



**AGENDA**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**  
**Wednesday, February 12, 2025 @ 6:00 PM**  
**Council Chambers, 1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore AB**

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# Request for Decision

To: Council

Staff Contact: Veronica Anderson, Legislative Services Officer

Date Prepared: January 15, 2025

Meeting Date: February 12, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes - January 15, 2025

**RECOMMENDATION:** THAT Council adopt the January 15, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes as presented in Attachment I.

## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:



Affordable Housing



Climate Resiliency



Community Development



Community Wellness



Economic Development



Financial Sustainability

## **HOW THE STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ARE MET:**

N/A

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## SUSTAINABILITY

### **ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY:**

N/A

### **SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY:**

N/A

### **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY:**

N/A

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**IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION:**

**GENERAL:**

Pursuant to Section 208(1)(iii) of the *Municipal Government Act*, the minutes of the January 15, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting are given to Council for adoption.

**ORGANIZATIONAL:**

N/A

**OPERATIONAL:**

N/A

**FINANCIAL:**

N/A

**POLICY:**

N/A

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

N/A

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**BACKGROUND:**

N/A

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**KEY ISSUE(S)/CONCEPT(S):**

N/A

**DESIRED OUTCOMES:**

N/A

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Once signed, the January 15, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes will be posted on the Town's website.

**ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS/MOTIONS:**

1. Council may adopt the recommended motion.

2. Council may provide further direction regarding the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

[Attachment I: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - 15 Jan 2025 - Minutes](#)

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Claudette Thorhaug, Legislative Services Officer

Approved  
- 20 Jan  
2025

Johnathan Strathdee, Manager of Legislative Services

Approved  
- 29 Jan  
2025



# MINUTES COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

6:00 PM - Wednesday, January 15, 2025  
Council Chambers, 1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore AB

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**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Pat Fule, Councillor Melissa Langmaid, Councillor Jason Montgomery (virtual), Councillor Denise Peterson, Councillor Richard Wegener, and Deputy Mayor Brent Wiley

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Councillor Debbie Mitzner

**STAFF PRESENT:** Kevin Scoble (Chief Administrative Officer), Mark Pretzlaff (Director of Community and Protective Services), Kara Rusk (Director of Strategic, Administrative, and Financial Services), and Johnathan Strathdee (Manager of Legislative Services)

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Fule called the January 15, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

**Resolution No. 001.01.25A**

Moved by Councillor Langmaid

THAT Council adopt the January 15, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda as presented.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** None.

**CARRIED**

3. **DELEGATIONS**

None.

**4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**4.1. Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes – November 13, 2024**

**Resolution No. 002.01.25A**

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council adopt the November 13, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes as presented in Attachment I.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** None.

**CARRIED**

**5. BUSINESS**

**5.1. Financial Reserves Policy No. 1817**

**6. CLOSED MEETING**

**Resolution No. 003.01.25A**

Moved by Councillor Wegener

THAT Council move In Camera to discuss items related to section 24(1)(b)(i) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* at 6:08 p.m.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** None.

**CARRIED**

**6.1. Council CAO Dialogue – Advice from officials – FOIP S.24 1(b)(i)**

**6.2. Town of Strathmore Strategic Plan – Advice from officials – FOIP S.24 1(b)(i)**

**Resolution No. 004.01.25A**

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council move out of Camera at 7:25 p.m.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** None.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 005.01.25A**

Moved by Councillor Langmaid

THAT Council take a short recess.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** None.

**CARRIED**

Mayor Fule reconvened the January 15, 2025 Committee of the Whole at 7:52 p.m.

**Resolution No. 006.01.25A**

Moved by Councillor Langmaid

THAT Council move In Camera to continue to discuss items related to section 24(1)(b)(i) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* at 7:53 p.m.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** None.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 007.01.25A**

Moved by Councillor Langmaid

THAT Council move out of Camera at 8:23 p.m.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** None.

**CARRIED**

**7. QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD**

None.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Fule adjourned the January 15, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting at 8:23 p.m.

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Mayor

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Director of Strategic, Administrative  
and Financial Services



# Request for Further Direction

To: Council

**Staff Contact:** Mark Pretzlaff, Director of Community and Protective Services

**Date Prepared:** January 6, 2025

**Meeting Date:** February 12, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Municipal Policing Committee Bylaw

**RECOMMENDATION:** For Information.

## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:



Affordable Housing



Climate Resiliency



Community Development



Community Wellness



Economic Development



Financial Sustainability

## **HOW THE STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ARE MET:**

As part of the Town's Strategic Plan, Council has prioritized the maintenance, protection, and improvement of Community Wellness services that support optimum lifestyles for residents of Strathmore.

While the establishment of a Municipal Policing Committee (MPC) is a legislative requirement, this committee will enable greater collaboration between the RCMP and the community, and take a proactive approach to aligning policing services with local values, improving accountability, and fostering safer communities.

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## SUSTAINABILITY

### **ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY:**

N/A

### **SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY:**



The establishment of a policing committee contributes to greater collaboration between the RCMP and the community through intentional and constructive relationships, and contributes growing a community that allows everyone an opportunity to thrive.

**ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY:**

N/A

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**IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION:****GENERAL:**

The Police Amendment Act (PAA) 2022, enacted in December 2022, will take effect on March 1, 2025, bringing changes to policing in Alberta. Municipalities will be required to establish local governance bodies in the form of a Municipal Policing Committee (MPC) or a Regional Policing Committee (RPC) depending upon their population.

These policing committees are established to enhance transparency, accountability, and community engagement in policing services, and to ensure RCMP services align with Strathmore's community priorities.

As this is a new committee to Strathmore, the overall implications are not known at this time.

**ORGANIZATIONAL:**

Council participation on the committee will be required. There will be administrative support necessary to ensure the requirements pertaining to the establishment and ongoing operations of the committee are fulfilled.

**OPERATIONAL:**

Organizational implications are not applicable at this time, as this is a discussion item only.

**FINANCIAL:**

Financial implications are not applicable at this time, as this is a discussion item only.

Following adoption of the Municipal Policing Committee bylaw, Administration anticipates costs associated with this committee could be approximately \$10,000 for the recruitment, setup, and training of committee members.

**POLICY:**

The Police Amendment Act (PAA) 2022, enacted in December 2022, will take effect on March 1, 2025, bringing changes to policing in Alberta, and as such, municipalities will be required to establish local governance bodies in the form of a Municipal Policing Committee (MPC) or a Regional Policing Committee (RPC) depending upon their population.

Accordingly, Administration has drafted a bylaw to meet the March 1st deadline that incorporates the required elements as identified in the updated Police Act.

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

Should Council adopt the bylaw at the February 19th, Regular Meeting of Council, Administration will commence the recruitment of Strathmore residents to apply to become a member of the policing committee.

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**BACKGROUND:**

On December 2022, the updated Police Amendment Act passed with the aim of improving police accountability, strengthening ties with communities and enhancing public confidence by reforming existing police practices. In September 2024, the regulations were established under the revised Police Act that mandated municipalities with a policing contract with the RCMP form a police committee.

Under the Police Act (and its regulations), the role of a municipal police committee is to:

- Oversee the administration of the Municipal Police Service agreement
- Represent the interests and concerns of the public and Council to the Officer in charge
- Develop a yearly plan that outlines policing priorities and strategies with the Officer in charge
- Develop a community safety plan in conjunction with the RCMP including a plan for collaboration between the community and community agencies
- Assist in selecting the officer in charge for the police service
- Provide reports as required to the Minister on the implementation of and updates to programs and services to achieve the priorities of the RCMP Detachment.

The deadline for municipalities to establish bylaws is March 1, 2025.

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**KEY ISSUE(S)/CONCEPT(S):**

As the Province of Alberta is requiring municipalities to form police committees and Council will be participating in the police committee, a bylaw is required.

While there is some flexibility with respect to how the police committee is operated locally which can be determined by the committee, the province has provided core guidelines in the regulations which address the duties and functions of a police committee which are covered by the proposed bylaw.

Civilian oversight in the context of a contract for RCMP municipal policing services is much more complex than in the case of a stand-alone municipal police service. The RCMP is bound by federal legislation and policies and provides provincial policing service under the

federal/provincial contract. In the context of those requirements and responsibilities, policing committees will have constraints on their oversight activities, compared to police commissions (municipalities with their own police service have commissions rather than committees).

**DESIRED OUTCOMES:**

Provide direction to the Municipal Policing Committee bylaw as desired.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Following the meeting, Administration will bring back a revised bylaw to be adopted at a future meeting.

Once the bylaw is approved, communications to the public will be required to invite volunteers to apply to be part of the committee.

**ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS/MOTIONS:**

N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:**

[Attachment I: Municipal Policing Committee Bylaw - Draft](#)

[Attachment II: Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services Letter - Municipal Policing Committee](#)

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Johnathan Strathdee, Manager of Legislative Services

Approved  
- 06 Feb  
2025

Kevin Scoble, Chief Administrative Officer

Approved  
- 07 Feb  
2025

**BYLAW NO. XX-XX  
THE TOWN OF STRATHMORE  
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA**

**A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF STRATHMORE IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA TO  
ESTABLISH A MUNICIPAL POLICING COMMITTEE.**

**WHEREAS** the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A 2000 c. M-26 provides that a municipality may pass bylaws in relation to services provided by or on behalf of the municipality.

**AND WHEREAS** the Police Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. P-17 and regulations as amended, provide that a municipality which has entered into an Agreement with the Federal Government for the provision of police service through the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, shall by bylaw establish a Municipal Policing Committee;

**AND WHEREAS** the objective of the Committee is to act as a liaison between Council, the R.C.M.P., Strathmore Municipal Enforcement and the residents of Strathmore to foster ongoing collaboration between parties; encouraging continued co-operation in the preservation of a safe and secure community.

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Town Strathmore, by the Bylaw, shall prescribe the rules and regulations governing proceedings and meetings of the Municipal Policing Committee;

**Now Therefore**, the Council of the Town of Strathmore, duly assembled, hereby enact as follows:

**1. SHORT TITLE**

1.1 This Bylaw may be cited as the "Municipal Policing Committee" Bylaw.

**2. DEFINITIONS**

2.1 **Act** means the Municipal Government Act RSA 2000 c. M-26 and regulations made under the Municipal Government Act;

2.2 **Agreement** means the Agreement between the Town of Strathmore and the Government of Canada for the provision of police services for the Town;

- 2.3 **Bylaw** means the Municipal Policing Committee Bylaw of the Town, as may be amended or repealed and replaced from time to time;
- 2.4 **Chair** means the individual elected as per the Police Act section 23(9);
- 2.5 **Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)** means the person appointed to the position of Chief Administrative Officer for the Town or his or her designate.
- 2.6 **Chief Elected Official** means the chief elected official as defined in section 1(1)(d) of the Municipal Government Act;
- 2.7 **Committee** means the Town of Strathmore Municipal Policing Committee;
- 2.8 **Council** means the Council of the Town of Strathmore, in the Province of Alberta;
- 2.9 **Councillor** means an elected member of Council of the Town of Strathmore;
- 2.10 **Director, Community and Protective Services** means the person appointed to that position by the Town's Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and includes any person that the Director may appoint as their designate for the purpose of carrying out the Director's responsibilities under this Bylaw;
- 2.11 **Member** means a person appointed pursuant to the Municipal Policing Committee;
- 2.12 **Officer In Charge** means the Officer In Charge of the local R.C.M.P. detachment in the Town of Strathmore;
- 2.13 **R.C.M.P.** means the Royal Canadian Mounted Police force or any member of that police force as the case may require;
- 2.14 **Town** means the Town of Strathmore, a municipal corporation in the Province of Alberta, and where the context so requires, means the area of land within the corporate boundaries thereof.
- 2.15 **Youth Representative** means an individual between the age of 16 and 18.

### **3. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 3.1 The overall objectives of the Municipal Policing Committee are to act as a liaison between Council, the R.C.M.P. Detachment, and the citizens of the Town of Strathmore to foster responsible community actions towards the creation of a safe secure community. The Committee shall endeavor to do this by

maintaining an environment which allows public concerns to be addressed by all affected parties. Specific duties and responsibilities are to:

- a) Oversee the agreement between the Town and the Government of Canada for the services of the R.C.M.P.;
- b) Represent the interests and concerns of the public and of Council to the Officer In Charge;
- c) Develop a yearly plan of priorities and strategies for municipal policing in consultation with the Officer In Charge;
- d) Develop a community safety plan in conjunction with the local R.C.M.P. detachment and Chief Elected Official including a plan for collaboration between community and community agencies, and providing the community safety plan annually, or on request to the Minister;
- e) Assist in the selection of the Officer In Charge;
- f) May appoint a Public Complaint Director; and
- g) Report annually, or on request, to the Minister on the implementation of and updates to the programs and services to achieve the priorities of the R.C.M.P.

#### **4. TERM**

- 4.1 Committee members may be appointed to the Municipal Policing Committee to terms of up to three (3) years but not less than two (2) years.

#### **5. COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE**

- 5.1 The Committee shall consist of a maximum of five (5) members who shall be appointed by resolution of Council as follows:
  - a) One (1) member of Council; and
  - b) Four (4) Members of the public at-large, where one (1) position may be designated for a youth representative.
- 5.2 The Officer in Charge, or their designate, shall attend the Committee meetings in an advisory and non-voting capacity.
- 5.3 The Director of Community & Protective Services, or their designate, shall attend the Committee meetings in an advisory and non-voting capacity.

- 5.4 A member of Legislative Services shall attend all Committee meetings, providing procedural and clerical support.
- 5.5 The Mayor is an ex officio member of the committee.
- 5.6 The term and appointment of the Council Committee member terminates on that member ceasing to be a member of Council, or at such time Council appoints a new Council Committee member.
- 5.7 The term of any public member may be extended by a special resolution of Council but shall not exceed six (6) consecutive years.
- 5.8 Where a member ceases to be a member of the Committee before the expiration of their term, Council may appoint another eligible person for the remainder of that term.
- 5.9 All members appointed to the Committee shall:
- Take the Oath of Office as prescribed in Schedule 2 of the *Police Act*;
  - Pass an enhanced criminal record review and suitability screening through the R.C.M.P.
  - Not work or be hired in any capacity with the Town of Strathmore, R.C.M.P., any Provincial or Municipal Police Force, the Provincial Attorney General's Department, or the Department of the Solicitor General of Alberta;
  - Be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant and resident of the Town of Strathmore for at least six (6) consecutive months immediately preceding the date of advertising for applications; and
  - Be of the full age of eighteen (18) years, except for a youth representative, who shall be at least sixteen (16) years of age.

## **6. RESIGNATION AND REMOVALS**

- 6.1 Any member may resign from the Committee at any time upon sending written notice to the Council to that effect.
- 6.2 Council may terminate a member's appointment to the Committee at any time, and particularly when the member:

- a) Fails to attend three (3) consecutive meetings of the Committee, unless that absence is caused through illness or is authorized in advance by resolution of the Committee;
- b) Ceases to be a resident of the Town of Strathmore;
- c) Is hired in a full-time, permanent capacity with the Town of Strathmore, the R.C.M.P., any Provincial or Municipal Police Force, the Provincial Attorney General's Department, or the Department of the Solicitor General of Alberta;
- d) Is convicted of a crime under the Criminal Code of Canada; or
- e) Fails to keep the Oath of Office, or discloses any information that jeopardizes a police operation, or police/public safety, or the confidentiality associated with the nature of policing including personnel, conduct, contracts with the R.C.M.P. and security of police operations.

## **7. OFFICERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

- 7.1 The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee shall be elected from voting members at the first regular meeting of each year. A member of Council or an employee of the Town is not eligible to be elected as Chair or Vice-Chair of the Committee.
- 7.2 Excluding the Chair, all members of the Committee shall vote on every motion. The Chair shall remain neutral and only vote if there is a tie.
- 7.3 The Director of Community and Protective Services, or their designate, shall attend all Committee meetings. Minutes shall be prepared and submitted to the Committee for approval at the next meeting.

## **8. PUBLIC COMPLAINT DIRECTOR**

- 8.1 The Committee may appoint a Public Complaint Director.
- 8.2 The Public Complaint Director may be:
  - a) A member of the Committee other than a member of the Council;
  - b) An employee of the Town; or
  - c) Another person, other than a member of the Council, who in the opinion of the Committee is qualified to serve in the capacity.



8.3 The Public Complaint Director shall:

- a) Receive complaints against police officers from the public and refer them to the Officer In Charge under *Police Act, RSA 2000, section 43(1)*;
- b) Act as a liaison between the Committee and the Officer In Charge, and the complainant as applicable; and
- c) Perform the duties assigned by the Committee and under the Police Act in regard to public complaints.

8.4 Should the Public Complaint Director position not be appointed, all complaints will be directed to the Officer In Charge.

## **9. MEETINGS**

9.1 The Committee shall hold regular meetings at a frequency to be determined from time to time by the Committee, but not less than four (4) meetings per year.

9.2 Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson or, in their absence, the Vice Chair, by providing the members with 24-hour notice. The Committee may, by unanimous consent, waive notice of a special meeting at any time if every member of the Committee is present.

9.3 No less than half of the total voting members of the Committee at a meeting shall constitute a quorum. If quorum is not present within thirty (30) minutes after a meeting's start time, the Chair shall record the members in attendance before the meeting is adjourned.

9.4 An agenda shall be prepared and circulated to the members prior to each Municipal Policing Committee Meeting.

9.5 Each member, excluding the Chair, shall have one vote on any motion before the Committee. Motions shall only be carried upon receiving a majority of votes. In the event of a tie vote, the Chair shall vote.

9.6 Meetings of the Municipal Policing Committee shall be open to the public, but all matters relating to personnel, conduct, contracts with the R.C.M.P., and security of police operations shall be conducted in camera, respecting the *Freedom of Information and Privacy Act* (FOIP) as amended or repealed and replaced from time to time.

9.7 The Municipal Policing Committee may make such report to Council on matters of public concern as the Municipal Policing Committee deems are appropriate and are in the public interest. The Municipal Policing Committee shall also report to Council on any matter when requested to do so by resolution of Council.

## **10. SUB-COMMITTEES**

10.1 The Committee may appoint sub-committees or ad hoc Committees, which may include persons from outside the Committee as it may consider necessary or desirable. The Committee shall define the terms of reference and tenure of each sub-committee by a single motion at any regular meeting.

## **11. LIMITATIONS**

11.1 Neither the Committee nor any member shall have the power to pledge the credit of the Town in connection with any matters whatsoever, nor shall the Committee or any member thereof have any power to authorize any expenditure to be charged against the Town.

11.2 The Committee, as a public body, must comply with Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Legislation. Personal information will be managed in accordance with FOIP legislation. Requests for information involving the Committee should be directed to the Town of Strathmore's FOIP Co-ordinator.

## **12. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

12.1 No member shall participate in any discussion nor vote upon any matter that may involve a pecuniary interest as defined in the Act.

12.2 Members of the Committee shall not be held liable for any actions or claims or claims arising out of the exercise of the powers granted to the Committee under this bylaw.

## **13. SEVERABILITY**

13.1 If any section or part of this Bylaw is found in any course of law to be illegal, or beyond the power of Council to enact, such section or parts shall be deemed to be severable and all other sections or parts of this Bylaw shall be deemed to be separate and independent there from and be enacted as such.

**14. ENACTMENT**

14.1 This Bylaw comes into full force and effect upon third and final reading.

**READ A FIRST TIME THIS** \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2025.

**READ A SECOND TIME THIS** \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2025.

**READ A THIRD AND FINAL TIME THIS** \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2025.

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MAYOR

\_\_\_\_\_  
DIRECTOR OF STRATEGIC,  
ADMINISTRATIVE, AND FINANCIAL SERVICES



ALBERTA  
PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

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*Office of the Minister  
Deputy Premier of Alberta  
MLA, Calgary-West*

AR 29969

November 20, 2024

His Worship Patrick Fule  
Mayor  
Town of Strathmore  
PO Box 2280  
Strathmore AB T1P 1K2

Dear Mayor Fule:

As a respected partner in the field of police governance in Alberta, I am writing to highlight how recently proclaimed legislative changes may affect your community.

The Government of Alberta is enhancing civilian governance of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) by proclaiming sections of the *Police Amendment Act, 2022*, and creating the Police Governance Regulation and Police Governance (Ministerial) Regulation. These amendments will ensure communities policed by the RCMP have a voice in setting local and province-wide policing priorities and performance goals by creating municipal and regional policing committees, as well as a Provincial Police Advisory Board.

These changes will take effect on March 1, 2025, after a transition period to allow municipalities to pass and implement relevant bylaws. Every community in Alberta served by the RCMP will be required to be represented by one of the following types of governance bodies, depending on their population size and type of police service agreement.

**Communities with a population of 15,000 or greater, policed under a Municipal Police Service Agreement**

- These communities are required to establish a Municipal Policing Committee (MPC), through bylaws, by March 1, 2025.
- MPCs will consist of between three and seven members appointed by the municipality's council.
- The Minister may also appoint committee members based on the size of the committee.

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### **Communities with a population of less than 15,000, policed under a Municipal Police Service Agreement**

- These communities are required to establish a Regional Policing Committee, through bylaws, by March 1, 2025.
- Each RCMP district is a region (e.g., South, Central, East, and West), and each region contains five to 10 municipalities required to work with other communities in the same RCMP district to form a Regional Policing Committee (RPC).
- RPCs will consist of at least one member appointed by each municipality represented.
- Communities may opt out of a RPC in favour of establishing their own municipal committee, or a joint committee with another municipality, with ministerial approval.

### **Communities policed under the Provincial Police Service Agreement**

- Small and rural communities policed under the Provincial Police Service Agreement, including municipalities with a population under 5,000, municipal districts and counties, and Metis Settlements, will be represented by the Provincial Police Advisory Board.
- The province will appoint up to 15 members to the Provincial Police Advisory Board, including representation from First Nations, Métis communities, Rural Municipalities of Alberta, Alberta Municipalities, and all four provincial RCMP districts.
- Costs for the Provincial Police Advisory Board will be borne by the province.
- The Provincial Police Advisory Board will be operational by March 1, 2025.

Attached for further reference is a Frequently Asked Questions document with more information about the new requirements for RCMP local governance bodies. You can also find the Police Governance (Order in Council) Regulation, the Police Governance (Ministerial) Regulation, and the proclamation of the *Police Act* sections establishing these governance bodies on the Alberta.ca website at [www.alberta.ca/alberta-kings-printer](http://www.alberta.ca/alberta-kings-printer).

Please note that in the next few weeks your administration will receive communication from department representatives with details about planned information sessions regarding these governance bodies. If you have any questions or require support in the set-up of these governance bodies, please contact the department at: [AlbertaPoliceGovernance@gov.ab.ca](mailto:AlbertaPoliceGovernance@gov.ab.ca).

Thank you for everything you do to help ensure Albertans can live, work, and raise families in safe and secure communities.

Sincerely,



Honourable Mike Ellis  
Deputy Premier of Alberta  
Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services

Attachment