

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
MEDICINE HAT POLICE COMMISSION
HELD ON THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2008 AT 7:00 PM
AT THE POLICE SERVICE EXECUTIVE BOARDROOM**

PRESENT: Chair W. Stark	ALSO: Ms. V. Moreau
Mr. R. Jackson	
Chief G. Earl	ABSENT: Vice-Chair L. Walsh
Deputy Chief A. McGrogan	
Inspector R. Wigle	
Inspector G. Motz	
Inspector M. Morton	
Alderman J. Thompson	
Alderman J. White	

1. MINUTES OF JUNE 19, 2008 MEETING

Mr. Jackson, seconded by Alderman Thompson, moved the minutes be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

2. ACTION ITEMS

3. CHIEF'S REPORT

A) Trends & Statistics (including Bylaw Enforcement)

Alderman White, seconded by Alderman Thompson, that the Chief's report be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A) 2008 Policing Safety Survey Review

Deputy Chief McGrogan presented a Power point presentation outlining the results of the 2008 policing survey, which had been distributed in the community. The presentation outlined a comparison between 2005, when the last survey was compiled and the 2008 results. Deputy Chief McGrogan advised that he was pleased with number of responses to the survey. There was a 34% return rate on surveys. The results of the survey will be made available on the Police Service website.

Alderman Thompson questioned about the use of photo radar and asked whether or not the Medicine Hat Police Service has considered not using photo radar on the highways. Inspector Wigle addressed the Commission indicating that the use of photo radar reduces speeding, and that this subsequently has an effect in the reduction of serious motor vehicle collisions especially on the highways where speeds are significant. It was suggested that the Police Service may need to communicate this benefit to the public.

B) Dog Bylaw – Feedback from Council

Chair Stark advised that Commission has reviewed the Dog Bylaw and has nothing further to add.

ACTION: Alderman Thompson requests the Dog Bylaw be forwarded back to Council directly.

C) Drug Impaired Driving

Inspector Wigle discussed the new Drug Impaired Driving legislation. Changes have been made to the criminal code, which allow police to make a demand to a driver suspected being impaired by drugs to provide a blood sample. The police officer would then take the driver to a “drug expert”, who receives extensive training. If in the opinion of the “drug expert” the driver is suspected to be impaired by drugs, a demand will then be made to provide a blood sample. Inspector Wigle advised that the Police Service is awaiting Drug Expert training, and two spots will be available later in the year.

D) New Auxiliary Officers

Chair Stark advised the Commission that there are 13 new Auxiliary Officers starting tonight with the department. Deputy Chief McGrogan introduced the new Auxiliary members to the Commission. Chief Earl advised that the department has had an Auxiliary Program in effect since 1995.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Stark declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Medicine Hat Police Service



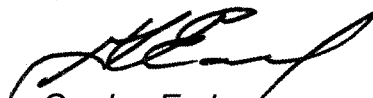
"Serving and Protecting Our Community With Pride"

July 7, 2008

GENERAL MEETING

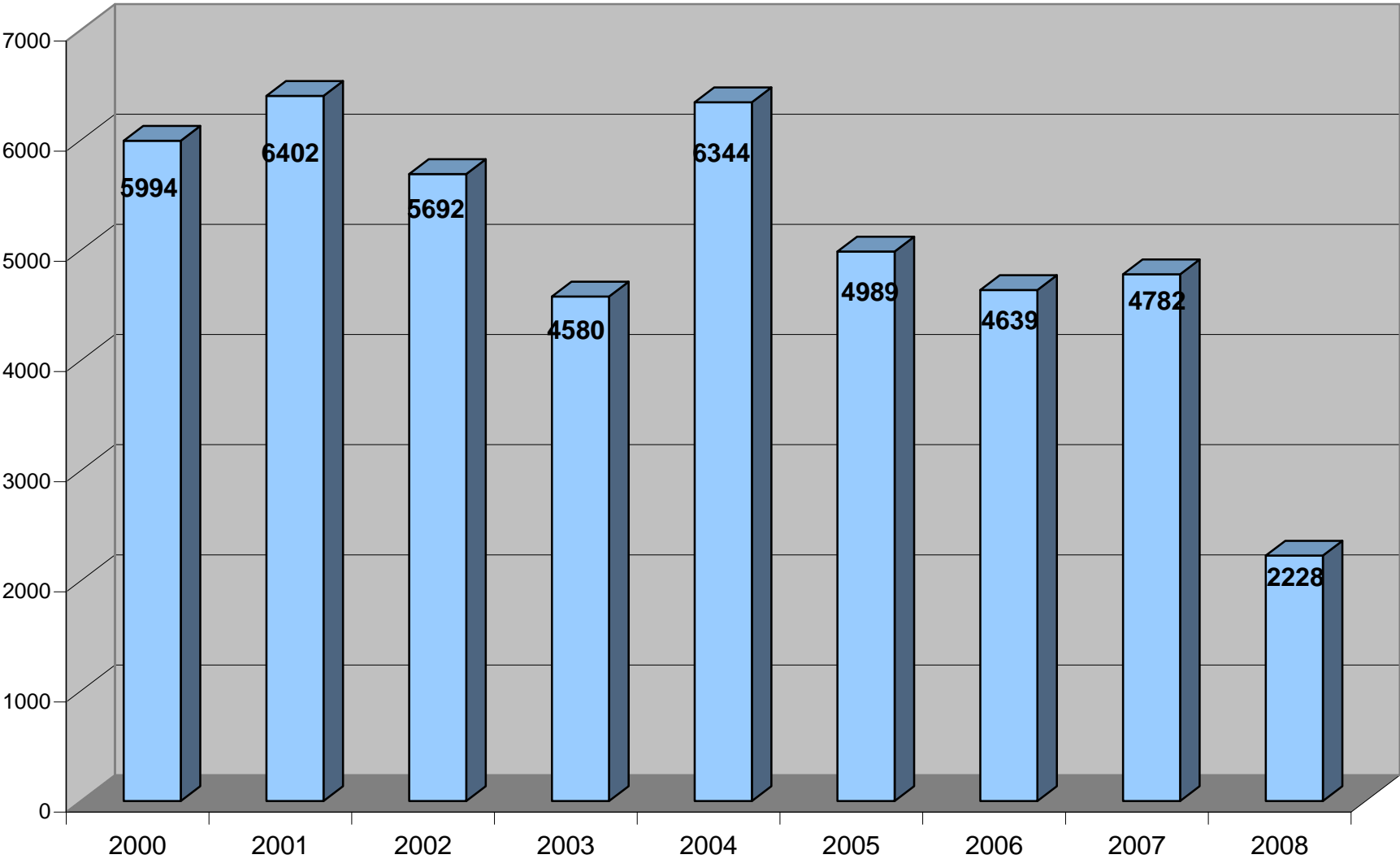
*Chairperson and Members
Medicine Hat Police Commission*

- 1. Trends and Statistics (Including Bylaw Enforcement)**
An overview of statistics will be provided.



Gordon Earl
Chief of Police

Contracted Parking Enforcement Stats



Tickets Issued

