

Current Police Advisory Committee members are:

- Brittany Sande - Chairperson
(Ponoka Victim Services)
- Marlene Gartner
(Citizens on Patrol)
- Youth Rep.
- Heather Patterson (County resident; Youth Justice Committee volunteer)
- Irene Balian (Member at large)
- Patricia Soloski (Member at large)
- Town Councillor Ted Dillon
(Alternate: Coun. Sandra Lyon)
- Ponoka RCMP Sgt. Chris Smiley
- Town CAO Albert Frootman

How do I contact the Police Advisory Committee:

- Call the Town Office at 403-783-4431 and leave your name and phone number. A Committee member will call you back.
- Or go to the Town website at www.ponoka.ca and fill out the 'Ponoka Police Advisory Committee Survey'.
- Or click the 'Community Feedback' link on the Town website (www.ponoka.ca) at the bottom of Home Page to send an email to the committee. ***Please state 'Police Advisory Committee' in the email subject line.***

To contact the Town:

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Town of Ponoka

Police Advisory Committee

Keeping Ponoka Safe, Healthy and Vibrant

What is the Police Advisory Committee?

- It is an advisory committee to Town Council that acts as a liaison between local citizens, Town Council, the local RCMP, the Town CAO (Chief Administrative Officer).
- The Committee was established by Ponoka Town Council in 2016 through the creation of Bylaw No. 365-15.

Who sits on the Committee?

The Committee is comprised of volunteers from a diverse cross section of the community representing:

- Youth representative
- 2 community members at large
- Victim Services
- Citizens on Patrol

What is the Committee's role?

- The Committee's main role is to give local citizens a voice on public safety and crime prevention matters to help foster and maintain a safe and secure community.
- The Committee passes along feedback and concerns identified by local residents to the Ponoka RCMP, Town Council, and the Town CAO for their consideration.
- The Committee also offers input on RCMP policing priorities each year based on local community input.
- The Committee liaises with community groups as needed to help address public concerns – for example, to advocate for the creation of programs or initiatives to improve public safety and address crime-related trends.

What other work does the Committee do?

- At the request of Council, the Committee has reviewed some existing Town Bylaws and recently provided input on a Community Standards Bylaw.
- The Community Standards Bylaw was brought to the public for review and input, and was approved by Council in 2019.
- The Committee also recently reviewed the Town of Ponoka's Animal Control Bylaw with the goal of recommending a new updated Bylaw to Town Council in the near future.
- The Animal Control Bylaw will be brought to the public for input in the coming months before being considered by Council for approval.