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**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
MEDICINE HAT POLICE COMMISSION
HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2005 AT 7:15 PM
AT THE POLICE SERVICE ADMINISTRATION BOARDROOM**

PRESENT: Chairperson W. Anhorn
Vice Chair D. MacDonald
Mr. W. Stark
Alderman R. Dumanowski
Alderman G. Kelly
Chief N. Boucher
D/Chief G. Earl
Inspector M. Morton
Inspector A. McGrogan

ABSENT:

ALSO: Ms. S. Schneider

1. MINUTES OF OCTOBER 13, 2005, 2005 MEETING

Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Mr. Stark, moved the minutes be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

2. CHIEF'S REPORT

A) Trends & Statistics (including Bylaw Enforcement)

Chief Boucher advised there will a Methamphetamine use and clandestine lab information session on November 16, 2005 for members of the public. Training sessions will also be held for Police officers and other emergency responders. Chief Boucher thanked the Saamis Rotary Club for funding this training.

On November 29, 2005, Dr. Louis Francescutti, from the University of Alberta, will present information on traffic safety to members of the Medicine Hat Police Service and members of the public.

Inspector Morton provided an update on statistics.

Alderman Dumanowski, seconded by Alderman Kelly, moved that the Chief's Report be accepted. CARRIED.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A) Photo Radar Strategies

Inspector Morton advised meetings have been held to develop photo radar strategies to address complaints, site identifications, etc. A final report will be presented to the Medicine Hat Police Commission for approval.

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B) Speed Limit and Photo Radar Signage

Concern has been expressed that there is inadequate speed limit and photo radar signage in Medicine Hat.

Chief Boucher advised public awareness to the community and visitors is one of the Photo Radar Strategies the Police Service is reviewing.

Alderman Dumanowski was thanked for bringing this concern forward.

C) Salvia Scourge

Concerns have been expressed about the sale of the Salvia plant in Medicine Hat certain retail stores. Chief Boucher advised School Resource Officers have checked into this and found the plant is quite expensive to purchase and will be educating students about the dangers of this plant. At this time the plant is legal in Canada.

D/Chief Earl advised our Drug Enforcement officers have made inquiries provincially on this substance and found it was popular for a short time in the larger centres and then it faded away.

Chief Boucher will bring this to the attention of both the Alberta Chiefs of Police and the Canadian Chiefs of Police.

D) Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG)

Mr. Stark advised he attended the Fall Meeting of the AAPG and was elected to the Board.

The Solicitor General has requested proposals for a training program for Police Commission members. Amendments to the Police Act provide great responsibilities to Police Commission for overseeing public complaints and members will be:

- more educated
- more proactive with civilian oversight
- the Solicitor General is looking to AAPG for more direction in dealing with policing issues
- the AAPG will take a more prominent role in developing best practices for Police Commissions

E) Public Complaints Director (PCD)

Mr. MacDonald attended a Public Complaint Director seminar in Camrose and provided an update. The role PCD is:

- receive all complaints and refer to the Chief of Police

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- liaise with the Police Commission and the Chief of Police
- perform duties as assigned by the Police Commission in dealing with complaints
- ensure the integrity of the complaints process and accountability to the public

Complaints will be looked at from a positive aspect to develop strategies to provide a better service to the public.

Chief Boucher advised welcomed the changes to the Police Act. There is now a one year limit for filing complaints; a section dealing with frivolous and vexation complaints; and state the Police Service must respond with 45 days. The PCD can determine if the complaint was handled correctly.

Mr. MacDonald was thanked for accepting this position.

F) Chief & Chiefs Meeting

The Medicine Hat Police Service hosted the meeting for Alberta Chiefs of Police and Alberta Chief Crown Prosecutors on November 09, 2005. Technology and disclosure costs were part of the discussions.

The Medicine Hat Police Service will host the Alberta Chiefs of Police Conference in May 2006.

G) Strike Conflict at Brooks

The Medicine Hat Police Service was asked to send a Public Order Team if needed to the recent strike conflict at Brooks. At present, the Medicine Hat Police Service does not have a Public Order Team and this has generated discussion with the Lethbridge Regional Police Service to possibly create a joint team.

H) Cops For Cancer

Chief Boucher advised the Cops for Cancer would take place on Saturday, November 12, 2005, in partnership with the Medicine Hat Tigers, to raise money for cancer research.

I) Website on Marked Police Vehicle

The Medicine Hat Police Service website address will be advertised on our marked police cars by way of a bumper sticker before the end of the year.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Anhorn declared the meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Medicine Hat Police Service




"Serving and Protecting Our Community With Pride"

November 7, 2005

GENERAL MEETING

*Chairperson and Members
Medicine Hat Police Commission*

- 1. Trends and Statistics (Including Bylaw Enforcement)**
An overview of current statistics will be provided.
- 2. Methamphetamine Labs and Use Information Session**
The Saamas Rotary Club and the Medicine Hat Community Drug Strategy Council will host an information session on Methamphetamine Use and Labs on November 16, 2005 at the Medicine Hat College.
- 3. Traffic Safety Information Session**
On November 29, 2005, Dr. Louis Francescutti will present an information session on traffic safety to members of the Medicine Hat Police Service and the public.


Norm Boucher
Chief of Police

MUNICIPAL BYLAW & ENFORCEMENT SECTION STATS						
MONTH OF: OCTOBER 2005						
<u>Type of Complaint</u>	<u># of Calls</u>	<u>Charges</u>	<u>Projected Revenue</u>	<u>Warnings</u>	<u>Unfound</u>	<u>Cleared Otherwise</u>
Burning Bylaw	4			4		
Cat Bylaw	24	4	\$120.00	9		11
Dangerous Good Bylaw						
Dog at Large	72	6	\$600.00	31		35
Dog Bite or Chase a Person	2	1	\$250.00			1
No Dog License	1			6		
Barking Dog	44	3	\$300.00	30	3	8
Other Dog Bylaw Offences	3	1	\$100.00	3		1
Noise Bylaw	82	1	\$250.00	47	4	30
Parks Bylaw						
Skateboarding Bylaw						
Smoking Bylaw						
Streets Bylaw	7			3	1	3
Parking Complaints	161	644	\$22,985.00	31	11	10
Heavy Truck Route Violations	4	2	\$400.00	1		1
Obstruction of Vision	4			1	3	
Other Traffic Bylaw Offences						
Unsightly Property	10			7	1	2
Waste Bylaw	14			13	1	
Weed Bylaw	3	4	\$205.00	1	2	
Other Bylaw	3			2		1
*Found Property	57					
Environmental Protection Act	8	1	\$115.00	4		4
Gaming and Liquor Act						
Traffic Safety Act & Regulations	7	6	\$1,049.00			1
*Dead Animal Removal	22					
*Trap Follow-ups	1					
*Other Animal Complaints	7					
Animal Protection Act	7			3	2	2
Fail to Attend for Fingerprints	2	2				
Total for Month	549	675	\$26,374.00	196	28	110
Total to End of Previous Month	5442	7500	\$303,664.00	2290	363	871
Year to Date	5991	8175	\$330,038.00	2486	391	981
# of Traps Rented	5					
# of Skunks Relocated	1					
# of Cats Impounded by Staff	35	Total # of Cats Admitted to SPCA			120	
# of Dogs Impounded by Staff	18	Total # of Dogs Admitted to SPCA			48	
Hours in Cell Block	411					
Prisoners Booked In	179					
Persons Fingerprinted	202					
Document Service Attempts	568					
Documents Served	480					
Cat License Sold	138					
Dog License Sold	291					
Cat License Revenue	\$1,710.00					
Dog License Revenue	\$4,755.00					
Total Revenue for Month	\$32,839.00					
Cleared Otherwise includes calls for service that are not enforcement related(*), complaints that did not require any formal type of enforcement action, or complaints that were resolved prior to our response.						
		PASSED	FAILED			
CVSA Inspections	0	0	0			