

Riverdale Municipality Police Board
Special Budget Meeting
December 11, 2023
Riverdale Municipality Boardroom

Present: Chair – Ian Dyer, Board Members - Matt Klassen, Everett Smith, Chief Lon Schwarz
Guests: Donna Morken, Al Morken, Heather Lamb

Chair Dyer called the meeting to order at 1:55 PM.

Matt Klassen moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Ian Dyer. **Carried**

Minutes from Regular Meeting dated November 22, 2023 were presented by Everett Smith. Matt Klassen moved to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Ian Dyer. **Carried**

Citizen Presentation:

Al Morken spoke to the Urban Policing Grant (UPG) and council’s previous, and future, allocation of new funding.

Donna Morken spoke to the policing levy and land use planning updates at Chimo Resort. She also informed all present at the meeting of the creation of an “Equipment and Training” fund to support Rivers Police Service, Rivers/Daly Fire Rescue, and Rivers Ambulance Service. This fund is initiated with a \$10,000.00 donation by Donna & Al Morken and will be managed by the Rivers & Area Community Foundation. In her communication, she spoke to the end use of funds in the event of the aforementioned beneficiaries ceasing to exist.

Al Morken and Donna Morken removed themselves from the chambers.

Chief of Police Report:

-Review of Budget: As the primary reason for the meeting, deliberations for Budget 2024 commenced with Chief Schwarz’s presentation. Discussions included Chief Schwarz providing clarification on reporting terminology, CSO and Auxillary components, and entering MPI funding in financials to not skew budget specifics.

-Fleet: Unit 501 is due for hail damage repairs due to last summer’s storm. Chief Schwarz would like to retain use of 502 until after completion of repairs to ensure the availability of two cruisers through 501’s repair process. No update on 503.

-Other: Former Chief Bruce Klassen has yet to receive recognition for his service to the community. Tentative dates of January 8th, 9th, or 11th were suggested for scheduling of Jack Ewatski’s presentation to the Police Board. Everett Smith was tasked with confirming the value of UPG moving forward in order to have current provincial funding particulars for final budget preparations.

Noting no further matters for discussion by Chair Dyer, call for adjournment was requested at 4:00PM. Motion was made by Everett Smith, seconded by Matt Klassen.

Originals signed and dated by:

Everett Smith, secretary

Date

Ian Dyer, Chair

Date