

BYLAW # 3199

Crime Prevention Committee Bylaw



A bylaw of the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 in the Province of Alberta to provide Council with strategic recommendations relating to reduction of crime, engaging and educating the community on crime prevention and reduction.

WHEREAS: pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, c. M-26 and amendments thereto, a municipality may pass bylaws in the relation to the establishment and functions of council committees, and to the procedures to be followed by council committees; and

WHEREAS: pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, c. M-26 and amendments thereto, a council committee may consist of a combination of Councillors and other persons; and

WHEREAS: the County of Grande Prairie wishes to establish a Council Committee that acts in an advisory role by making recommendations and providing strategic advice to Council on Crime Prevention matters in the County of Grande Prairie.

WHEREAS: the Committee will make recommendations to Council pursuant to authorities granted under the Peace Officer Act, SA 2006, c P-3.5, the Police Act, RSA 2000, c P-17, and the Criminal Code, RSC 1985, c C-46.

NOW THEREFORE, under the authority of the Municipal Government Act, the Council of the County of Grande Prairie No. 1, in the Province of Alberta, hereby enacts as follows:

INTERPRETATION

1. This Bylaw shall be cited as the “Crime Prevention Committee Bylaw”.
2. Headings in this Bylaw are for reference purposes only.
3. Words in the masculine gender will include the feminine gender whenever the context so requires and vice versa.
4. Words in the singular shall include the plural or vice versa whenever the context so requires.

DEFINITIONS

5. Definitions:
 - i. “CAO” means the person appointed by Council to the position of Chief Administrative Officer under the Municipal Government Act for the County or designate.

- ii. “County” means the municipality of the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 having jurisdiction under the Municipal Government Act and other applicable legislation.
- iii. “Council” means the duly elected Council members of the County of Grande Prairie No. 1.
- iv. “Councillor” means the duly elected member of Council under the Municipal Government Act to represent a Division of the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 who continues to hold office.
- v. “Designate” means the person authorized by the CAO to conduct the duties and functions assigned to the CAO.
- vi. “Organizational Meeting” means the Meeting held annually not later than 2 weeks after the 3rd Monday in October at which appointments are made to County Boards and Committees.
- vii. “Stakeholders” means a business or organization that is impacted by the outcome of the recommendations and actions of this committee.
- viii. “Community Groups” means an organization aimed at making desired improvements to a community.

ESTABLISHMENT, MANDATE AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

- 6. A Council Committee is hereby established and will be referred to as the Crime Prevention Committee.
- 7. The mandate of the Crime Prevention Committee is to make recommendations related to crime prevention within legislated authority of a municipal Council.
- 8. The Committee will use an inclusive approach that contributes to strong partnerships and leverages community assets.
- 9. In order to fill its mandate, the Committee may:
 - i. Be a conduit and venue to bring various law enforcement agencies, local rural crime watch groups and stakeholders, including other rural municipalities, to identify opportunities, challenges and solutions, as authorized through legislation, with the aim of preventing and reducing rural crime.
 - ii. Hold a facilitated forum with stakeholders and community groups to seek solutions related to crime prevention in rural areas as may be identified in the budget.

- iii. Make recommendations to Council regarding education programs and engagement tools for rural residents.
- iv. Engage and invite Members of the Legislative Assembly to discuss crime prevention and reduction.
- v. Assist in lobbying strategy development related to crime prevention.

MEMBERSHIP

- 10. The Committee will be comprised of four (4) members of Council appointed by Council upon establishment of the Committee and annually at the County Organizational Meeting.
- 11. The Reeve is an Ex-officio member of the Committee and is a voting member.
- 12. The CAO, or designate, must be present at all meetings and is a non-voting member.
- 13. In the event of a vacancy Council may appoint a replacement to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term.
- 14. The Committee will appoint a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson at the first meeting of the Committee from amongst the members who will serve for the duration of their respective terms.
- 15. If an appointed member is absent for three (3) consecutive meetings, without prior approval, Council may declare the position vacant and appoint a successor.
- 16. Council may terminate the appointment of any member at any time.
- 17. Members appointed to this committee will receive remuneration in accordance with Policy F10 – Council and Board Member Honoraria & Expense Reimbursement.

PROCEDURE

- 18. Committee members are required to agree and maintain confidentiality and comply with all County bylaws, policies and procedures.
- 19. The Committee will:
 - i. Meet on a quarterly basis, or as required.
- 20. Notice of the meeting will be posted on the County website, no additional notice of regularly scheduled meetings is required.
- 21. The Chair may call a special meeting by giving at least 24 hours' notice to:

- i. Members of the committee by email.
 - ii. The public by posting a notice on the County's website.
- 22. The Committee may vote to change the date, time, or place of a scheduled meeting, or schedule an additional meeting as long as the Committee provides at least 24 hours' notice of the change to the Committee members by email and to the public by notice on the County website.
- 23. Quorum at any regular meeting shall be three (3) voting members. One member shall be the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson.
- 24. The Committee will follow the meeting procedures set out in the County's Procedural Bylaw. A tie vote shall constitute defeat of any motion considered by the Committee.
- 25. The Chairperson will chair all Committee meetings and decide all points of order that may arise. If the Chair is unable to perform the Chairperson's duties, a Vice-Chairperson will be selected at that meeting and will perform those duties.
- 26. Committee meetings will be held in public unless the meeting is closed for reasons permitted by the Act.
- 27. The Committee may invite subject matter experts to attend any meeting of the Committee on an as needed basis.

ANNUAL WORK PLAN AND REPORTING

- 28. The Committee will develop an annual work plan at the first meeting following the Organizational Meeting for Council approval that identifies key priorities and goals based on its mandate and this bylaw.
- 29. The Committee may provide updates to Council which may include recommendations on matters related to the Committee's mandate and annual work plan.
- 30. At least once per year and prior to the Organizational Meeting, the Committee will present to Council the following:
 - i. Review of its work plan.
 - ii. Update on progress and initiatives.
 - iii. Any information or recommendations on issues or opportunities within its mandate.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

31. The CAO, or designate, will assign Administrative Resources as required to assist and fulfill the Committee's mandate.
32. Legislative Services will provide administrative support, including:
 - i. Publish Meeting Notice
 - ii. Agenda Preparation
 - iii. Minute Taking

SEVERABILITY

33. Every provision of this bylaw is independent of all other provisions and if any provision is declared invalid by a Court, then the invalid provisions shall be severed and the remainder provisions shall remain valid and enforceable.

EFFECTIVE DATE

34. This Bylaw shall come into force and effect on the third and final reading thereof.


READ a first time this 30 day of January, 2023.

READ a second time this 30 day of January, 2023.

READ a third time and finally passed this 30 day of January, 2023.



Bob Marshall
Reeve



Joulia Whittleton
Chief Administrative Officer