

OLDS & DISTRICT COMMUNITY POLICING ADVISORY SOCIETY
MINUTES –JAN 27, 2015 7 pm TOWN OF OLDS (enter through back door)

PRESENT: Joan O'Reilly, Lyle Bliss, Jim Finlay, Fred Bay, S/Sgt. Joe Sangster, Kevin Heppler, Joe Reid, Harmony Giles, Bonny Bellamy, Wayne Milaney, Leonard Brandson, Dave Karpyshyn, Wade Bearchell, Adam Mirus, Al Kemmere, Doug Collie, Matt Firmston, Judy Schlichenmayer

REGRETS: James Trombley

CALL TO ORDER - WELCOME & INTRODUCTION Joan O'Reilly
INTRODUCTION –

ADOPTION OF AGENDA MOTION TO APPROVE AS CIRCULATED: Bonny / Leonard
CARRIED.

MINUTES REVIEW & APPROVAL AS CIRCULATED: (NOV 25, 2014) MOTION TO
APPROVE AS CIRCULATED: Jim F / Bonny CARRIED.

1. BUSINESS ARISING:

1.1 **Staffing Olds Fish & Wildlife office.** 3 officers with Problem Wildlife Officer to cover entire district . 2,800 km; 5 RCMP Detachment areas. Now under Justice & Solicitor General; have been advised Olds Officer Position not to be filled. Concern expressed that the area is understaffed and we need vacant position filled. Very busy with complaints along Highway 22 and in local towns moving Moose, etc. Poaching has become a real problem. Officers do not have time to attend local policing – Rural Crime Watch meetings to build rapport with the local community members. MOTION: Judy / Fred. To lobby government to staff vacant officer position. CARRIED.

2. BRIEF REPORTS - NEW BUSINESS:

a. **FINANCIAL REPORT** (Judy) balance @ Dec 31, 2014 - \$1,960.64 – less \$500
commitment for Bike Patrol.
MOTION TO ACCEPT: Judy / Leonard. CARRIED.

2014 – AUDIT TEAM: Bonny Bellamy & Wayne Milaney
MOTION: Al / Leonard CARRIED.

b. **OLDS RCMP REPORT** (Cpl Shawn Morgan/ Cpl Mike Black/ S/SGT Joe Sangster) (separate document). 9 municipal & 5 rural constables. S/Sgt & 2 Corporals plus office staff. Just under 5,000 calls. 1,183 in MVC. In discussions to create a “call center” for MVC to be staffed by citizens to do paperwork for incidents such as vehicle crashes. Developing annual Performance Plan. Expect priorities to stay same. Youth; Traffic; B & E's. Targets met last year, Feedback is welcomed. Many vehicle thefts are from unlocked vehicles. Since Jan 1 – 10 B & E's by Hwy 587. Innisfail / Red Deer / Sylvan Lake areas being hit. Trail cams / motion lights, driveway alarms all good deterrents. Call if you see anything suspicious – IE vehicle parked in same spot for long period of time. Future focus for Committee: Justice System.

- c. **TOWN OF OLDS PROTECTIVE SERVICES (Joe Reid)** Dealing with unsightly premises complaints with snow going away - parking wrong side street; dealing with through education . 2 positions for Bylaw – One being filled with Commissionaires. Paint on highway at lights at Hwy 2A & Hwy 27, does not match signs on lights. Changes are coming to improve the intersection!!!!!!
- d. **OLDS CITIZENS ON PATROL REPORT (Leonard Brandson/Jim Finlay)** Busy. Not many changes. Some new members. 8 – 9 patrols this month already.
- e. **OLDS RURAL CRIME WATCH REPORT (Fred B)**
 .Crime Prevention Trade Show – May 9, 2015. 10-5 @ Olds Legion. Planning underway. Working with group from OHS on P.A.R.T.Y SAFE Program for grade 10's – APRIL 29, 2015 (mock accident – tour hospital & morgue. Back to school for handicap lunch. Opens up a lot of eyes. Also discusses distracted driving & sleep deprivation. Working with TV station on crime prevention news segment. Getting weekly stats from Didsbury RCMP. Prov RCW AGM upcoming Feb 6-7 and our own AGM March 11, 2015. Lots of B & E's in the rural areas all across Alberta – reports available on website. Getting ready for Trade Show at Student Leadership Conference May 10. Gearing up for membership drive – Good till Dec 30, 2020 - \$25.
- f. **OLDS FISH & WILDLIFE (Adam Mirus):** Doing snowmobile patrols. Picking up drivers drinking and unregistered / uninsured sled. - \$150 fine and lose gear.
- g. **TOWN OF BOWDEN COUNCILOR'S REPORT (Paul Webb/ Wayne Milaney)**
 Crime down – appreciate efforts of RCMP.
- h. **TOWN OF OLDS COUNCILOR'S REPORT (Wade Bearchell/Judy Dahl)**
 The engagement process for the long awaited community standards bylaw is about ready to start. Community members will be able to make comments on the Town of Olds website and find out information that may pertain to them specifically. There will be 2 dates where the citizens of Olds will be able to come and listen and provide feedback about the bylaw. These dates are April 29th and May 12th at yet to be determined locations.
 There appears to be a rash of graffiti in Olds. Business are removing them quickly to deter further incidents. In the last few months I've noticed a few markings that appear to be the same person or group. I'm going to be bringing it up with council and administration so we can try and find a fair solution as well as apprehend the person or persons responsible. Respectfully. Wade Bearchell
- i. **MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNTY POLICING REPORT Kevin Heppler / Al Kemere)**
 Violations for 2013 – 1,000. 2014 – 1,559. Majority for speeding. Commercial vehicles: 1 drilling rig; almost done. New Bylaw Officer. Al – nobody wants Bylaws until they need one. County stats are down for individual detachments. False Alarms are causing issues across the county. Red Deer County has had to deal with already by adopting a bylaw to fine multiple offences. Crediting Rural crime Watch for getting messages out on incidents and getting people watching and reporting suspicious activity.
- j. **OLDS SEARCH & RESCUE REPORT (Jack Humphries / Jim Finlay)** 3 new faces at last meeting. Doing some training at each meeting. Weekend GPS course in Sundre upcoming, Also radio course in Red Deer coming up. Participants pay their own fees.

k. **WEBSITE PAGES ON:** <http://www.oldsruralcrimewatch.ca> and page on mountainviewcounty.com/ruralcrimewatch
 NEW E-MAIL: ocp@oldsruralcrimewatch.ca

l. COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT (James Trombley)

We have increased our log haul inspections in the Sundre area, ensuring compliance with permit conditions and legislation. School bus inspections have been conducted in our area and will continue until the end of the school year. Recently we have dealt with slow moving vehicles on the highways (i.e. construction loaders/equipment, tractors, etc.) in the Olds area ensuring required equipment is displayed, lamps are functioning and applicable legislation is being followed. Any questions or concerns regarding commercial vehicles please contact the Olds office at 403-556-4313.

m. OLDS COLLEGE & OCSA (Fritz Latimer/ Dale Wilson / Harmony Giles) Brewery program up and running. March – Mental Health Month. 2014 has seen major improvements between partners – RCMP and Students’ Association. Complaints down from community about college students. Bike patrol active Thursday nights. New residence – 450 beds. Propose to develop more cohesive approach to encourage students to stay on campus to party.

n. OLDS HIGH SCHOOL (Tom Christensen)

Alberta Student Leadership Conference being hosted by Olds – May 10-12, 2015. Billet information is available at www.oldshigh.ca

o. OLDS SCOUTS (Michelle Maschke) 1st Olds Scouts: N/A

p. SHERIFFS / FREEWAY (Cpl. Matt Firmston) Integrated Traffic Unit. Consists of RCMP officers and officers from the AB Sheriffs Department working together. Priority is Hwy 2 patrolling but also branch off into communities to patrol. Manpower shortage right now – 2 Sheriff & 4 RCMP officers. Rely on neighboring detachments to fill voids when crashes occur. Office moving back to Innisfail. Future focus for committee: To get unit back into Olds. Wayne offered space in Bowden with free renovations.

q. SAFE COMMUNITIES – - (Kathleen Raines)

- Doing an impaired driving presentation using the fatal vision goggles at Rebels game night January 27 (which I why I can’t come to the meeting!); giving away movie passes donated by AMA
- Planning underway for the 2015 Bike Walk and Roll committee
- Putting together a concussion working group- more details to come. Possibly implementing Parachute’s Brain Day program with grades 4-6 students as part of this initiative
- Young Farm Worker training set for April 28 at Olds College
- Falls prevention committee working on a proposal to create a fun informational video for use by and with seniors groups; key messages focused on active living, not strictly falls prevention
- Long overdue website upgrades underway- send any links you would like included.

3. NEW BUSINESS. None

4. CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS: - for info only and discussion

4.1 Recognizing Inspiring Work that Protects our Communities – Alberta Community Justice Awards – DEADLINE – FEB 13, 2015.

4.2 Scam Fax Billing Alert from O & D Chamber of Commerce

5. ROUND TABLE

Drones are becoming “an issue”. Can be up to 1 mile away. Rocky View area receiving complaints. Cremona Legal Marijuana Plant to be in operation soon. Problem – no enforcement. County caught unprepared with this application. New rules now. Productive meeting. Sharing of information makes teamwork stronger! Past successes with lobbying. .

6. ADJOURNMENT. MOTION: FRED CARRIED.

7. 2015 MEETING SCHEDULE: Jan 27 Mar 24 May 26 SEPT 22 Nov 24
4TH Tuesday in SEP/NOV/JAN/MARCH/MAY)

NOTE: APRIL 19-25 – National Victim’s of Crime Week
APRIL 29 – PARTY SAFE PROGRAM – OHS MOCK ACCIDENT
MAY 10 – 16 – CRIME PREVENTION WEEK
MAY 9, 2015 – FAMILY CRIME PREVENTION TRADE SHOW

8. **NEXT MEETING: 7:00 pm MARCH 24, 2015. OLDS TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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