



AGENDA ITEM

Traffic Safety Plan

(June 11, 2020)

BACKGROUND

A Traffic Safety Plan is a mandatory requirement for all Authorized Employers who conduct moving traffic enforcement. The plan first intends to bring awareness to the employer of the frequency and locations of motor vehicle collisions that involve serious injury or death and then will direct enforcement activities target causal factors. It is the employer's responsibility to ensure that the Peace Officers who perform traffic safety enforcement duties are aware of the Traffic Safety Plan and conduct their enforcement in accordance with the plan.

In order to ensure fair and consistent enforcement that improves traffic safety, Authorized Employers who conduct active traffic enforcement, are required to file an updated Traffic Safety Plan with Public Security Division a minimum of every three years. The plan must incorporate the most recent collision data available.

Public Security Division, at the direction of the Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security, will conduct audits to ensure compliance with this requirement.

ANALYSIS

In 2019 CPO Services began its review of the current Traffic Safety Plan and began the creation of a new plan '2020-2023'. This new plan contains the most recent collision data and outlines a framework for informed and proactive traffic safety within Lacombe County.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve the Traffic Safety Plan as presented.
2. Take other action(s) as determined by Council.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The budget implications of the Traffic Safety Plan will be as per CPO Services general operating budget and is addressed through the County's annual operating budget.

LEGISLATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 24.17 of the Public Security Peace Officer Program, Policy and Procedures Manual states that a Traffic Safety Plan is a mandatory requirement for all authorized employers who conduct moving traffic enforcement.

Section 3 of the Municipal Government Act – The purposes of a municipality are

- a) to provide good government,
- b) to provide services, facilities or other things that, in the opinion of council, are necessary for all or a part of the municipality, and
- c) to develop and maintain safe and viable communities

Section 180(1) of the Municipal Government Act states that Council may only act by resolution or bylaw.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The following elements of the County's Strategic Plan are relevant to this issue:

Our Mission:

"Building a safe and vibrant community through leadership, innovation and the development of healthy relationships".

Our Key Principles:

"Recognizing our history and solid foundation, we approach the role of providing the best possible level of municipal services for our citizens through a base of collaborative and supportive teamwork".

Awareness Strategy – Strategic Priority B:

Enhance the public's awareness of Lacombe County.

Finance Strategy – Strategic Priority A:

Manage the financial assets of the County in order to obtain maximum value.

Service Delivery Strategy – Strategic Priority A:

Provide appropriate service levels to our citizens.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Lacombe County sees the value in engaging and informing the public/stakeholders through a variety of mediums as outlined in the Policy AD(40): Public Participation Policy. The appropriate level of engagement for each public participation opportunity is selected on a project-to-project basis.

For this item, the following engagement will take place:

- Inform: To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the following resolution:

That the Lacombe County Traffic Safety Plan 2020-2023 be approved.

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