

Administrative Backgrounder

Councillor Notice of Motion

Title	Rural Crime Awareness and Education Sessions (Councillor Stang)
Purpose of Report	To provide information in response to Councillor Stang's notice of motion made at the August 23, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.
Proposed Motion(s)	That Council direct Administration to host awareness and education sessions in the communities of Calahoo and Pinewood in the Fall of 2022, with participation from relevant regional partners, agencies, and stakeholders, with the outcome of providing information to residents on how to deter, report, and otherwise communicate concerns related to rural crime.
Previous Council / Committee Direction	None.
Strategic Alignment	<p>Thriving Communities – Creating opportunities for residents to discuss crime prevention aligns with the County's commitment to support safe, welcoming, and diverse communities.</p> <p>Collaborative Governance – Community conversations around crime prevention aligns with the County's commitment to ongoing community consultation and engagement.</p>
Statutory Requirement Considerations	None.
Alignment to Levels of Service Delivery	There are no direct service delivery levels related to this request.
Anticipated Human Resource Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning and delivering crime awareness sessions will require resourcing from Family & Community Support Services (FCSS), Communications, and Protective Services as well as coordination with community partners including Rural Crime Watch, RCMP and Victim Services.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estimated staff time required would be approximately 10-20 hours. Reprioritization of existing programs would need to be considered to ensure necessary resources would be available. Previous Rural Crime sessions that have been held in the County hosted by the RCMP have had limited attendance.
Anticipated Financial Resource Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estimated costs of \$5,000 would include advertising, hospitality, and facility rental. This amount can be accommodated within the existing departmental budget.
Additional Background Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FCSS staff recently attended an Alberta Crime Prevention Grant information session. Grants of between \$25,000 - \$150,000 over 2-year period are available to support direct delivery of services or supports for crime prevention or community safety and well-being. The deadline to apply for the ACP Grant is September 30, 2022. FCSS intends to apply, and if successful, would use the funding to develop and implement a plan for crime prevention sessions across Sturgeon County in 2023 and 2024.
Attachment(s)	None.
Report Reviewed by:	<p>Tim Osborne, Manager, Family & Community Support Services</p> <p>Christine Wells, Director, Community Services</p> <p>Reegan McCullough, County Commissioner – CAO</p>