

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Rural Municipality of Corman Park No. 344
Police Commission held at 111 Pinehouse Drive
(Open to the Public)
on Wednesday January 27, 2021 at 1:00p.m.**

Present

Commission Members: Chairperson Judy Harwood; Wendy Trask; Geoffrey Booth; Lyndon Haduik; and Randy Pshebylo

Staff: Warren Gherasim, Police Chief; and Michelle Graff, Recording Secretary

Via Zoom: Adam Tittlemore, Administrator

1. Call to Order

Chair Harwood called the meeting to order at 1:00p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Commission Member Haduik – That the Agenda be approved as circulated.

Carried Unanimously.

3. Minutes

Moved by Commission Member Trask – That the minutes of the December 16, 2020 meeting be approved as circulated.

Carried Unanimously.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

No business arising.

5. Correspondence

Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP) – Letter received from CACP with information on membership.

Moved by Commission Member Trask – to purchase a membership to the CACP at a cost of \$475 per year.

Carried Unanimously.

6. Financial Reports

Moved by Commission Member Haduik that the December Mastercard statement be approved as circulated.

Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commission Member Haduik that the December GL Report be approved as circulated.

Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commission Member Haduik that the December Cheque Detail Report be approved as circulated.

Carried Unanimously.

Request by Chief Gherasim for authority to increase the current spending limit of \$10,000 to \$23,874 plus tax for the new radio system for M575

Carried Unanimously.

7. Activity Reports

Moved by Commission Member Booth that the December Provincial Statute Report be approved as circulated.

Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commission Member Booth that the December Activity by Division Report be approved as circulated.

Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commission Member Booth that the December Divisional Activity Chart be approved as circulated.

Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commission Member Booth that the December Chief's Report be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

Chief's Report

- (1) There were 176 provincial charges laid in December.
- (2) In 2020, there were 2,783 tickets written with a total of \$658,700 in revenue generated. Projections for 2021 are about \$695,000 but with the current Covid Pandemic, the numbers for 2021 could be more in-line with the revenue in 2020.
- (3) The Saskatchewan Association of Chiefs of Police has put in a request to the Public Safety Agency of Saskatchewan for Covid vaccinations for officers. The Saskatchewan Association of Chief's of Police will also be having a strategic meeting tomorrow to discuss lobbying the government.
- (4) For December, there were 18 criminal files, 13 of which were impaired drivers; 20 assistance to other agencies files; and 29 assist general public files for a total of 326 files.
- (5) There were 3 major incidents in the RM in January:
 - a. in the Grasswood area a Corman Park Police officer was the first on scene to a major incident of serious assaults, break and enter, and theft of vehicle. The officer also assisted Saskatoon Police Service members in the city with a high-speed chase on Circle Drive and ultimate arrest of the suspects. Press release attached.

- b. On Highway 12, a Corman Park member assisted Saskatoon Police Service with their pursuit of a stolen vehicle from the city which resulted in 6 charges laid by Saskatoon Police Service. Press release attached.
 - c. On Primrose Drive in the City, a Corman Park member was returning to the office and came upon an impaired driver and weapons offence which resulted in 19 charges being laid by Saskatoon Police Service. Press release attached.
- (6) Quarterly Use of Force report – Chief Gherasim presented and answered questions on this report for members.
- (7) Personnel – Chief Gherasim reports there is an officer currently on short term disability possibly returning in April.
- (8) There were 80 impaired driving charges in 2020 up from 39 in 2019; 106 low BAC alcohol suspensions issued; and the total number of tickets issued in 2020 was 2,783, with revenue generated \$658,700. There have been 10 impaired drivers so far this month.

Strategic Planning – Discussion held on initial steps to be taken.

Moved by Commission Chair Harwood for Chief Gherasim to research procedures used by similar sized agencies and to also research local facilitating companies. Information to be presented at the next commission meeting.

Carried Unanimously.

8. New Business

Commission Member Pshebylo questioned the procedure for major incident notification to residents of Corman Park. Chief Gherasim discussed current procedures for Corman Park members noting that the RCMP hold the jurisdiction. Question will be posed to RCMP delegates for confirmation of procedures.

Commission Member Pshebylo questioned what is done with revenue not utilized in a budget year. Administrator TITTEMORE responded that any expenditures that are under budget are rolled into general revenue for the next year and Council would make a decision on what to do with any excessive funds or deficit there may be. If the Commission wanted to make a request to roll those into the next year or keep in a reserve fund this is an option that could be looked into. It is the discretion of Council as to how this will be determined.

Commission Member Pshebylo questioned the procedure for train derailments and plane crashes that occur in the RM. Chief Gherasim responded that Corman Park will assist the RCMP in securing the scene and the RCMP would forward to the Transportation Safety Board of Canada to investigate.

Commission Member Pshebylo questioned if officers remain at incidents even if overtime hours are incurred. Chief GHERASIM responded that would be up to the discretion of himself or the supervising officer.

Commission Member Pshebylo questioned if Council should be approached for permission to hire the 3 additional officers Chief Gherasim had requested for the 2021 year due to a current member being on leave and the major incident that recently occurred in Grasswood to ensure there is enough members on patrols. Discussion concluded that this incident would not facilitate such a request but that the Gazette article and Saskatoon Police Service press releases will be included in the Chief's Report to Council for their information.

9. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Commission will be held Wednesday February 24, 2021 at 3:00p.m. but may be subject to change as per COVID-19 developments.

10. Adjourn

Moved by Commission Member Haduik that the meeting adjourn at 2:04p.m.

Carried Unanimously.

Chairperson

Recording Secretary