

Morinville Policing Committee

Purpose:

The Government of Alberta has introduced new policing-governance requirements for municipalities served by the RCMP, including the establishment of civilian Policing Committees. These committees are intended to strengthen local input into policing by creating a formal venue for community perspectives, Council priorities, and RCMP planning to come together. While the detailed mandate will be finalized through a future bylaw, the general intent is that the Policing Committee will support Council in identifying local policing priorities, contributing to community safety planning, and enhancing transparency in the delivery of policing services. The Committee will work collaboratively with the RCMP and the municipality to reflect community needs and help monitor progress on identified priorities. More specific responsibilities will be outlined once Council formally establishes the Committee by bylaw, consistent with evolving provincial regulations.

Membership:

The Committee consists of at least three (3) and no more than seven (7) voting members appointed by Council, and may include:

- One (1) to two (2) members of Council
- Two (2) to five (5) public members
- Ministerial appointees, as permitted under the Police Act
- Non-voting advisory members might include:
 - The RCMP Officer in Charge (or designate)
 - The Chief Administrative Officer (or designate)
 - The Mayor, as an ex officio member

All public members must be at least 18 years of age, reside in Morinville for a minimum of six consecutive months prior to appointment, successfully pass an enhanced security check, and take the legislated oath of office. Members appointed cannot be hired in any capacity with the Morinville RCMP, any Provincial or Municipal Police Service, Alberta Justice or Alberta Public Safety and Emergency Services. Public members must notify the municipality of their hiring and resignation.

Term:

Public Members of the Committee serve a two-year or three-year term. Members may be reappointed, subject to Council approval, provided they meet the eligibility criteria. Membership can only be revoked for cause, such as absenteeism, loss of residency, conflict of interest, or breach of the oath of office.

Board Members:

Name	Capacity	Term
Glen Morrison	Public Member	<i>TBD</i> – Dec. 31, 2028
Jennifer Buchart	Public Member	<i>TBD</i> – Dec. 31, 2027
Linda Ladouceur	Public Member	TBD – Dec. 31, 2028
Stephen Dafoe	Public Member	<i>TBD</i> – Dec. 31, 2027

Meeting Dates:

Meetings will begin following the approval of the Policing Committee Bylaw in early 2026. The Committee will meet at least twice a year, with additional meetings scheduled as necessary to fulfill its responsibilities.

Bylaw / Policy:

To be approved by Council Q1 of 2026.

Administrative Contact:

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