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MINUTES - MEETING – Wednesday January 31, 2018 7:30 p.m. MVC Council Chambers

PRESENT: Kevin Hepler, Wally Gunderson, Ian Kennedy, Margaret Erickson, Leanne Finlay, Fred & Bonnie Bay, Lyle Bliss, Randy McNeil, Dale Edwards, S/Sgt Jim MacDonald, Duncan Milne, Bob & Shirley Gamble, Cst. Gary Sandu, Michelle Maschke, Gerald Ingeveld, Graeme Gordon, Bruce Smith, Mary Hildebrandt, Jason Leach, Leon & Nancy Graham, Johan Slevrink, Shane Pahara

INTRODUCTIONS Welcome - New Detachment Commander for Olds – S/Sgt Jim MacDonald. Last posting was in Grande Prairie. But has experience in general policing, training at depot, and undercover as well as with homicide.

RMS SECURITY. Did a brief presentation on a security system they sell and support. More information: 403-636-1920. Includes heat – smoke & freezing detection through ADT. May reduce rates with insurance companies – need to check with your company.

Call to Order - Gerald Ingeveld

1. Adoption / Changes to the Agenda MOTION: Michelle Maschke CARRIED.
2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (Nov 29, 2017) MOTION: Leon Graham CARRIED.
3. Business Arising from Previous Meetings
 - 3.1 **On-going need for volunteers for Zone / Range Representatives** see attached suggested list – (APPENDIX A). Zones are assigned by Range Roads.
 - 3.2 **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS** – Reminder to get renewals in – and talk to your neighbors. This is on-going!! Forms are on the website. Leon will check with SPOG for rep for West Country. And SPURT.
 - 3.3 **Incident Report Form** – Sgt. Lank TABLE. Suggest refer to COP form on Provincial COP website. (ACCOPA)
 - 3.4 2018 – PROV RCWA AGM & SYMPOSIUM FEB 16 & 17 IN LACOMBE. 3 Members attending plus [Gerald Ingeveld as Prov Board Zone 2 rep](#). Minutes are posted on our website.
4. REPORTS:
 - 4.1 Fish & Wildlife (Adam Mirus / Darren McInnis) N/A
 - 4.2 RCMP-Olds (Cst. Gary Sandu/ S/Sgt Jim MacDonald) Crime issues in area include a 30% increase in property crime. Thieves are targeting pick up trucks to use for other crimes. Cst. Sandhu commented on the WhatsApp used by COP. It uses data to communicate between cell phones. Can send pictures. Live communication. RD Lacombe County looking to use encrypted to group. Olds detachment is expecting new recruit. 1 on maternity leave 1 back from paternity leave. Down 2 with leaves. But better with S/Sgt position filled. COP now up and running. Encouraging community to be more observant and get to know your neighbors!! ACCOPA website has standard reporting forms.

- 4.3 RCMP -Sundre (Cst. Don Porier) N/A
- 4.4 RCMP – Didsbury (Cst. Matt Doane) N/A
- 4.5 Mountain View County (Kevin Heppler / Duncan Milne). Kevin reported activity is quiet right now drilling wise but there is a pipeline going in around Sundre. Duncan reported there are 3 new councillors on council now after the election. Tony Martins has retired and Jeff Holmes took his position. County is facing a reduction in taxes close to \$2M with the slowdown in the oil industry. They had to write-off \$241,000 in taxes, some may be recoverable. Master Agreements with towns being negotiated and signed. Looking at Enhanced Policing position for County. But shortfall in available officers makes this hard to fill. 240 RCMP positions are currently unfilled. Carstairs town currently funds one enhanced position. Sundre is looking to increase office help. Mail box thefts surfacing again.
- 4.6 PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Prov RCW has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the RCMP, COP mandate is to do active patrols. RCW is to do passive patrols. But ALL suspicious activity should be reported. New K-Division commander is pushing to address rural crime. Creating Crime Detection Units for prolific offenders. Every district in Province to get one. Minor complaints to be dealt with through call centers, usually over phone to reduce police time on paperwork. Pockets of criminals responsible for majority of crimes. Strategy of building partnerships is current practice – with Sol General office / COP / Crime Stoppers, and other crime prevention groups. Prov. Association teaming up with Central AB Crime Prevention unit in Red Deer for office space / support. Also creating a training video on RCW that can be shared with new RCMP cadets.
- 4.7 SECRETARY’S REPORT: Attended Olds COP training. CHECK OUT THEIR NEW WEBSITE; www.oldscop.com. Getting statements ready for audit. All fan-out Reports posted on our website & some to Facebook as well as local reports or with photos, too long to fan out. Lots of new information on the website and re-organization of information. NEW “Crime Tips” page. Making arrangements for AGM – MARCH 28, 2018 – Supper Meeting. Will be making arrangements for next Prov RCW Zone 2 meeting in OLDS IN APRIL 14, 2018. Great opportunity for local members to network with other members across province. Applied for Farmer’s Advocate RCW Annual Grant Award. (Did not receive).

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE – INFORMATION ON RECENT RCMP RELEASES WITH PICTURES. AND Community Policing Committees from Olds & Didsbury agendas and minutes posted along with RCMP stats reports www.oldsruralcrimewatch.ca

- 4.8 RED DEER COUNTY REPORT: (Shane Pahara) RCW rep for RD County. Former UN Peacekeeper and 14 years in RCMP service. Joined RD County in June. County offers CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design) audits. Working with security companies to help reduce potential targets. Trail cameras are beneficial as well as signage!
- 5. Financial Report – will be verbal report.
 - 5.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - balance@ Dec 31, 2017
 Chequing balance -\$ Casino balance - \$
 - NOTE – FUNDING COMMITMENTS FROM CASINO ACCOUNT:
 Didsbury CAC – \$2,000
 Sundre COP - \$500

MOTION TO ACCEPT VERBAL REPORT: Judy / Fred **CARRIED.**

5.2 Outstanding Bills: AGM Expenses. Monthly Admin & Website expenses.
MOTION TO PAY BILLS: Ian / Bob Gamble **CARRIED.**

6. NEW BUSINESS:

6.1 RURAL CRIME AWARENESS DISCUSSIONS AROUND PROVINCE

Hosted by local MP'S

December 18, 2017 @ Caroline

January 27, 2018 @ Innisfail

Feb 20, 2018 @ Eagle Hill. We will have membership recruitment display at this meeting.

6.2 AGM – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2018 6:30 pm (Supper Meeting)
RSVP's Will be required. Location ??? Eagle Hill ?? Olds Legion?? ORE??
GUEST SPEAKER – Cst. Kevin Lintott, Investigator Red Deer RCMP, Organ Crime & Intelligence Unit. PRESENTATION ON DRUGS. (did the one we hosted at OHS Jan 2016)

6.3 **TECHNOLOGY FOR RCW** – WhatsApp – group chat APP to share info instantly in real time. Raven RCW – new APP. Lacombe County APP not supported. - ZELLO (COP uses) data & cell dependant

6.4 **NEW WEBSITE FOR PROV RCWA** – Check it out!! Interactive Map of Associations across Province AND new Bulletin Board Tab in News & Events section.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 ARTICLES TO CIRCULATE – for information

Dec 12, 2017 MV Gazette – Council given enhanced policing update (Didsbury) Enhanced Policing Position.

- Charges Follow vehicle theft

Dec 12, 2017 – Olds Albertan. Crime fighting strategies for businesses outlined.

- Thieves rob rural mailboxes

- Protocol to prevent violence being developed

Jan 2, 2018 MV Gazette – Crime Watch efforts Ongoing (front page)

HOW TO FIND US. Article on Rural Addressing

PROV RCWA AGM MINUTES FROM February 4, 2017

8. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS: no further comments.

9. **NEXT MEETING – AGM MARCH 28, 2018 @ 6:00 pm @ ORE – COW PALACE (supper meeting)**

FUTURE PRESENTATION SUGGESTION: New Maijuarana laws impact from RCMP perspective (Sgt. Lank)

MEETINGS FOR 2018 WILL BE: Jan 31; Mar 28 AGM; May 30; July 25; Sept 26; Nov 28

10. MEETING ADJOURNED

APPENDIX A

ZONE		ZONE REPS – UPDATED OCT 2/2017
001	OTHER AGEN/RCW	None
004	OLDS COP	Leanne Finlay / Margaret Erickson
005	EXECUTIVE	None
008	SPOG / SHELL	Marcie Newman
009	TOWN OF SUNDRE	
010	RR 10 – RR 20	Vance / Glen B / Ross Holmes / D&P Braun
020	RR 20 – RR 30	K Banick / S Baker / Mary Hildebrandt
030	RR 30 – RR 40	Bill Wigley / Ken Burrell
040	RR 40 – RR 50	Dick Ross / Fred & Bonny Bay
050	RR 50 – RR 60	Sarah-Rory Gunderson?
060	RR 60 – RR 70	Nancy & Leon Graham
070	RR 70 – RR 80	T Kleeberger - Burntstick
080	RR 80 – RR 90	
	WEST COUNTRY	Meryl Fox (Sunset) ? / Jason Bradley (RD River Ranch)??
091-094	BLANK FOR FUTURE	None
095	TOWN TORRINGTON /WIMBORNE	
096	TOWN OF OLDS	Dave Hogarth
097	TOWN BOWDEN	Wayne Milaney
098-099	TEST ZONES	None
	TOWNS-DIDSBURY-CARSTAIRS & CREMONA	Ian Kennedy
260	RR 260 – 270	Judy S / Evelyn Smith? / Alan Anhorn?
270	RR 270 – 280	Arnold Lachman
280	RR 280 – RR 10	Jason Leach / Dale Edwards / Colleen Cline
	RED DEER COUNTY REP	
	CLEAR WATER COUNTY	
	BIG HORN COUNTY	
	KNEEHILL COUNTY	

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Liaise between RCMP and your neighbors

Go-to to activate patrols / road closures

Co-host with office – one event yearly to promote RCW and membership