

Riverdale Municipality Police Board
Regular Meeting
June 16, 2022
Riverdale Municipal Office Boardroom

Present: David Creighton - Chair, Board Members Gerry Gourlay and Denis Rondeau (Denis via Zoom), Chief Lon Schwartz, and Riverdale CEO Kat Bridgeman.
Regrets: Kiarra Peters

Chair Creighton called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.
Gerry Gourlay moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Denis Rondeau. Carried.

Denis Rondeau moved to accept minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Gerry Gourlay, Carried.

New Business:

- Chair Creighton advised that Kiarra Peters has accepted the role of a board member however was unable to attend today's meeting.
- Update on police vehicles status: The offer that was submitted to purchase a used vehicle from Brandon Police Service was rejected. Kat Bridgeman advised that she had a conversation with the Brandon's asset department and was advised that any vehicles disposed of would need to go through an established procurement process.
- Chief Schwartz explained the Vehicle and Equipment Management Agency (VEMA) process whereby certain qualifying organizations can lease vehicles through this program. VEMA is a fleet management agency that currently manages approximately 2,600 vehicles across Manitoba. This is an efficient way to procure vehicles for publicly funded groups such as police and ambulance. Costs are very reasonable and VEMA has maintenance and repair facilities in Winnipeg (and maybe other locations). VEMA may also provide a back up vehicle if one goes down.
- Chief Schwartz advised that enquiries with the RCMP informed him that, as a result of the Nova Scotia murders where a replica RCMP vehicle was utilized by the suspect, all decommissioned vehicles now go to the crusher.
- Chief Schwartz advises that Cst. Travis Lindsay will be starting this month after receiving his badge at graduation in Brandon earlier today.
- The Chief added that many police agencies are interested in our police officers because they are such quality officers. He expects more movement in personnel later this year as the constables are offered positions at larger police agencies.
- MPI provided \$20,000 for the traffic enforcement program. When the officers are on duty with the MPI program they are able to respond to calls for service in our area. This has resulted in saved overtime callouts.

- A Statement of Work (SOW) will be pursued with MPI as has been done in previous years and Chief Schwartz will review the process. This is an important document as it outlines roles and responsibilities and contains signatures of approval from MPI and our Municipality.
- Chief Schwartz advises that he was able to obtain, at no cost, two bicycles from Estevan Police Service for use mostly by our auxiliaries for patrolling our community.
- Chief Schwartz stated that Mental Health calls are a huge commitment for our officers. For example, one recent call was 18 1/2 hours as the current process is that the officers must wait with the patient until a doctor can do an examination. This process is being reviewed with the hope of less of a commitment for the police.
- The overtime budget is nearly at the full year amount but CEO Bridgeman advises that the amount shown on the budget update includes reimbursable amounts from the MPI agreement. So, the \$9,342 number on the budget update would be approximately \$5,500.
- Chief Schwartz presented a report on the Annual Performance Plan (APP) for 2021/2022 and also seeking input for the 2022/2023 APP objectives. His detailed report is attached and was reviewed in detail at the meeting. Chair Creighton will circulate an email with proposed initiatives and seek input and/or other initiative ideas from the committee.
- One point that Chief Schwartz brought up in his report was the revenue received back to the Municipality from provincial statute fines is currently 31%. A suggestion was made that maybe more fines could be issued on a municipal bylaw whereby the municipality would receive 100% of the fine revenue. This may require some updated local bylaws.
- Other points discussed in the Chief's report were:
 - Gas - Bulk purchasing by the Municipality - would be difficult to manage for location and may be a target for theft.
 - Body cameras for police - may be legislated as mandatory in 2023.
 - Police Service Policy - will need to be re-written upon the rollout of the new Police Services Act. This will take a large amount of the Chief's time over the next year.
 - CPIC Audit - An RCMP audit of our CPIC files was conducted and our Cst. Rollins corrected all deficiencies that were found.
 - Gun Safe - Not legally storing firearms now as the lock on the safe is not working. A new safe is being pursued and CEO Bridgeman will look into some funding.
- Chair Creighton directed that the meeting will now enter into an "In Camera" session at 5:50 PM.
- The In Camera session ended at 6:26 PM.

Old Business:

- There was no old business to discuss.

Round Table:

- No one had any further comments nor concerns to bring forward.

Adjournment:

- Chair Creighton asked for an adjournment motion and Gerry Gourlay made that motion at 6:31 PM. Next meeting is scheduled for August 18 at 4:30 PM at Riverdale Municipal Office.

Originals signed and dated by:

Gerry Gourlay, minute taker

Date

Chair David Creighton

Date