



Request for Decision

Title	Sturgeon County's Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Community Policing Priorities for 2026
Summary	The RCMP policing priorities process is designed to ensure that policing services are responsive, relevant, and aligned with the needs of the communities they serve. Each year, Sturgeon County works with the RCMP to identify local policing priorities that guide operational focus, resource allocation, and performance measurement.
Recommended Motion	That Sturgeon County's RCMP community policing priorities for 2026 include reducing property crime, increasing policing visibility, and reducing persons crimes.
Previous Council Direction	<p><u>February 25, 2025 Regular Council Meeting</u></p> <p>Motion 079/25: That Council approve three 2025 Community Policing Priorities to be proposed to the Sturgeon County RCMP, being: Crime Reduction – Property & Drug-Related Offences, Police Visibility, and Public Awareness & Communication.</p>
Background Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The RCMP establishes annual policing priorities to guide operations and resource allocation for their fiscal year, running from April 2026 to March 2027. • These priorities are shaped through a collaborative process involving public consultations, town hall meetings, and a community policing survey. This ensures alignment with both local concerns and broader RCMP and Government of Canada strategic objectives. • To facilitate this process, Sturgeon County, along with the RCMP held a virtual policing priorities Town Hall to review and refine the RCMP's strategic policing focus for the upcoming year. This meeting provided an opportunity for residents, local leaders, and law enforcement personnel from multiple detachments to contribute their perspectives. • The result of this engagement was a community-driven approach that ensured policing efforts effectively addressed the most pressing issues in Sturgeon County. • The <i>RCMP Community Policing Priorities 2026: What We Heard Report</i> (Attachment 1) consolidates the feedback gathered during this engagement process. The report serves as a foundation for establishing the Sturgeon County RCMP's policing priorities for 2026. • The engagement process was designed to capture a broad range of community input and included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A public survey that received 149 responses; and ○ A combined virtual policing priorities Town Hall where residents directly participated in identifying key policing priorities.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These efforts provided valuable insights into community concerns and helped shape the recommendations for the RCMP's 2026 priorities in Sturgeon County. • Based on the engagement results, Administration recommends the following three Sturgeon County priorities for the RCMP consideration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reduce Property Crime ○ Police Visibility ○ Reduce Persons Crimes • The RCMP will consider the priorities raised by all municipalities as they finalize their priorities for 2026.
Financial Implications of Recommended Motion	None.
Other Implications of Recommended Motion	<p><u>Bylaw, Policy, Master Plan, and Legislative Alignments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Alberta Police Act</i> • Provincial Police Service Agreement <p><u>Council's Strategic Direction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thriving Communities – The motion supports safe, welcoming, and diverse communities; small community feel and personal connection; commitment to high quality of life. <p><u>Organizational Initiatives, Capacity, and Process Impacts</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><u>Public or Internal Service Level Impacts</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maintain <input type="checkbox"/> Increase <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease</p> <p><u>External Stakeholder Impacts</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><u>Risk or Legal Considerations</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
Communication Measures	<p>Legislated requirements? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Completed communications or engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information is shared with the public through the Council meeting agenda package. <p>Future communications or engagement planned? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
Next Step(s) If Recommended Motion Supported	1. Send a letter to Morinville, Redwater, and Fort Saskatchewan Detachment Commanders notifying them of Sturgeon County's RCMP Policing Priorities for 2026 (Community and Protective Services, March 2026).

Alternatives and Implications	None.
Attachment(s)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attachment 1 – RCMP Community Policing Priorities 2026: What We Heard Report 2. Attachment 2 – What We Heard – RCMP Community Policing Priorities for 2026 Presentation
Administrative Review	<p>Jennifer Penner, Safe Communities Facilitator, Protective Services</p> <p>Chad Moore, Manager, Protective Services / Fire Chief</p> <p>Christine Wells, Director, Community and Protective Services</p> <p>Andrew Hayes, General Manager, Financial Services and Chief Financial Officer</p> <p>Jesse Sopko, Manager, Legislative and Legal Services</p> <p>Travis Peter, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)</p>