

Please provide information on the current level of electronic surveillance and security support provided to all rural County community halls and their contents. Also provide an overview of the scheduling used by the RCMP and Enforcement Services to ensure regular and routine monitoring of all rural community halls.

Councillor Delainey,

Please find our response to your councillor request as outlined below.

1. Electronic Surveillance and security support

The following systems and support are in place as noted below.

- Currently Whitecroft community Hall, the sailing club and the Ottewell community hall have security alarm systems installed within the facility.
- Hastings lake community hall has a CCTV surveillance system that is currently non-functional due to the recording hard drive being stolen at the last hall break in.
- The rest of the community halls have no electronic security systems or CCTV surveillance equipment.
- The community hall boards are responsible to provide security systems, monitoring and first level of alarm verification and to direct appropriate response.
- Facility Services maintains the doors and locking hardware in good condition. Repairs required as a result of damage to the halls from break in, vandalism or user caused are made when the damages are identified. When break ins have occurred, any emergency repairs have been made as necessary.

Due to the responsibility to complete Privacy Impact Assessments (PIA) and follow FOIP requirements, it is not advisable for the County to provide and be responsible for CCTV surveillance systems. With the inability to ensure the requirements for electronic recording are being followed by the individual community hall boards the County could be put in breach of FOIP regulations in how the systems are used and the information shared.

2. RCMP and Enforcement Services

Enforcement Services is not involved in any form of digital monitoring of County assets as this is something that would fall under the privy of Facility Services. As for active involvement of RCMP and Enforcement Services, I can confirm that reducing rural property crime has been a priority of this detachment for the past three years. As previously reported by Supt. Kalist, we have seen a reduction in the past year which bucked the Provincial trend. Our units are involved in Proactive Rural Patrols and have developed unique tools to track efficiencies by increasing visibility. Additionally, Enforcement Services recently filled the newly created position of Emergency management/Corporate Security with Community Peace Officer Sergeant Jason Pascoe. As part of his duties, Sgt Pascoe has been working with the front line members to increase awareness and security at all Strathcona County owned facilities.

Sincerely,

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