

TOWN OF BLACKFALDS
Policing Committee
Operations Center – 5200 Duncan Ave
Wednesday, June 10, at 6:30 p.m.
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT	ATTENDING
Sheila Giffin, Committee Member (Chair) Theresa Franko, Vice Chair Lance Chalmers, Committee Member Ried Penner, Committee Member (1 st meeting) REGRETS Bridget Anderson (New Committee Member)	Shane Hanson, Council Member Brenda Dennis, Council Member Sgt. Brent Dueck, Blackfalds RCMP Cpl. Mike Goss, Blackfalds RCMP Cpl. Matt Thurston, Blackfalds RCMP Ken Morrison, Director of Emergency Management & Protective Services Sgt. Joe Croken, Blackfalds Municipal Enforcement Rhonda Stierle, Clerk for Emergency Management & Protective Services Laura Svab (Attending as a resident)

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Welcome to the Policing Committee meeting June 10, 2026

1.2 Call to Order – 6:33 p.m.

- Introduction of all attending

1.3 Approval of Agenda

- Addition to agenda – Release of Sex Offender in the community

~Motion to approve Agenda made by Theresa, 2nd by Shane. All in favour - **Approved**

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- 2.1 “In the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation, the Town of Blackfalds acknowledges that we are on Treaty 6 territory, the ancestral lands of Cree, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Métis, Dene and Nakota Sioux. We acknowledge all the many First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and non-status peoples whose footsteps have marked these lands since time immemorial. We recognize the inherent relationships Indigenous communities have with this land and its creatures and commit to supporting reconciliation and healing. We honour the resilience, culture, and contributions of Indigenous peoples, past and present. As we gather, we pledge to listen, learn, and take meaningful action toward a future based on mutual respect and understanding as we continue on our journey of truth and healing. We recognize that reconciliation is not a single act but a lifelong journey – one that requires accountability, humility, and the centering of Indigenous voices.”

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3. PRESENTATIONS – No Presentations

4. BUSINESS

4.1 Approval of Minutes from March 11, 2026

~Motion to approve Minutes made by Shane, 2nd by Brenda. All in favour - **Approved**

4.2 Policing Committee

4.2.1 Review of updated Bylaw and Policy – To be emailed to all members.

- Updated Bylaw, Policy and 2025 Ministerial Review has been sent to the AAPG and Solicitor General.

4.3 RCMP Quarterly Report – Acting S/Sgt. Dueck

- Media Presentation for June 11, 2026 – Blackfalds RCMP Detachment 100% track record for solving all armed robberies within community.
- FIFA June 20 – July 9 – 10% of resources must be released for the national event = 3 members to be deployed. (1 municipal position, 2 provincial positions)
- RCMP Community Priorities Plan – Still in progress, currently have engaged with the Police Advisory Committee to help.
- Staffing:
 - 1 vacant Detachment Commander position - 2 candidates in the running
 - 1 vacant GIS Corporal position – Not expected to be a lengthy vacancy
 - 1 upcoming vacancy General Duty position – member has been promoted and will transfer out.
 - 3 positions – Off-duty status
 - 1 Duty to Accommodate

4.4 Community Peace Officers Quarterly Report – Sgt. Joe Croken

- Review of Municipal Enforcement ticket and file stats.
- Community Engagement: June 6, 2026 - Bike rodeo providing bike safety education.
- Seasonal Enforcement Bylaw Officer – Engaging in community and enhancing enforcement visibility using Segway, E-bike, Public Works vehicle and side-by-side units, patrolling and

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enforcement for graffiti, vaping, public intoxication, use of cannabis, e-bikes, e-scooters, helmet use.

- Emerging Trends & Observations – Year-to-date enforcement activity reflects a high level of service demand and proactive enforcement efforts. Seasonal resources has improved community presence, enhanced youth engagement and supported early intervention on emerging issues.
- Use of Restorative Justice Program has been successful in dealing with certain youth crimes.
- Campground long-term stay – No limit has been set yet. Current and future campers will be monitored.
- Continue monitoring areas in town for un-housed encampments being set up and having them disassembled promptly.

**** Agenda items 4.5 to 4.10 - Intersections – Sheila recommends forming a sub-committee meeting to discuss these in more detail.**

Volunteers for sub-committee: Sheila, Brenda, Theresa & Shane. Date of meeting to be determined.

4.5 Womacks Road & Broadway Ave.

- Discussed new temporary solution set-up and suggestion of “No Parking” and “No Stopping” signs be put up in the driving lane.
- Discussed another troublesome spot on Womacks and Leung Road by Abbey Centre – Obstruction from parked vehicles parking too close to crosswalks causing low visibility of pedestrians for vehicles.

4.6 Vista Trail & Womacks – To discuss in sub-committee meeting

4.7 Eastpointe Drive - To discuss in sub-committee meeting

4.8 Broadway Avenue Crosswalk - To discuss in sub-committee meeting

4.9 Aspen Lakes Boulevard & Vista Trail - To discuss in sub-committee meeting

4.10 Pedestrian Crosswalks for Iron Ridge Schools - To discuss in sub-committee meeting

4.11 Enhanced Security Clearance

- Still a few members' applications outstanding and require follow-up on status.

Future Meetings/Events:

Policing Committee – September 9, 2026 @ 6:30 pm

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4.12 AAPG Conference May 29 & 30th, Taber Alberta

- Sheila attended – Conference presentations offered new information, as well as reviewed information we are already aware of.
- New training modules have come out and there will be more in the fall.
- This committee has become more active this past year, completed writing policies and setting priorities, and increasing awareness of our committee and its role and benefit within the community.
- Next year's conference will be held in Lacombe, AB – Date to be announced.

4.13 Youth Members at Large – Still vacant

- Will push more encouragement to high school students in the fall when school is back in session.

4.14 Vacancies filled - Committee Member Seats

- Ried Penner – New Member
- Bridgette Anderson – New Member (To confirm contact information)

4.15 Setting Police Committee Priorities for 2026

~Motion to accept 3 priorities for 2026 by Theresa, 2nd Ried. All in favour - **Approved**

4.16 Released Sex Offender in Community

- Committee has received multiple emails from concerned citizens regarding a convicted and high-risk sex offender being released to reside within Blackfalds.
- RCMP have requested probation information on the individual in question to assist them in proper enforcement, if needed.
- Drafted letter of committee's and police responsibility in this matter and where further concerns should be directed. Letter will be sent to CAO for review and post to media release, as well as to be used to reply to emails received on this subject. No further responses will be sent once released.

~Motion to accept response letter by Brenda Dennis, 2nd Theresa Franko. All in favour - **Approved**

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4.17 Round Table

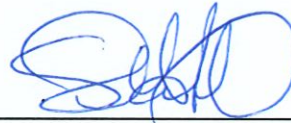
- Brent – Discuss: the logistics of potential provincial policing direction and the struggles and effects it will have on the province and RCMP.
- Laura – Question on e-bike/e-scooter education. A pamphlet will be handed out at Blackfalds Days parade.

CONFIDENTIAL – None

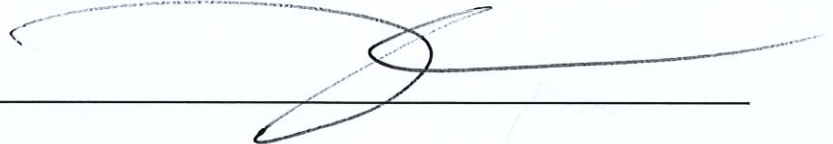
6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Next Meeting September 9, 6:30 p.m.



Committee Chair, Sheila GIFFIN



**Emergency Management & Protective Services Director,
Ken MORRISON**

