

Current Police Advisory Committee members are:

- Brittany Sande - Chairperson
(Ponoka Victim Services)
- Marlene Gartner
(Citizens on Patrol)
- Yael Witvoet (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. Clayton Nelson)
- 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, and 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 and representatives from a diverse cross section of the community representing:

- A youth representative
- 2 community members at large
- Victim Services
- Citizens on Patrol
- Ponoka County (a resident)
- Town Administration
- Ponoka RCMP
- Town Council

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 and recommended a new updated Bylaw to Town Council for consideration.
- The new Animal Control Bylaw recommended to Council was brought to the public for input in late 2019. Town Council and Administration are reviewing the public input received before considering the new Bylaw for approval later in 2020.