

**OLDS & DISTRICT COMMUNITY POLICING ADVISORY SOCIETY
MINUTES – NOVEMBER 22, 2011 7 pm OLDS TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT: Bonny Bellamy, Wayne Milaney, Wade Bearchell, Michelle Honeyman, Sheriff Blaine Heather, Kevin Morton, Lyle Bliss, Dave Karpyschyn, Leonard Brandson, Jim Finlay, Cpl. Al Nicholson, Judy Schlichenmayer **REGRETS:** Joan O'Reilly

CALL TO ORDER - WELCOME & INTRODUCTION (Bonny Bellamy)

ADOPTION OF AGENDA **MOTION: WADE** **CARRIED**

PRESENTATION: Kevin Morton. Subject: SPEED ZONES
Report prepared for Council – APPENDIX A. Please be advised that it is still a draft and not yet for public consumption and other supporting documents make things clearer will be discussed at the meeting. There will be public information sessions in the new year for public input. Difference between Area and Zone. Zone is speed enforced; Area is notice of caution. High School is far enough off Highway 2A not to qualify for a school zone. Working with AB Transportation on traffic issues / Highway 27 construction / or any other matters very difficult.

MINUTES REVIEW & APPROVAL AS CIRCULATED: (SEPT 27, 2011,) **MOTION: JUDY CARRIED**

1. BUSINESS ARISING:

1.1 **MOTION:** Al Kemmere, Judy Dahl and Chair to pen a letter requesting that municipality governments begin discussions on the increased demands on resources created by incidents on the QII: MVC, Olds, Carstairs, and Didsbury. **TABLED @ MAY & SEPT MTG. TABLED.**

1.2 There is a new committee self formed for traffic safety created by AB Transport & AB Health: (OATS) **MOTION:** Al / Kevin H. That the executive invite them to the next meeting to be a part of our committee and not duplicate efforts and overload RCMP administrative involvement. – were invited but unable to attend. **Judy will send a letter from the committee.**

1.3 **ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE: MOTION TO ELECT THE FOLLOWING EXEC: WAYNE – LYLE CARRIED**
- CHAIR Joan O'Reilly
- VICE Bonny Bellamy
- SECRETARY-TREASURER Judy Schlichenmayer
- MEMBER @ LARGE Michelle Honeyman
- RCMP LIAISON – Staff Sgt. Kevin Morton

2. BRIEF REPORTS - NEW BUSINESS:

a. FINANCIAL REPORT (Judy) balance @ Sept 30, 2011 - \$2,432.12
MOTION TO ACCEPT: JUDY / LYLE **CARRIED**

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR 2011: MOTION TO APPOINT WADE & KEVIN MORTON. Lyle / Dave **CARRIED**

- b. **OLDS RCMP REPORT** (Kevin) Charity Check Stop – Dec 10, 2011 from 10 am to 3 pm on Highway 27 . CAVSS, Xmas Angels & Food Bank are charities benefiting. Historically \$8 to 10 thousand is raised. Local press release on winter travel and driver's responsibilities is being prepared and will be out shortly, **APPENDIX B** See website for stats. **APPENDIX C** - narrative
- c. **TOWN OF OLDS PROTECTIVE SERVICES** (Lorne Thompson) N/A
- d. **OLDS CITIZENS ON PATROL REPORT** (Dave Karpyshyn/Jim Finlay) New President Ken Sorenson; Vice - Leonard Brandson; 15 members present at Nov 15 meeting. Next meeting - Jan 17.
- e. **BOWDEN CITIZENS ON PATROL REPORT** (Bonny Bellamy) vandalism at the rest stop.
- f. **OLDS RURAL CRIME WATCH REPORT** (Judy / Lyle) Doing security for Santa parade Nov 26 in Olds. Fundraising Casino in Red Deer Jan 5 & 6, 2012. Will be hosting 2013 Provincial AGM and conference. 2012 conference in Cochrane - Feb 10 & 11. Membership drive ongoing and fan-out system very useful to get messages out – had some glitches but working well now.
- g. **OLDS FISH & WILDLIFE** (Adam Mirus) Not a whole bunch going on. We are having a lot of shot and left animals of all species. If public could take a picture of vehicle and call us asap it would be a huge help.
- h. **TOWN OF BOWDEN COUNCILOR'S REPORT** (Wayne Milaney) All hotels closed right now – fire, health, lack of business factors. New diner expected to be opening shortly, Access to highway 2 from rest stop being closed – negative impact on town and traffic movement.
- i. **TOWN OF OLDS COUNCILOR'S REPORT** (Councilor Wade Bearchell) Problems perceived for emergency access to new hotel at College; AB Transportation uncooperative, Problems with Hwy 27 upgrades through town. Upgrade at overpass discussed. Proposing two roundabouts requiring traffic to reduce speed down to 30k. All kinds of problems with big truck and machinery a concern. The elimination of crossings at the Wimborne Highway and Amerada will compound emergency access.
- j. **MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNTY POLICING REPORT** (Michelle) Rig moves up. Large number of stop sign violations.
- k. **OLDS SEARCH & RESCUE REPORT** (Jim Finlay) assisted Red Deer with missing person search. 2 new members taking basic training. Recruit through website, open house and paper ads.

<p>l. WEBSITE PAGES ON: http://www.oldsruralcrimewatch.ca and mountainviewcounty.com/ruralcrimewatch ACTION: Please check it out and send feedback to Judy.</p>

- m. **COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT** (James Trombley)
- Garfield was promoted to Sgt and no longer works from the Olds office.
 - Our Branch is no longer with Transportation, we have been moved under Solicitor General & Public Security.
 - We are continuing with school bus inspections. We will be stopping by the new Catholic school to inspect their buses.
 - We have been issuing traffic violation tickets to commercial drivers who are in violation of the new distracted driving law.
 - We have started to conduct log haul compliance checks in the Sundre area, the first one was last week.
 - I will be participating in this year's Olds Charity Check Stop and we will provide our Mobile Vehicle Inspection Unit.
 - Any questions or concerns re; commercial vehicles please call our Olds office at 403-556-4313.

n. **OLDS COLLEGE & OCSA** (Doug Wagstaff / Don MacLeod) N/A

o. **OLDS HIGH SCHOOL** (Tom Christensen) N/A

p. **OLDS SCOUTS** (Michelle Maschke) 1st Olds Scouts:

Youth participants this years is as follows:

Beavers ages 5-7 6 participants

Cubs ages 8-10 7 participants

Scouts ages 11-14 14 participants

Activities overview: Beavers and Cubs are doing a pack specialty badge which involves tours, guests and recognition of thanks to our local sponsors and supporters such as Westview Coop, Canadian Tire, Olds Legion, Olds RCMP Olds College, Panago Pizza, Bank of Nova Scotia and the Kiwanis Club of Olds. Scouts have been on 2 fall camps ready this session went to BC to the Pacific Jamboree have 2 winter and 2 spring camps and many outdoor activities and community events planned this year. The organization still struggles with volunteer leaders and our popcorn sales were down by approximately 3000.00 mostly due to some late registrations and less younger youth participants. Hope to make up the shortfall with our bottle drop day on January 14, 2012. Planned participation in the Light up night and parade as well as the Santa breakfast.

- q. **SHERIFFS (Blaine Heather) / INNISFAIL FREEWAY (Cpl Al Nickolson)**. Sheriffs moved to Innisfail with Freeway Unit – move of both units now proposed to Red Deer but stalled for right now. Up to full strength – 4 sheriffs & 1 supervisor position. Working on Provincial priorities and integrated into Innisfail Freeway unit. Freeway – 85 km of highway – want to be pro-active with enforcement on Hwy 27 . Priorities for enforcement are: Impaired Drivers; Seat belts; Distracted Drivers; and Intersection violations. Old Pole and Berthgal road crossings are targeted for closure access to Hwy 2. This will increase response time and hinder the ability to do enforcement. Offices for the freeway and sheriffs are proposed to be moved to Red Deer City center. This is seen as a big step back with enforcement and patrols in our detachment area. We need them to be visible in the community and would welcome them back into the Olds detachment anytime. This was seen as the ideal integrated working model. It's also been proposed in the past to have

a traffic enforcement unit in olds. It's seen as central and in the hub of activity for Central Alberta. Traffic units are in Airdrie, Innisfail, Ponoka and Leduc now. **ACTION: It was the consensus that the Society and each of the towns – Olds, Bowden – and the County and the individual crime prevention units members of the society such as RCW, COP, S&R, etc. write letters to lobby for a traffic unit and sheriffs be stationed in Olds.**

Freeway did a project in our area the 13-14 & 15th starting at 4:30 am. 75 tickets were written with 2 incidents of speeds of 160 and 202 KPH. It's also been identified that we have an occupant restraint non-compliance issue in this area. The cable barrier is reducing serious injuries and fatalities on QII but is causing more responses to the scene as vehicles are hung up on the barrier. Olds is being called out more and with the potential move of freeway to Red Deer the strain on local resources is expected to increase. This goes back to driver responsibilities and the news release –check it on the website.
www.oldsruralcrimewatch.ca

3. CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS: - for info only
 - 3.1 Town of Bowden – Committee appointments - Cory Jasper, and alternate Wayne Milaney,
4. NEW BUSINESS
5. ROUND TABLE Areas to be looked into: Catholic School – barriers for emergency access – will be moved after paving. Signage around area needs some attention – Wade will contact Larry Wright, Holiday trailer stolen from beside Finlay Crane shop. Friday – OATS meeting on impaired drivers – have some funding to do a project. Dec 20 – oilers will drop puck @ Grizzly game – may make arena busier than normal. MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE AND STAY SAFE!!!!!! See you all January 24!!!!!! Joan – Get Well Soon.
6. MEETING ADJOURNMENT @ 9 PM
7. 2012 MEETING SCHEDULE:
Jan 24 Mar 27 May 22 Sept 25 Nov 27
8. **NEXT MEETING: 7:00 pm JANUARY 24, 2012.** OLDS TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
PRESENTER – LORNE THOMPSON – OLDS FIRE DEPARTMENT
4TH Tuesday in SEP/NOV/JAN/MARCH/MAY)

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APPENDIX A:

Town of Olds Speed Zones Review

prepared for P & P 2010/09/17

The philosophy of traffic control devices is to create safe and efficient traffic flow and includes the movement of people. Appropriate usage creates areas of safety. Effective enforcement enhances this safety and validates the speed zones. For this reason the zones must be meaningful and properly regulated.

The speed zones were reviewed due to a number of issues noted around the Town of Olds. Issues that initiated this are:

- Appropriateness of zones Signage is inappropriate
- Changes in facilities Lack of understanding the difference between a “zone and an area”
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Specifically we noted there are a number of school areas that are nowhere near schools, playground areas that were fenced to keep kids from running out, and facilities that have been closed but the zone is still in place. The review was conducted by looking at the existing zones, in Olds and applying the principles of the Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation Guidelines for School Zones and Areas, Version 2. This document awards points on a scale considering a variety of conditions which include children’s ages, access to the street, road classification, and access to the property. The attached document speaks specifically to the findings. A copy of the Guidelines is available at our office and I believe 1 has been provided to the Town.

In the last 2 years I have heard the conversations about child safety and speed zones, but we need to keep this in perspective. The road around the schools is a busy area, the route to school requires the pedestrians to take responsibility for their safety to and respect the rules of the road. We have lots of children crossing Hwy 27 and 50th Ave everyday that have no speed zone protection. The closer to the school you get should not change anything. The reason zones exist around the playgrounds and schools themselves is to build in an extra layer of protection for kids distracted in play, not traveling.

Currently there are no enforceable school zones in Olds. This is due to the fact that the signage is for “areas not zones”.

Area – a location where awareness is generated by signage to a playground or school. It is posted in yellow and the speed in yellow is a recommendation only.

Zone – a location where compliance is required to a posted speed, for a variety of reasons. There may be a warning sign in colors that vary, but the speed must be clearly posted in white and end must be posted as well.

This document has been updated 2011/11/14 for the Olds Town Council Meeting.

The report previously forwarded and the discussions have centered on a report done by Sheriff Carr for the Olds Detachment and the Town of Olds. Some of the scoring used to determine zone or area, is interpretive and needs to be reviewed by decision makers based on some the intention of the road usage. For example is 54th St a local road, collector, or an artery.

Fencing of the properties secures the property from kids running out, so should the area be a concern and or does the nature of the fence have a bearing? Craig’s corner and the playground on 50th St at 56th Ave are examples.

Some areas were reviewed and scored as they are currently posted as areas however the reality is that adjacency is an issue and those locations likely never should have been considered at all. Pieces of 54th St and 57th Ave are examples.

My recommendations are as follows:

Location	Recommendation	Rationale
1. Imperial Way -	Area or nothing	-- given the nature of the area, traffic volume and amount of use - scores as playground zone, no fencing and adjacent to road
2. 54 th Ave -	Zone	
3. Shannon Drive -	Zone -	
4. Beech -	Zone	- clearly scores as a zone, but is only marked on the south side, needs markings on the north
5. 50 th St at 56 Ave -	Area	- this area scores as an area. Fully fenced may make a discussion for nothing, would leave as an area.
6. Richard Cres, along 54 th St-	Area -	- this piece currently scores as a Zone by the Sheriff report, but by clearly outlining the nature of 54 th St traffic as arterial and the distance of the playground equipment from the road and the number of users it is designed for it would score as an Area. Given 54 th St is a major East West artery, as few restrictions on speed as possible should exist. Possibly fencing along 54 th should be considered.
6.a) Richard Cres, along 48 th Ave -	Zone -	- adjacency to road
7. 53 rd St and Centennial Park -	<u>nothing</u> -	- Centennial Park is not speed controlled anywhere else. This zone originally existed for the old pool I suspect and should have been taken down when closed.
8. Craig's Corner -	Area -	- fencing and a major road, this scores as an area
9. 2A and 57 th St -		Area - - soccer field off industrial Traffic will be slow as approaching or departing the intersection.
10. 57 th Ave and Imperial -	Area	- ball diamonds next to both roads no fences

Schools:

Items A and B 2) have potential to raise other issues in the community. If a special zone is considered here, then why not one for 50th St or 46th St, and if so where on these streets. The difference being 57th is closer to the school does not hold that they have a higher pedestrian crossing volume along them and arguably 46th St is the most dangerous crossing in Town.

A. 54th St East of 57th Ave - Nothing - not adjacent to a school in anyway. It is connected to the playground, maybe if you consider the walk way. Walkways should not be considered based on where they end up.

B. 1) 53rd St by OES - Zone - no question this is in front of the school

2) 57th Ave and 53rd St - Neither - this area lacks adjacency to the school and therefore does not meet the base requirement for consideration.

C. 55th St and 61 Ave - Zone - this area including Balsam Cres is appropriate, given curves, school adjacency etc. While it has playgrounds, they are not adjacent to the road so school zone is most appropriate.

Olds High School - this school is clearly not adjacent to Hwy 2 in a manner that makes its consideration for a speed zone or area necessary. It is recognized that this area is also managed by Alberta Transportation.

APPENDIX B

Motorists need to be prepared to care for themselves while winter driving, even on Highway 2

Over the last number of years a disturbing trend has been growing, people travelling in winter without proper clothing and equipment. This is aggravated by the fact they get in cars which take them away from places of comfort quickly. Since most of these motorists have cell phones, the result is numerous calls for assistance that should be self contained.

Recent history reflects an expectation, along Highway 2 in the Olds area, for motorists to leave the road and get stuck, then expect RCMP attendance. This is also true for minor collisions. Motorists are required by law to report collisions where the total damage is over \$2000. This does not necessarily mean police will attend these events.

Police do not normally attend complaints of non-injury collisions, people who are stuck, or provide rides. This means you need to be prepared to spend a significant amount of time in your car if you leave the road. So pack warm clothes and possibly an emergency kit of snacks, water and blankets. If your cell phone works you can arrange for a tow truck or a ride and make any required reports later.

This winter Olds RCMP Detachment will not be providing this high level of service for a number of reasons. The first is that in most cases the events are avoidable by slowing down or staying home if conditions are very bad. Other policing pressures are taking away from, by the time required to attend.

It is critical to remember that you and you alone are responsible for you and your family's safety which starts with proper decision making. Decision making includes determining if you really need to travel, dressing for the potential weather, slowing down for road conditions, and carrying proper winter traveling items.

Whiteout Tip:

When white out conditions blow up, pull as far off the road as you can stop and wait until it clears. Do not get out of your vehicle; it is the safest place you can be. This is a weather condition, not an emergency event.

APPENDIX C – OLDS DETACHMENT NARRATIVE REPORT

1. This quarter has been warmer than last year at this time. This accounts for an increase in activity outside as well as a reduction in traffic collisions. Overall we are seeing a reduction in events, which has 2 causes. The first and most concerning is the member vacancy pattern which leads to reduced police generated enforcement. The second is a reduction in events that cause police to be called, which is a good thing.
2. During this quarter we have had 3 members off on paternity leave, and a vacancy that occurred as the result of a transfer out that the replacement has not arrived for. Recently a member has been placed on light duties that will remain in effect for a significant period of time. Next quarter one member will be returning from paternity leave.
3. Members will be involved in the Olds Charity Checkstop on Dec. 10, 2010 and invite all CAC members to join us.
4. The Detachment is working with the Town of Olds to determine proper School and Playground Zones. Information regarding specific planning data and on sight evaluations is being prepared for the Administration and Council in order to solicit public input on these items.
5. A media program is going to be embarked upon demanding motorists be prepared to care for themselves when they leave the road way and/or are involved in property damage collisions. Olds Detachment does not normally attend non-injury collisions and that standard must apply to events on Hwy 2 as well, given manpower issues.
6. The Olds Fire Department and the Detachment are involved in the Movember awareness campaign and are competing in terms of fund raising and moustache growing to that end. The goal is to promote awareness of men's health and specifically prostate cancer. Please check out the information at:
[About Movember](#)
[Prostate Cancer Foundation research](#)
[Global Action Plan](#)

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