21st, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.