

**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 February 24, 2021 at 3:00p.m.**

Present

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

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

1. Call to Order

Chair Harwood called the meeting to order at 3:01p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Commission Member Pshebylo – To accept the Agenda as circulated with the addition of Railway Communication, Emergency Identification, and RCMP Reporting.

Carried Unanimously.

3. Minutes

Moved by Commission Member Booth – That the minutes of the January 27, 2021 meeting be approved as circulated.

Carried Unanimously.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

No business arising.

5. Correspondence

No correspondence.

6. Financial Reports

Moved by Commission Member Trask that the January Mastercard statement be approved as circulated.

Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commission Member Haduik that the January GL Reports be approved as circulated.

Carried Unanimously.

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

Carried Unanimously.

7. Activity Reports

Moved – by Commission Chair Harwood that the Traffic Enforcement Chart be included with the Activity Reports on a quarterly basis (March, June, September, and December) and to also be included in the Chief's Report submission to Council.

Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commission Member Pshebylo that the January Provincial Statute Report be approved as circulated.

Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commission Member Pshebylo that the January Activity by Division Report be approved as circulated.

Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commission Member Pshebylo that the January Divisional Activity Chart be approved as circulated.

Carried Unanimously.

Chief's Report

- (1) Fine totals for January were \$67,000
- (2) Personnel/Training – there is still a constable on short term disability possibly returning in April on a graduated return to duty basis.
- (3) Enforcement Activities: 10 arrests for impaired drivers, 289 provincial charges laid, 17 criminal files, 41 assistance files (18 were other agency warrant arrests), 9 files of assisting the general public. There was a total of 428 reports for January.
- (4) Canadian Association of Chief's of Police (SACP) has accepted our membership application.

Moved by Commission Member Pshebylo that the January Chief's Report be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

8. New Business

Police Officer Vaccinations – Chief Gherasim reported that the Saskatchewan Association of Chief's of Police (SACP) will be lobbying the provincial government to amend phase 2 of the vaccination roll out to include front line officers.

The provincial government has offered, through the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA), an opportunity for police jurisdictions to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the SHA allowing qualified police personnel the ability to conduct rapid testing on our own members for purposes of identifying COVID early. As CPPS currently has 2 licensed paramedics on staff, Chief Gherasim has conversed with SHA and is working through a joint MOU with Dalmeny Police.

Commission Chair Harwood asked if CPPS has had any members or civilian personnel come in contact with COVID and how has/would that be dealt with. Chief Gherasim advised there has only been 2 members who had close contact and were required to self isolate. When the two members were required to self-isolate, the time was removed from their sick bank. It has not been decided if a test is positive if this would require going on short term disability or vacation time. Commission Member Trask questioned members having to utilize their sick time allowances for on duty related

transmission. Chief Gherasim said there is currently no policy and this would need to be negotiated with the members and Commission.

Strategic Planning – For information, Chief Gherasim distributed a business plan from Weyburn Police for the commission to review. Estevan Police did not have a strategic plan or business plan for their agency.

Included in the package items sent out, was the request for proposal Chief Gherasim had prepared. The cut off date for companies to respond is March 10, 2021. Chief Gherasim will forward the results shortly after this date to Commission members for consideration and discussion at the March 17th commission meeting.

Railway Communication – Commission member Pshebylo stated he is aware that CP and CN Rail share information with the City of Saskatoon, Saskatoon Police Services, and Saskatoon Fire regarding the transportation of dangerous goods through the city and he questioned if the RM has any information sharing with the railways for transfer of dangerous goods within the RM. Administrator Tittlemore responded that the RM receives limited information but states they are in contact with fire services.

Chief Gherasim stated the fire departments take the lead as they already have protocols in place. If it is later determined to be criminal in nature, then the RCMP would take ownership of the investigation. CPPS role is to assist the RCMP and fire department as required.

Commission member Pshebylo questioned if any member of the RM has a seat at the EMO office at the city. Administrator Tittlemore responded that the RM is involved with a regional EMO group which meets quarterly.

Emergency Identification – Commission member Pshebylo stated that Saskatoon Police Service has conducted a 5 year study which has indicated an increase of officer's being assaulted between 6pm to 6am. He questioned what measures are currently in place to ensure the safety of CPPS officers. Chief Gherasim responded that officers do have a button they can activate on a portable radio which notifies RCMP dispatch in Regina that an officer needs assistance. There is currently an issue as RCMP dispatch does not have access to CPPS patrol vehicle locations. The RCMP dispatch has a couple of safety programs but this only exists for RCMP members. The dispatch administration did not include CPPS members because there was currently no Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in place. Chief Gherasim had tried to discuss an MOU with RCMP DOCC, however they were not interested at the time due to liability concerns. We currently monitor our own members on a GPS program which was offered to the dispatch system, but they declined to accept this.

Moved by Commission member Pshebylo that the Commission explore with the RCMP the ability to have them access the CPPS GPS software or other options in order to track location in the event of an incapacitation of an officer and allow for communication.

Carried Unanimously.

RCMP Reporting – Commission member Pshebylo questioned the requirement for the RCMP to submit a comprehensive report of what services the RM receives. Administrator Tittlemore advised that Saskatoon Detachment submits a quarterly Elected Officials report but Warman Detachment does not provide any reporting to the RM. Commission Chair Harwood stated that the RCMP will now be attending commission and council meetings on a quarterly basis for discussions and questions from council and commission members. Commission member Booth supported the regular meetings as it creates an open dialogue.

Commission Chair Harwood suggested Chief Gherasim get in contact with representatives from Saskatoon Police Service and invite them to attend a commission meeting as well in order to discuss the working relationship between our agencies.

9. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Commission will be held Wednesday March 17, 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 4:14p.m.

Carried Unanimously.

Chairperson

Recording Secretary