

TOWN OF BERWICK BYLAW

POLICE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. This Bylaw shall be known as the Police Services Advisory Committee Bylaw.
2. The Town of Berwick hereby establishes a committee known as the Police Services Advisory Committee which shall advise Council on all policing matters within and affecting the Town of Berwick.
3. The Committee shall be appointed by Town Council after consultation with the NCO in charge of the Berwick RCMP Community Office, and the NCO of the Berwick RCMP Community Office to be a resource member.
4. The Committee shall be comprised of the Mayor and three (3) Councillors and six (6) citizens to represent all facets of life in Berwick as best as possible, such as youth, seniors, and Board of Trade, who shall elect a chairperson.
5. The Councillors who are appointed to the Committee shall hold office for one term of office. The term for citizens will expire a year following each municipal election.
6. The duties of the Police Services Advisory Committee will be as follows:
 - (a) Act in an advisory capacity to Town Council in matters pertaining to the provision of policing services.
 - (b) Provide a forum for regular liaison and discussion between Town Council and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police concerning policing service within the Town, including deployment and number of personnel.
 - (c) To discuss community concerns relative to policing service and, in cooperation with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, establish enforcement priorities.
 - (d) To advise Council concerning all financial and budgetary matters related to the provision of policing service.
 - (e) To support the current community policing philosophy through assistance in coordinating policing services with the programs of other local agencies and community groups to ensure the most effective use of policing resources in the community.

- (f) To provide a forum for residents, taxpayers, business people, concerned citizens or groups to present their complaints, concerns, or requests to both Town Council and to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.
7. The Committee shall meet at least four (4) times each year. Additional meetings may be called at the request of the Chair with at least one week's prior notice. Emergency meetings to deal with critical issues may be called on 24 hours notice.
8. All meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public unless related to a legal opinion, personnel issue, or confidential police information.
9. The Committee shall be responsible to Council and shall report to it at its regular meetings through the members of Council on the Committee.
10. The Committee shall keep full minutes of all its proceedings, and report such minutes together with an account of its proceedings.
11. That Bylaw Number 37 of the Town of Berwick entitled "A Bylaw to Establish the Berwick Police Commission" is repealed in its entirety and is of no more force and effect.

History of this Bylaw:

Enacted - November 9, 1999