



Municipal District of Bonnyville No.87

Policing Committee Minutes

November 14, 2022

Present

Luis Gandolfi, Director of Public Safety
Matt Janz, General Manager of Environmental & Protective Services
Councilor Mike Krywiak, Ward 3
Brad Dumencu, Member at Large
Charlene Skinner, Sergeant
Cindy Coates, Office Administrator Public Safety
Barry Kalinski, Reeve
S/Sgt. Wes Bensmiller, RCMP Cold Lake
S/Sgt. Sarah Parke, RCMP Bonnyville

- Luis Gandolfi brought the meeting to order at 10:04 am
- 1. **Approval of Minutes from September 09, 2022**
No changes to the minutes Accepted by Chairman Ilchuk via email seconded by Luis. Adopted at 10:05 am
- 2. **Terms of Reference**
Tabled until John Ilchuk returns to have a discussion.
- 3. **Reports**

RCMP Bonnyville – S/Sgt. Sarah Parke

YOUTH

- Early September four members made a patrol out to the Pine Meadows Colony.
- September 9th Treaty Day celebration in Kehewin
- On September 22nd 2 members attended the annual HEB colour run in uniform and interacted with students. This was also in partnership with the Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority who were also on hand assisting.
- On September 28th a member attended Dr. Brosseau during their Mental Wellness initiative over the lunch hour.
- On September 29th BCHS held a grand opening of the new school. Two members attended.
- On September 27th two members attended the Terry Fox Run at the Kehewin school.

TRAFFIC

- 845 files created in September of those 222 were traffic related investigations. (91 were in the MD of Bonnyville)
- 50 resulted in charges (30 of them were in the MD of Bonnyville)
- 16 were for impaired driving investigations 3 of which resulted in charges (none were in the MD)
- 24 of them were collisions. (17 happened in the MD)
- There were 4 reported collisions involved minor injuries (3 in the MD of Bonnyville)
- In September, Bonnyville general duty members issued 178 tickets in the Bonnyville Detachment area.
- In September, St. Paul/Vermilion traffic services issued 22 traffic violations in the Bonnyville detachment area and executed 4 arrest warrants.
- Members self-reported 447 added focused patrols during the month of September with 276 patrols within general rural areas of the MD of Bonnyville; 19 focused patrols to Glendon and 86 focused patrols to Kehewin Indian Reserve.

GIS UPDATE

Bonnyville GIS assisted General Duty members with executed a search warrant after receiving a weapons call (media release attached). Bonnyville GIS also assisted Cold Lake GIS on a drug investigation which concluded in Bonnyville where multiple drug offences were laid.

The rotational position has been filled from the General Duty positions and that member is expected to remain in the unit for a two-year secondment.

PROLIFIC OFFENDER MANAGEMENT

For the Month of September there were 40 offenders in the program:

- 12 Prolific Offenders
 - 3 on Curfew Management
 - 9 on House Arrest
 - 9 Wanted on Warrants
 - At least 10 Curfew checks were conducted.
- There were 0 charges resulting from curfew checks.

MENTAL HEALTH

Members dealt with 8 Mental Health related calls 2 of which were in the MD of Bonnyville and 1 in the Kehewin Indian Reserve this month, this number represents 7 clients.

POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS

- Weekly media reports continue and are provided to local media via email every Friday morning. (See attached reports)
- On September 9th three members in red serge attended the Kehewin Treaty Days and participated in the traditional \$5 payment to all band members, in partnership with Indigenous Affairs Canada.
- On September 9th three members in red serge attended Kehewin and during the Treaty Day celebration the Commander also had arranged for the Detachment Eagle Feather to be blessed by an elder and same was done.

- On September 17th the Bonnyville RCMP hosted its quinquennial Regimental Ball. The evening was filled with camaraderie, tradition and esprit de corps. \$50,000 was raised for VSU.
- On September 23rd members on shift engaged with students from NDHS for their annual "Hungry for the Homeless" initiative.
- On September 29th 10 members attended and participated in the annual "Geritol Volleyball Tournament" which was hosted at Notre Dame High School. The tournament has historically been comprised of teams teachers from various schools in the varying districts but RCMP were invited this year and entered a team. The event was fun for all and it was great to interact with so many staff from different schools all in one night. It should be mentioned that while the RCMP team did not win any games, we were awarded the best dressed team.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- 1 Corporal hard vacancy remains unfilled, but a Senior Constable continues to act in that position.
- Of the 3 members involved in the member involved shooting on March 1 remains off indefinitely, 1 has been cleared for full operational duties and 1 is on a gradual return to work with modified duties.
- 2 members are on light duties (Monday-Friday) administrative duties only.
- 1 member is on parental leave for several months.
- 1 of the 4 municipal employee positions has been vacant for a couple of months but a candidate has been selected and we are just awaiting her security clearance.

Councilor Krywiak asked S/Sgt. Parke why out of the 16 impaired driving investigations only 3 resulted in charges?

S/Sgt. Parke explained that the people who were tested may have passed the mandatory screening test.

Cold Lake RCMP – S/Sgt. Wes Bensmiller

The report is specifically for the MD of Bonnyville from October 1st – November 14, 2022

TRAFFIC

- Collisions 17
- Traffic related offenses 57. 32 were cleared by charge.
- 3 impaired driving investigations
- 1 complaint of dangerous operation of a motor vehicle and flight from police.
- 14 traffic related warning issued.

INVESTIGATIONS

- 2 Firearm related calls
- 5 Other Criminal Code (Disturbing the peace, breach of probation etc.

- 6 Assault complaints one resulted in a charge
- 5 Theft under \$5000
- 2 Theft Over \$5000
- 4 reported possession of stolen property 2 were cleared by charge
- 22 mischief complaints
- 7 break & enter complaints
- 5 False alarm calls
- 4 Animal
- 11 suspicious vehicles, persons, and property.
- 6 abandoned vehicles

Currently working on two missing persons complaints from the Cold Lake First Nations.

GIS/LAKELAND CRU UPDATE

- Working a couple of projects between Cold Lake and Bonnyville. There was a take down on the Highway near Bonnyville resulting in charges. The subjects were released roadside and charges are pending after a full investigation.
- Last week there was a shooting on the Elizabeth Metis Settlement. A know individual was driving around on an ATV pointing a sawed-off shotgun at people. An attempted contact was made but the individual fled and there was contact with a police vehicle and the side-by-side. During the altercation a member discharged his service pistol and a less lethal weapon as well. The individual was stuck by the less lethal weapon. ASERT came out to investigate along with the Cold Lake GIS units.
- There was another incident in Cherry Grove where an individual was working in Pierceland and had his equipment stolen. The individual and a friend came across the suspects and chased them on Highway 55 toward Cherry Grove. During the pursuit the suspects began to shoot and one of the individuals was injured when a bullet ricocheted and grazed his head. They then stopped and another friend who lived in Cherry Grove called the Cold Lake RCMP. The equipment and the suspects were found later in Frog Lake.

STAFFING

Sgt. Just started in October. All staffing positions are full

CRIME STATES FOR SECOND QUARTER

Property crime is down

Person's crime is up by 10%

Councilor Krywiak asked if the missing persons were youth?

S/Sgt. Bensmiller – No they are in their 30's.

Municipal District of Bonnyville Report – Direct Luis Gandolfi

- Presented his third quarter report from June- September
- Crime Prevention Patrols for MD property and infrastructure.
- 303 campground patrols 51%
- 51 Town Halls 8%
- 2 Kinosoo Ridge – not a lot going on though out the summer
- 71 Landfills – 12%
- 137 Bin sites - 23%
- 16 Fire halls - 3%
- 17 Grader Shop - 3%

- 330 hours of patrol were delivered to our industry partners on a fee for services basis. This month there was a meeting with the partners and some of the officers to discuss what the partners would like for information about the patrols, and what officers can actually provide them.
- During this quarter of 2022, MD Peace Officers conducted 105 commercial vehicle inspections resulting in 35 trucks being pulled from service for a variety of offences. These inspections can go from 25 minutes up to an hour or more. The intent is to get the driver's back on the road as soon as possible but sometimes there are bigger safety concerns.
- Overweight vehicles damaging MD roads are a priority for Public Safety. This quarter 12 violators were apprehended, in one case the fine issued totaled over \$8000.
- Some photos of what was found on stops by were shown to the members
- There were 25 bylaw, 228 tickets and 373 warnings issued during time.
- Locations patrolled by time, Kilometers and locations were shown by each ward and hamlet with a total of 1, 413 Hours, 59,541 km and 4,575 visits.
- The complaints for dogs have been up. Unsightly property and ATV complaints are down from previous years, while garbage and traffic complaints are up.
- There were 4 incidents of Petty trespass act. We only can investigate on open land not a structure.
- 4 unsightly property complaints
- This quarter public safety dealt with 82 dog complaints where is over 100% greater than the same period last year. Our new consolidated public safety bylaw increases fines and accountability, and we hope will encourage responsible dog ownership moving forward.
- Public routinely interacts with all our emergency services partners including RCMP BRFA Fire and EMS, Fish and Wildlife, Military police and other area peace officer programs. This quarter public safety has participated in 18 law enforcement related projects, files or investigations.
- Quarter Highlights
 - Highest recorded speed 207 km/h
 - Highest fine assessed \$8065
 - Largest dog litter seized 6
 - Most commercial vehicle inspections during one shift 14
 - Most students taught in 1 day 400+
 - Most community events attended in one weekend 5

Councilor Krywiak- Asked what the fine was for the person with the 207 km/h speed.

Director Gandolfi - The person was acquitted.

Sgt. Skinner - The crown told us that there was not enough evidence.

Director Gandolfi - Asked the other members if they were having problems with the crown pulling tickets?

S/Sgt Bensmiller - It seems like everything is getting pulled.

S/Sgt. Parke - Their case load is exponential compared to 10 years ago.

Direct Gandolfi - Stated that he believes that the APIS system that was supposed to happen last January is not dead yet. He believes that there is still going to be something that is similar to the original idea but may be more flexible with the things that were not well regarded like paying for your trial.

S/Sgt. Parke - Added a positive comment about the Commercial Vehicle checks that the public safety is doing. She stated that while they can stop commercial vehicles it is not something that they get a lot of training on. She also went on to say that they have partnered up with public safety industry officers who offered their knowledge to the members of the Bonnyville detachment and have done a few JFO's together. It really helped some of their members who have gained some knowledge. She would like to see it continue to grow and keep going forward. It was very beneficial.

4. Round Table

S/Sgt. Bensmiller - Was there anything mentioned at the RMA conference about the policing?

Councilor Krywiak - Nothing was mentioned at the conference, but he had heard rumors after the conference that rural municipalities were against it.

5. Meeting Adjourned at 10:46 am