



**Town of Ponoka**

# Police Advisory Committee

## 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, as well as representatives from Town Council and the Ponoka RCMP.

## 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 draft Community Standards Bylaw.
- The Committee is currently reviewing the Town of Ponoka's Animal Control Bylaw with the goal of recommending a new updated Bylaw to Town Council in the near future.
- Both Bylaws are will be brought to the public for review and feedback before being considered by Council for approval.

## How do I contact the Police Advisory Committee:

- You can pass on concerns or comments to the Police Advisory Committee by filling out the **'Ponoka Police Advisory Committee Survey'** on the Town website at [www.ponoka.ca](http://www.ponoka.ca)
- You can also call the Town Office at 403-783-4431 and leave your name and phone number explaining that you want to contact the Police Advisory Committee. A Committee member will call you back.

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### Contact Info:

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## Current Police Advisory Committee members are:

- Deborah Hycha (Chair)
- Brittany Sande (Ponoka Victim Services)
- Patricia Soloski (Member at Large)
- Marlene Gartner (Citizens on Patrol)
- Carson Braat (Youth rep)
- Heather Patterson (County resident; Youth Justice Committee volunteer)
- One member of Town Council (and an alternate when they cannot attend.)
- Ponoka RCMP Sgt. Chris Smiley
- Town CAO Albert Frootman