



COUNCIL – AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: 4 February 2025
Subject: Bylaw B-07/2025 - Establishment of Policing Committee
Directorate: Community Safety and Social Services

Issue:

Council is being provided with the new Policing Committee Bylaw as required by the Government of Alberta.

Policy / Council Direction:

The *Police Amendment Act, 2022* and subsequent regulations (the *Police Governance (Ministerial) Regulation* and the *Police Governance Regulation*).

Background:

The *Police Amendment Act, 2022*, (formerly Bill 6) was brought forward by the Province to improve how communities, including the City of Airdrie; that are policed by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), is to have a greater role in setting policing priorities and performance goals.

As a result of these changes, Council must establish a Policing Committee by bylaw before March 1, 2025. Composition of the Policing Committee will consist of citizen members, elected officials and the discretionary appointment of two additional members to be appointed by the Province.

The creation of the Policing Committee as per this bylaw is in compliance with provincial requirements and Airdrie Council committee best practices.

Council Committee Routed Through:

This policy was not routed through a Council Committee.

Administration Recommendation:

That Council:

1. gives three readings to Bylaw No. B-07/2025 being the *Policing Committee Bylaw*,

2. gives three readings to Bylaw No. B-08/2025, being a bylaw to amend *Committees Bylaw* No. B-11/2024; and
3. approves a budget amendment of \$27,000, to be funded from the General Operating Reserve.

Alternatives/Implications:

The establishment of a Policing Committee by bylaw is legislatively required and must be completed by March 1, 2025.

Council could make minor amendments that would not affect the bylaw required to support the establishment of a Policing Committee.

Budget Implications:

Initial startup costs of the Policing Committee is estimated to be \$27,000 due to enhanced security check costs for members. A budget amendment in the amount of \$27,000 to be funded from the General Operating Reserve is recommended. The ongoing budget impact moving forward of the establishment of a Policing Committee is estimated to be \$20,000 annually and will be incorporated into future budgets.

Communications and Engagement:

Administration will communicate the changes publicly on the City’s website and internally through a coordinated communications plan.

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. gives three readings to Bylaw No. B-07/2025 being the Policing Committee Bylaw;
2. gives three readings to Bylaw No. B-08/2025 being a bylaw to amend Committees Bylaw No. B-11/2024; and
3. approves a 2025 budget amendment of \$27,000 to be funded from the General Operating Reserve.

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Attachments:	#1: Draft Policing Committee Bylaw B-07/2025 #2: Bylaw B-08/2025 amends Committees Bylaw B-11/2024 #3: Redline of Committees Bylaw