



AGENDA ITEM

Annual Performance Plans – RCMP Blackfalds, Rimbey, and Sylvan Lake

February 25, 2021

BACKGROUND

The RCMP Detachment Commanders in Blackfalds, Rimbey, and Sylvan Lake, as part of their Annual Performance Plans (APP's), have requested that Lacombe County submit three main areas of concern for them to consider for inclusion in their plans. Plans are released in April, therefore, the input is requested by February 28, 2021.

ANALYSIS

In the past Detachment Commanders were given some direction internally as to the priorities they were to include in their APP's, this year the plans are to be driven by local direction. Staff Sergeant, McBeth of Sylvan Lake, St-Cyr of Rimbey, and Martin of Blackfalds have requested that Council select the three highest priorities of concern.

Blackfalds has provided the three currently listed priorities:

1. Community Engagement;
2. Crime Reduction; and
3. Road Safety

In addressing concerns, please consider that these Detachments have a significant urban community to police, as well as our rural component.

The current situation in our area has many issues that can be identified as concerns, but as a starting point for this discussion Council may want to consider the following:

- Communications with the RCMP
- Staffing levels
- Response times in rural areas
- Youth crime
- Organized crime (chop shops, grow ops, etc.)
- Cooperation with CPO's
- Rural crime



The RCMP is requesting that Lacombe County identify three priorities, this feedback won't remove the current areas identified, just allow them to prioritize areas and concentrate plans to address them.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget impacts associated.

LEGISLATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Section 3 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA) states the purposes of a municipality are: 1) to provide good government, 2) to provide services, facilities, or other things that, in the opinion of Council, are necessary or desirable for all or part of the municipality, and 3) to develop and maintain safe and viable communities.

STRATEGIC PLAN

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

Our Vision: "An attractive, balanced and progressive community".

Our Mission: "To build a safe and vibrant community through leadership, innovation and healthy relationships".

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".

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Highlights of all County Council meetings are published on the County Website and in the County News.



RECOMMENDATION

That Council discusses and identifies three policing priorities to be forwarded to the Blackfalds, Rimbey, and Sylvan Lake RCMP Detachments.

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