



POLICING COMMITTEE – AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: 9 July 2025

Subject: RCMP Support Services Update

Directorate: Community Safety and Social Services

Issue:

RCMP Support Services is providing an overview of the Policing Town Hall meeting, and several upcoming initiatives that administration is coordinating within the detachment.

Policy / Council Direction:

The Policing Committee Bylaw B-07/2025 was established in accordance with the Police Act. The purpose of the committee is to:

1. Oversee the administration of the municipal police service agreement;
2. Represent the interests and concerns of the public and of the Council to the officer in charge;
3. Develop a yearly plan of priorities and strategies for municipal policing in consultation with the officer in charge;
4. Develop a community safety plan in conjunction with the local police detachment and Mayor, including a plan for collaboration between the community and community agencies;
5. Provide the community safety plan annually, or on request, to the Minister;
6. Assist in the selection of the officer in charge.

Background:

RCMP Support Services is providing the Policing Committee with information on the outcomes of the Policing Town Hall held in February 2025 along with several upcoming projects that are relevant to community safety.

The Policing Town Hall

The City of Airdrie hosts the annual policing town hall on behalf of the Airdrie RCMP. This year's Town Hall was held on February 27, 2025 in Council Chambers. The objective of

this event is to engage the public on matters relevant to community safety. This event helps the Detachment Commander create the City of Airdrie Annual Policing Priorities.

Quick Facts

- There were 26 emails sent to police.townhall@airdrie.ca prior to the event including various questions and comments
- 25 people attended the Town Hall in person
- 13-15 questions were asked live, by the in-person attendees

Road Safety was the most frequently expressed concern

Out of all the questions asked prior to and during the event, 11 were pertaining to traffic or road safety concerns. Some questions were about general vehicle/road safety or traffic enforcement such as:

- Is there a possibility of installing speed bumps in communities to slow traffic?
- Can you outline what a typical day looks like for an officer? I sit at the parent council at Herons Crossing and during pickup there are a lot of traffic problems, but I never see officers there during pickup, why aren't they there?
- There are some intersections where I get to them and the light turns green but then turns red right away and it causes me to run red lights
- Has the RCMP or Municipal Enforcement considered utilizing the Sheriff Highway Patrol for special traffic enforcement projects to target areas of concern such as these recent concerns at school zones or for impaired driving check stops?
- What are the rules around window tints on cars?

And others asked for information on increased enforcement in specific areas of the city. Those locations are summarized in the table below:

Street, intersection or area	Expressed concern(s)
40th Ave SW and 40th Ave and Coopers Blvd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Street racing at night- Excessive speeding- Running red lights at the Coopers intersection
40th Ave exit ramp and Coopers Crossing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Speeding
Kings Heights (Yankee Valley Blvd) to 40th Ave	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Street racing

West end of Windrow Link	- Excessive speeding (around a park and areas where children are present)
Allen Street	- Speeding
Chinook Gate	- Speeding

Upcoming Projects:

Lobby/Front Counter Renovation Design

With the continued growth in population, the number of residents visiting the RCMP detachment has steadily increased. A Request for Quote (RFQ) has been created and is currently posted through a public competition for a qualified vendor to redesign the lobby area and front counter. The design should be completed in 2025. The construction is planned to comment in 2026 but this is dependent upon budget and RCMP approval.

The lobby expansion will increase visitor capacity in the waiting area, provide more space for residents to fill out paperwork, improve foot traffic and customer experience. The front counter redesign will increase space, improve ergonomic conditions for staff and provide more privacy for residents.

Community Safety and Well Being Plan:

Following the directive of the Government of Alberta, municipalities are now required to develop a Community Safety Plan. Administration has chosen to seize this opportunity to develop a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan (CSWB) that emphasizes a holistic and proactive approach to fostering healthier, safer, and more resilient communities. These plans focus on the safety and well-being of all residents by identifying and prioritizing local social and safety priorities. The City will be developing a CSWB plan to help address community social issues and improve preventative and responsive efforts at the community level and is seeking a consultant to help oversee the work. One of the objectives of the Policing Committee is to create and implement a CSWB plan, the Committee will be a key stakeholder in its development. RCMP Support Services and Social Planning are currently developing a Request for Quote to hire a consultant to create this document. Administration is aiming to have a vendor selected by the end of August 2025.

Administration Recommendation:

RCMP Support Services recommends that the Policing Committee accept the report for information.

Alternatives/Implications:

As the report is for information no alternative recommendations are required.

Budget Implications:

There are no budget implications in this report as it is for information only.

Communications and Engagement:

A communication and engagement plan is not required for this report.

Recommendation:

That the Policing Committee accepts the report entitled “RCMP Support Services Update”, for information.

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