

TOWN OF BERWICK POLICE ADVISORY MEETING
September 11, 2019

Present: Chair Councillor Rod Reeves, Chair
 Deputy Mayor Jane Bustin
 Councillor Ashford-Morton
 Mike Payne, CAO
 Sgt. Ryan Kelly, RCMP
 Ella Redden, Bylaw Officer
 Jane Perry, Neighbourhood Watch
 Chris Goddard, Citizen Representative
 Chantal Pineo-Atwood, Executive Coordinator

Absent with regrets: Mayor Don Clarke

1. Call to Order

The Police Advisory Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

2. Approval of Minutes:

The previous minutes were approved as circulated.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved as circulated.

4. Reports:

a. Sgt Ryan Kelly

Sgt. Ryan Kelly reviewed the Police Report for July and August, 2019.

Sgt. Kelly highlighted that there were a total of 209 service calls in the Town of Berwick during this reporting period.

It was also noted that Labour Day Weekend was very busy for the members with many events taking place in the Valley: Wharf rat Rally in Digby, the Air Show at CFB Greenwood and Gala Days in Berwick.

Councillor Ashford-Morton thanked Sgt. Kelly for their large presence at the Gala Days festivities.

Sgt. Kelly also confirmed that there has been some headway with the three investigations involving motorbikes, but are still ongoing.

b. Ella Redden, Bylaw Officer

Ms. Redden reviewed her report indicating the community response to her position has been very positive.

5. Main Street Radar Data

Mr. Payne reviewed the April 1 – May 31 radar data report for Main Street, which still indicates there are some drivers travelling too fast. There were a total of 31,300

vehicles that were noted; of those, approximately 400 vehicles were clocked at speeds between 65-85kph. While speeding occurs throughout the 24 hour period, 3PM to 6PM has the highest concentration of violators. Mr. Payne feels it may be beneficial to run the next data information for vehicles driving 70km and over to identify better data about chronic speeding.

There is a new additional electronic radar on Orchard Street that records data for eastbound traffic into Town. Mr. Payne will have data available from that device at the next meeting.

6. Smoke Free Areas

Mr. Goddard questioned the committee as to if marijuana is permitted in outdoor smoking areas at the Berwick Legion. Sgt. Kelly noted that under the law it is permitted but the Legion may want to consult their lawyer regarding specifics.

7. Berwick Gala Days Debrief

As noted earlier in the meeting, the Gala Days committee was very pleased with the RCMP presence in the town over the weekend.

Ms. Redden has noted some safety issues and will put these in a report for the next meeting.

It was suggested that the south side of Cottage Street be reviewed for widening and installation of curbs for safety enhancement. Mr. Payne will explore potential options.

Comments:

Sgt. Kelly will speak to Cst. Wilson regarding a new youth member for the committee.

The School Zone sign on the south end of Foster should be moved to incorporate the path that heads west into the school property.

8. Adjournment

After general discussion ensued, the Police Advisory Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.