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REPORT FOR INFORMATION

RCMP Community Advisory Committee Update

Report Purpose

To provide the Priorities Committee with an update on the activities of the RCMP Community Advisory Committee for 2022.

Our Strategic Goals

Governance Requirement

Goal 4 Priority - Optimal use of resources that meets the community's needs

Goal 4 Priority - Relationships with all levels of government and key stakeholders that are strategic, purposeful, and productive

Report

In May 2022, the RCMP Community Advisory Committee (CAC) formalized its structure and governance relationship to include Council-appointed representatives and twelve community members representing schools, faith-based organizations, community groups and various cultural perspectives and interests. The guiding philosophy is "the police are the community, and the community are the police". The revised CAC also aligns with the spirit of the Alberta Government's 2022 amendments to the *Alberta Police Act*, which seeks to create municipal policing committees as a mechanism to provide input and allow municipalities more control over local policing.

Committee members are responsible to:

- Foster open communication with community organizations
- Provide insight and offer suggestions on opportunities for presentations by community organizations and individuals
- Express viewpoints and opinions on behalf of their respective communities
- Disseminate and communicate information obtained
- Provide feedback to the RCMP and Enforcement Services on matters regarding current policing and safety issues
- Evaluate the implementation and impact of the RCMP strategic plans and programs

The RCMP Community Advisory Committee convened on:

- January 27, 2022
- March 31, 2022
- May 26, 2022
- September 29, 2022
- November 23, 2022

Themes identified by the committee in January 2022 included input concerning the operation of RCMP's School Resource Officer program and Crime Reduction Unit and feedback regarding vehicular noise and catalytic converter thefts. In March 2022, the committee provided input on Strathcona County Crime Watch fraud prevention strategy and Enforcement Services discussed its plans for the 2022 Traffic Enforcement, Noise and Speed Offence Reduction (TENSOR) campaign. In May 2022 the new committee terms of reference

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were formally introduced, and a presentation by Emergency Management highlighted the relevant risks and planned mitigation strategies during wildfire season. In September 2022, a committee presentation was provided to the AltView Foundation for Gender and Sexual Minorities concerning policing in the LGBTQ2S+ community, and feedback was provided to the RCMP regarding honouring Canada's second National Truth and Reconciliation Day. In November 2022 the committee reviewed the RCMP and Enforcement Services Annual Policing Priorities and provided input on the coming year's priorities.

Council and Committee History

June 7, 2022 Priorities Committee was provided with the RCMP Community Advisory Committee Updated Terms of Reference

Other Impacts

Policy: n/a

Financial/Budget: n/a

Legislative/Legal: n/a

Interdepartmental: n/a

Master Plan/Framework: n/a