

Riverdale Municipality Police Board
Regular Meeting
April 19, 2023
Riverdale Municipal Office Boardroom

Present: David Creighton - Chair, Board Members Gerry Gourlay and Denis Rondeau, Chief Lon Schwartz, and Riverdale CAO Kat Bridgeman.

Regrets: Kiarra Peters

Guests: Mayor Heather Lamb

Chair Creighton called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

Denis Rondeau moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Gerry Gourlay. **Carried**

Gerry Gourlay moved to accept minutes of the previous meeting that were distributed electronically, seconded by Denis Rondeau. **Carried**

New Business:

- Review of Budget: Chief Schwartz has reviewed the latest budget update from the municipality and advised that all expenditures are within the expected amounts year to date.
- Review of Stats: Chief Schwartz gave a brief report on the unit statistics to date.
- Staffing Update: Cst. Geoff Thiessen has accepted a Constable's position with Estevan Municipal Police so he will be returning to the community he left a few years ago. Cst. Thiessen has been a valuable asset to our Police Service and he will certainly be missed. Chief Schwartz will be presenting Geoff with a Chief's commendation for his actions in assisting a grieving family following a fatal motor vehicle incident. Sgt. Dan Gagnard was hired as our unit supervisor and began his duties on February 27, 2023. Dan brings a wealth of policing experience, training and skill sets to our unit and has been doing an excellent job according to the Chief. We have four Auxillary constables currently.
- Expansion Update: Whitehead and Elton Municipal Councils are not interested in joining an area policing concept that was proposed. Cornwallis Municipality appears to have some interest and we will await a final decision from them. Chair Creighton had an opportunity to speak with the RM's of Virden and Woodworth-Wallace at the recent AMM conference. Both are interested in learning more about this area policing concept. Chief Schwartz will be meeting Supt. Machin of the RCMP as he too was interested and supportive of this concept and plan.
- Unit 502 collision: Chief Schwartz gave an update on the details of the collision that Unit 502 was involved in. There were no injuries but the vehicle will likely be written off by MPI due to its age and mileage.

- Chair Creighton and Chief Schwartz have been frantically sourcing a replacement vehicle as we are left with only one fully equipped police vehicle at this time. For emergent situations there is an older Municipal pickup truck that can be used if necessary by our officers. It is not a police vehicle and does not have lights and other safety equipment but can be used as a conveyance to get officers to and from a location. MPI has yet to determine if 502 will be repaired or written off.
- VEMA discussion: Shannon from VEMA is aware of our situation but has no good vehicle options through their program at this time. The earliest timeline would be early Fall at best but it is more reasonable to assume that a vehicle will not be available for us until early 2024. Shannon is planning a trip out to Rivers to have a discussion with Kat on the financial details of their program. Based on the use we expect for a police vehicle she suggested a three year lease. Lon is even checking into used vehicles that would meet our needs until a permanent replacement is available.
- Policy Review: Chair Creighton discussed the need to develop new policy as some situations are not currently covered. For example, inclement weather contingency plans to ensure our officers can respond to calls for service. Chief Schwartz will work on developing some policy and contingency plans and bring them to the Board for review. The Province is currently undergoing a review of police policies so these may cover off some of our needs.

Old Business:

- There was no old business to discuss.

Round Table:

- Other discussion: Riverdale Municipality will soon have a new website and we will have an opportunity to include a police section on that site. No one had any further comments nor concerns to bring forward.

Adjournment:

- Chair Creighton asked for an adjournment and Gerry Gourlay made that motion at 6:15 PM. Next meeting is scheduled for June 21 at 4:30 PM at Riverdale Municipal Office.

Originals signed and dated by:

Gerry Gourlay, minute taker

Chair David Creighton

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