

**OLDS & DISTRICT COMMUNITY POLICING ADVISORY SOCIETY
MINUTES – NOV 24, 2015 7 pm OLDS TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT Mayor Judy Dahl, Al Kemmere, Cst. Chris Mayo, Cst. Dale Bereza, Margaret Erickson, Joe Reid, Andrae Campbell, Wayne Milaney, Judy Schlichenmayer

REGRETS: Cpl. Shawn Morgan

CALL TO ORDER - WELCOME & INTRODUCTION (Wayne Milaney)

ADOPTION OF AGENDA MOTION: Margaret Erickson CARRIED

MINUTES REVIEW & APPROVAL AS CIRCULATED: (Sept 22, 2015)

MOTION: Judy S. CARRIED.

1. BUSINESS ARISING:

1.1 Committee Review – Purpose / Composition / Goals – 2015-16

It was agreed education, and community policing initiatives, are an important focus of this committee such as the DARE program, and Target Hardening. **ACTION ITEM:** Communication through the media on Awareness: “What’s Happening in the Community” Community Service Announcements on Lock It or Loose It! Use of Social Media/CATV. Town-County-RCMP to do local community policing messages, working in cooperation with this committee and Citizens on Patrol – like MVC Bylaw articles.

- Traffic Issues at OHS - Judy follow up with Tom.

To proceed with a formal request for lights at the school crossing, facts on traffic - pedestrian patterns will be required. Is there just a bottle neck at certain times? Etc. Speed changes coming into town on 2A is also cited as an issue.

It was noted that the theme of Alberta Transportation is round-a-bouts (traffic circles) to keep traffic moving. Proposal to put 3 in and around Sundre. Still a proposal to put one on each end of the Olds overpass.

- Olds College additional residence – security/safety issues

Do we re-activate any of the goals identified in the workshop (APPENDIX A)

OTHERS ???????? – continue to consider

1.2 O-Net Open Public Network Sites – Security Cameras (from March meeting) No further information at this time.

1.3 BYLAW FOR PAWN SHOPS – TOWN & COUNTY Suggestion from last meeting. Judy will follow up with Shawn Morgan who had suggested this. There is a belief that there is a Provincial law on the need for pawn shops to keep records of who is fencing equipment and to report suspicious items / people. If we want a local one from the town and / or county – a letter to Council (s) will be required.

2. **BRIEF REPORTS - NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **FINANCIAL REPORT** (Judy) balance October 31, 2015 \$1,460.64
MOTION TO ACCEPT: JUDY / Al Kemmere CARRIED.

- b. **OLDS RCMP REPORT** (CST. Bereza) (see stat reports – separate documents – also posted on website). **COMMENTS FROM CPL. MORGAN:** We have a new member coming into the detachment on December 10 – Brian Eagle. Cst. Dale Bereza is in the midst of selling his home as he has been promoted to Athabasca detachment.

In partnership with Bylaw we briefly discussed the deployment strategy of the speed signs with Joe Reid (education portion is done and we should be moving forward to an enforcement campaign as it pertains to school zones).

I had a look at your minutes. The bikes have been valuable in far more areas than just the skate park., Oldstoberfest, streets leading to the Texas Mickey from the college, Patrols on path system, etc...

As far as Distracted Driving Stats I think they do not reflect the real picture. It happens, we all see it, however marked units tend to be seen easily and folks put their phones down upon seeing them or become more attentive. Stats on our tickets issued in this area really are not a gauge of the situation itself. I've attached a report done in 2007 by Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation which is more scientific in its approach than what our stats would illustrate.

You simply state in the minutes that Domestic Violence is up, without my explanation that these are not all assaults and that the way in which these files are scored now in comparison to 5 years ago is quite different and results in more a false increase. The amount they were up was not drastic. (IE. If you had 20 one month then 22 the next that is a 10 percent increase.)

Shawn is also doing weekly crime reports for the media which are also posted on the rural crime watch website – Community Policing Committee page.

Dale reported that there have been several thefts from the tire stores – Fountain Tire – Olds and The Tire Shop. It is believed thieves are from out of town and tires are being sold in bigger centers. Poor lighting and quality of video surveillance has been a hindrance to catching them. It's not just Olds – Didsbury & Sundre have also been hit. Businesses should be encouraged to take advantage of target hardening techniques such as improving lightening and video systems, make sure stuff is locked up to reduce crimes of opportunity, keep windows clear, don't cover up aids such as height charts. Detachment is in process of getting a drone for evidence gathering.

It was questioned if the RCMP would reinstate policy on assisting members to sell their residences when accepting promotions. Presently, this causes bottle necks in many communities waiting for newly appointed members to be able to move.

- Distracted Driving Report (separate document)

- c. **TOWN OF OLDS PROTECTIVE SERVICES (Joe Reid)** Have been switching work schedules around. Pricing equipment for in-car cameras for evidence in court. Also looking at equipment to record barking dogs to respond to dog barking complaints. Focus – traffic & intersection safety – running red

lights; slippery intersections, seat belt and distracted driving enforcement. Have a new dress uniform.

- d. **OLDS CITIZENS ON PATROL REPORT (Margaret Erickson)** On patrol a suspect was seen loading lumber and was scared off. Suspects were also scared off from tire store. Cst. Sandu is new liaison to the group. Have new radios to improve communication with the officers on duty.
- e. **OLDS RURAL CRIME WATCH REPORT (Fred B)** Membership drive in full swing. Lots of interest in membership. Proposing to offer service to businesses to circulate information on potential shoplifters or break & enter suspects, working with the RCMP of course. Fan outs have proven effective in a couple of incidents and awareness and willingness to report suspicious activity is picking up. Lots of good information on the website on recent scams and police reports.
- f. **OLDS FISH & WILDLIFE (Adam Mirus): N/A**
- g. **TOWN OF BOWDEN COUNCILOR'S REPORT (Wayne Milaney)**
Quiet in Bowden. CAO – Andy Weiss is retiring and recruitment process has started. School has a new football team – 1st time in 30 years. Hockey is in full swing. Red Deer County has taken over fire department and provided some new equipment. Number of younger volunteers stepping forward to join volunteer department, Recent robbery at liquor store – wearing masks and wore gloves. New staff didn't know how to handle situation. RCMP education presentation to businesses in Bowden on getting evidence and what to do in case of and how to prevent a robbery, suggested.
- h. **TOWN OF OLDS COUNCILOR'S REPORT (Mayor Judy Dahl)** Attended the AAMD&C Conference (Note – Al Kemmere is chair of this group). New Joint Alberta Justice and Solicitor General/RCMP Joint Business Plan 2015-2018
Officers are staying longer in communities. National section resource – ID thefts in Alberta. Department – 32 cadets through depot every 24 weeks on a steady stream for next 3 years.
Good visibility of RCMP in town.
- i. **MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNTY POLICING REPORT Kevin / Al Kemere)**
Challenge of distracted driving charges standing up in court. Another big issue in county is number of speeding tickets where driver was going over 50 km above speed limit. This charge is a mandatory court appearance. But finding crown is reducing fines and demerits when they appear in court. In May traffic fines went up but writing more tickets – fines not a deterrent. Demerits just came in for distracted driving. Dangerous driving is a criminal code offense and vehicle can be seized.
Early Spring increased patrols to ID B & E suspects. Did daily patrols and B & E's went down with visibility. Dog – special section. Cooperative enforcement with Town, RCMP and County.
Rocky View is using drones to scout property. Can be used to check livestock, for field weed management, and locate lost people.
- j. **OLDS SEARCH & RESCUE REPORT (Jack Humphries/Jim Finlay) N/A**

k. WEBSITE PAGES ON: <http://www.oldsruralcrimewatch.ca>
NEW E-MAIL: ocp@oldsruralcrimewatch.ca

- l. COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT** (James Trombley)
We have started to focus on log haul inspections in the Sundre and Cochrane areas. We continue to complete school bus inspections within Mountain View County and have covered most schools. At the moment our Northern region is short staffed so we have been assisting / supporting them by attending commercial vehicle checks.
With the arrival of winter conditions, we will be monitoring commercial truck/trailer traffic looking for excessive buildup of snow and ice on trailer tops. A buildup of snow and ice on trailer tops can pose an unacceptable safety hazard to motorists. Safety hazards may include loss of visibility when snow blows off to damage and injury when thick chunks dislodge or fall from the trailer. We remind commercial drivers to check their trailer tops as part of their pre-trip and load checks.
- m. OLDS COLLEGE & OCSA** (Glenice Grover – OC Residence Mngr. / OCSA – VP Andrae Campbell) Goal to engage student and community interactions. First project – Tim Horton’s gift certificates to residents on College Way. Without a counselor this year causing difficulties for certain students. Mentor system suggested. RCMP and ladies hockey team game upcoming. An improvement in the behavior of college and high school students continues. There is a no-tolerance at the college for bad behavior.
- n. OLDS HIGH SCHOOL** (Tom Christensen) N/A
- o. SHERIFFS / FREEWAY** (Cpl. Matt Firmston) N/A
- p. SAFE COMMUNITIES** (Kathleen Raines)
Safe Communities and Alberta Health Services hosted a highly successful Community Conversation on Youth Risk Management in early November. A presentation on the PARTY program generated much discussion and interest in further conversations about how to address Youth Risk Management in a coordinated manner across the region given that AHS Central Zone does not support delivery of the PARTY program. This topic will be a key feature of our monthly board meeting on Nov 25.
We had a busy month with Seniors Fall Prevention activities with Walk With the Mayors (Red Deer County Mayor Jim Wood and Red Deer Mayor Tara Veer.) Our Annual Young Farm Worker training is set for April 27 at Olds College; the planning committee is finalizing the program and securing funding.

3. **CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS: - for info only**

3.1 Crime Stoppers Magazine

4. NEW BUSINESS

5. ROUND TABLE

Question on value of interaction between other policing advisory groups, especially in view of governance and policy review of policing model in the province. Red Deer County held several community meetings throughout the county to discuss crime trends and prevention measures during 2015. Newly formed PAC's and RCW associations around the province due to the increases in crimes. Judy has been in discussions with Jean Bota – a councilor from Red Deer County on holding a meeting of PAC's and other groups across the Province, in conjunction with Alberta Justice and Solicitor General.

Drugs are not a huge problem but there are certain problem areas that police are working on

Happy to see town digital sign on west end of town out.

Added visibility of RCMP in Bowden appreciated and helping with crime reduction.

Poaching – drones being used to chase animals into areas with no hunting.

Wildlife numbers are down in many areas with extreme winters we've had.

6. MEETING ADJOURNED MERRY CHRISTMAS!

7. 2016 MEETING SCHEDULE:

Jan 26 Mar 22 May 24 Sept 27 Nov 22

8. **NEXT MEETING: 7:00 pm JAN 26, 2016 . OLDS TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
PRESENTER – Doug Wagstaff – Governance Review Process**

4TH Tuesday in SEP/NOV/JAN/MARCH/MAY)

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