



POLICING COMMITTEE – AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: 8 April 2026

Subject: Community Policing Priority Planning 2026/2027

Directorate: Community Safety and Social Services

Issue:

Inspector Weare will be presenting the Policing Committee with an overview of Community Priority Planning (CPP) for the upcoming 2026/2027 cycle and the 2025/2026 year end review.

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; Assist in the selection of the officer in charge.

Background:

The City of Airdrie establishes its policing priorities through a combination of provincial requirements, local governance, RCMP collaboration and community input.

1. Provincial Framework and Governance

Airdrie is policed under a *Municipal Policing Service Agreement* (MPSA) with the RCMP. Recent changes to Alberta's Police Act require municipalities to strengthen civilian

oversight, which led to the creation of Airdrie's Policing Committee. Under the *Police Act*, part of the mandate of the Policing Committee is to:

- oversee the administration of the municipal police service agreement;
- represent the interests and concerns of the public and of the Council to the RCMP;
- develop a yearly plan of priorities and strategies for municipal policing in consultation with the officer in charge; and
- 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.

2. Public Engagement

Community input is an essential part of how Airdrie sets its policing priorities. In recent years, the City of Airdrie has set its policing priorities using a combination of local and provincial crime data and analytics. The process is anchored in public consultation through the annual Policing Town Hall and finalized through collaboration with the established Policing Committee, ensuring community input and evidence-based decision-making.

Public input is central to setting priorities. Airdrie hosted a Policing Town Hall on March 12, 2026 where residents:

- Asked questions, provided information on issues that have impacted them.
- Share concerns (e.g., traffic safety, drug enforcement, mental health response).
- Submitted feedback via email or in person.

Beginning in 2026, the City of Airdrie and the Airdrie RCMP conducted a policing-priority survey for the 2025 - 2026 planning cycle. This survey is designed to provide additional information from the public and is intended to:

- Collect resident perspectives on safety concerns
- Identify priority crime and community-wellbeing issues
- Ensure policing strategies reflect local needs
- Provide the Policing Committee and RCMP with measurable community feedback

The addition of this survey provided a more structured and data-driven approach that enhanced public input. The survey heard from 1749 respondents. The *What We Heard* report can be found on the project page [here](#).

3. Data and Trend Analysis

- The RCMP provides quarterly reports to the City's Policing Committee, highlighting crime trends and emerging issues (e.g., domestic violence rates, mental health calls, drug seizures).

These reports help identify areas needing more focus, such as road safety.

4. Role of the Policing Committee

The Policing Committee - consisting of councillors, citizen members and the mayor (non-voting) - reviews community feedback, RCMP reports and local trends. The committee uses this information, including survey results, to help shape:

- Community Priority Planning
- Recommends/supports operational policing focus areas (e.g., traffic enforcement, crime prevention, community presence/visibility)
- Broader community safety planning.

Administration Recommendation:

That the Policing Committee approves the RCMP's recommended Policing Priorities for the 2026/2027 year as follows:

- Crime Reduction;
- Community Engagement;
- Road Safety.

Alternatives/Implications:

This report is for information so there are no alternatives.

Budget Implications:

This report is for information.

Communications and Engagement:

This report is for information, so a communication plan is not necessary.

Recommendation:

That the Policing Committee accepts the Community Priority Planning presentation and overview for information and supports the RCMP's recommended Policing Priorities for the 2026 - 2027 year as follows:

Crime Reduction;
Community Engagement;
Road Safety.

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Attachments:	#1: Final Policing Committee April 2026 CPP