



AGENDA ITEM

Blackfalds RCMP Detachment/Red Deer County

Police Advisory Committee

March 24, 2022

BACKGROUND

The Blackfalds RCMP Detachment and Red Deer County established a Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) in 2014. The purpose of the Committee is to formalize the process for receiving input from the partnership between the community, the RCMP and local government.

A discussion regarding Police Advisory Committees was initially on the February 1, 2022 Committee of the Whole agenda. Council wished to investigate the process for Lacombe County to become a member of the PAC. At the January 31, 2022 Council meeting, it was agreed to defer this discussion to a future Committee of the Whole meeting as further information was required.

At the February 10, 2022 Council meeting, Ms. Shepherd advised that Karyn Popplestone, Manager of the Policing Oversight and Contract Policing, Public Security Division, Alberta Justice and Solicitor General Department, would be available to make a presentation to Council regarding Police Advisory Committees. The Policing Oversight and Contract Policing Public Security Division oversees the formation of such committees. Ms. Popplestone provided that presentation at the March 10, 2022 Council meeting.

ANALYSIS

Following Ms. Popplestone's presentation on March 10, 2022 advising the County Manager was directed to prepare a report to be presented at a future Council meeting regarding Lacombe County appointing a representative to the Blackfalds RCMP/Red Deer County Police Advisory Committee.

Correspondence was received from Red Deer County on March 9, 2022 that at a recent meeting of this Committee, a request was made to revise the Terms of Reference to allow for representation from Lacombe County to participate on the Committee. Working in conjunction with the Blackfalds Detachment Commander, Red Deer County has now revised the Terms of Reference (see attached) to allow for representatives from all the municipalities located within the Blackfalds RCMP Detachment area to participate.



Alternatives

- 1. Council agree to become a member of the Blackfalds RCMP Detachment/Red Deer County Police Advisory Committee and appoint a Council representative. (Administrative Recommendation)
- 2. Take other action(s) as determined by Council.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Councillor Per Diem and expenses for attending meetings.

LEGISLATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1. Section 3 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA) states the purposes of a municipality are: 1) to provide good government, 2) to provide services, facilities or other things that, in the opinion of Council, are necessary or desirable for all or part of the municipality, and 3) to develop and maintain safe and viable communities.
- 2. Section 180(1) of the MGA states that Council may only act by resolution or bylaw.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council agree to become a member of the Blackfalds RCMP Detachment/Red Deer County Police Advisory Committee and appoint a member of Council as a representative to the Committee.

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