



# ***MD of Lesser Slave River No.124***

# ***COMMUNITY POLICING PLAN***

June 12, 2024

# MISSION STATEMENT

*“Public Safety through Peace Officer Excellence”*

## CORE VALUES

OUR PEOPLE / INTEGRITY / SERVICE / CARE / COMMUNICATION / ENFORCEMENT

# Message from our Peace Officers

Any democratic Peace Officer Agency such as that of the MDLSR Peace Officer Services, exists and operates with the consent and will of the public it serves. Our Peace Officers together with its legislative mandate should be an extension of the community it serves.

The 2025-2029 Community Policing Plan embraces this fundamental concept through an inclusive and comprehensive process, capturing input from our citizens, our membership, and our many partners throughout the region. This method of developing a community policing plan allows the MDLSR to align our resources to emerging trends and community policing priorities.

# Message from our Peace Officers

While the core duties and responsibilities of our MD Peace Officers remains focused on the detection, investigation, and apprehension of Bylaw contraventions and infractions, the policing environment has changed significantly over the last few years as citizens want increased transparency and accountability together with visible enforcement and protection. Additionally increases in mental health, addictions and a rising number of unhoused people challenges the resources of many services including bylaw enforcement.

Economic pressure on homeowners, business and government all require an efficient, flexible and collaborative police service, focused on overall community safety and wellbeing, as well as the protection of homes, property, infrastructure, ensuring recreational compliance that enhances responsible use as well as conservation whilst also sustaining traffic safety for all our users and visitors.

# Message from our Peace Officers

While there are always competing priorities the MDLSR Peace Officer Services firmly believe that if everything is a priority then nothing is a priority.

Narrowing our focus in this Community Policing Plan to three (3) main priorities, allows our MD Peace Officers to continue providing our citizens professional, efficient, timely and responsive bylaw enforcement services.

# MD Peace Officer Strategies



**Incident / Infraction RESPONSE**



**Prevention AWARENESS**



**Risk Intervention APPLYING MD LAWS**



**Social Development and Behaviors PROVIDE SUPPORT AND EDUCATION**

**Contribute to safer and healthier communities.  
Support crime prevention, intervention and enforcement initiatives.**

**Support the development and maintenance of tools, information, technology and training that facilitate the delivery of front-line peace officer services.**

**Support the renegotiation of provincial police service agreements and provide on-going support to RCMP divisions once the agreements are in place.**

**Ensure enhanced enforcement action to ensure seasonal operational readiness and reaction.**

**Provide RCMP and Fire SUPPORT for major Regional emergencies or disasters.**

# WHAT DO RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS WANT?

- The Municipal District of Lesser Slave River No. 124 should be a safe place to live, where people, their property and animals are protected.
- Property owners should peacefully enjoy the amenities of their land and homes.
- Theft, vandalizing, speeding, bylaw infractions and Community Standards compliance are significant issues in the MDLSR.
- External partners want more collaboration on many of our bylaw issues within the region.
- Communication and engagement are key areas to enhance public trust and confidence, as well as providing an educational platform that ensures community standards awareness and compliance.
- Internally, our members see response times and technology as areas where we can improve and innovate.

**ADDITIONAL PRESSURE MIGHT ARISE FROM MENTAL HEALTH, THE UNHOUSED AND PEOPLE ADDICTIONS THAT COULD DRIVE MANY OF OUR CALLS FOR SERVICE.**

**WORKING WITH OUR REGIONAL PARTNERS, ADDRESSING ROOT CAUSES WILL ASSIST IN ADDRESSING SOCIAL PRIORITIES**

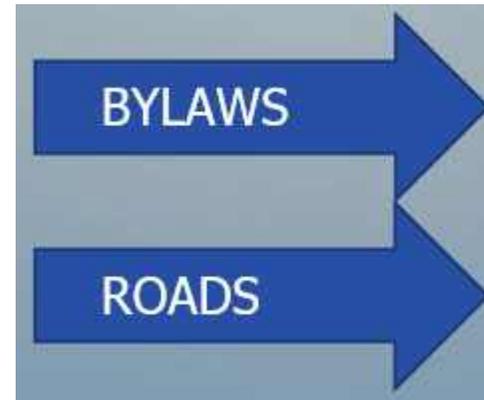
# BYLAW ENFORCEMENT PROCESS (Policing)

## EDUCATION



**PEACE OFFICERS WILL  
CONNECT WITH  
OFFENDERS TO OFFER  
EDUCATIONAL ADVICE AND  
SUGGEST POSSIBLE  
RESOLVE ACTION**

## WARNING



**WARNINGS COME IN THE FORM OF  
COMPLIANCE LETTERS,  
SEASONAL WEBSITE UPDATES  
AND SITE VISITS – THE KEY IS TO  
ESTABLISH A REGULAR ANNUAL  
SEASONAL AWARENESS THAT  
ACT AS PREVENTATIVE MEASURE**

## FINES



**THE PROCESS IS COMPLAINT  
AS WELL AS OBSERVATION  
DRIVEN. FINES ARE NOT COST  
EFFECTIVE**

# PRIORITY 1

## ENHANCING SERVICE DELIVERY

### OBJECTIVE 1

#### LEVERAGE TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES

911 / Regional Support  
Website & Social Media  
Public Drone Safety  
Additional Peace Officers

### OBJECTIVE 2

#### CRIME/INFRACTION PREVENTION & RESPONSE INITIATIVES

Offender Management / Education  
Coordinated Objectives / Annual  
Reoccurring Action Plans  
Target Enforcement - Yes

### OBJECTIVE 3

#### IMPROVED SUPPORT INITIATIVES

Security Surveillance  
Investigate Follow Up /  
Adequate emailing Filing  
System  
Continued Collaboration /  
Adequate training &  
professional development for  
Officers

# PRIORITY 2

## FORECASTING for the FUTURE

### OBJECTIVE 1

#### INVEST IN MD PEACE OFFICERS

##### INITIATIVES

Provide leadership training opportunities internal/external.

Technical training, providing effective, best practice service.

Ensure work/life balance is maintained & support is in place.

Identify, Mentor, and develop key positions.

### OBJECTIVE 2

#### INFRASTRUCTURE / RESOURCES

##### INITIATIVES

Explore additional revenue streams to optimize investment.

Environmental scans for potential changes in Law Enforcement landscape.

Continue to develop a Peace Officer Headquarters site – possibly.

# PRIORITY 3

## IDENTIFYING KEY AREAS OF ENFORCEMENT

### OBJECTIVE 1

#### PROPERTY & COMMUNITY STANDARDS

##### INITIATIVES

Ensure annual seasonal compliance action on residential as well as other properties – Roll over process.

Maintain an active list on A and B list properties to viable aesthetic community evolution.

Enhance social media and website awareness so residents get used to annual enforcement action.

### OBJECTIVE 2

#### TRAFFIC

##### INITIATIVES

Peace Officers to work closely with highway partners and specifically target MDLSR highways and roads, including Recreational and OHV enforcement.

MPC should work at ensuring land use compliance and not be complicit in altering community development standards.

### OBJECTIVE 3

#### ANIMALS

##### INITIATIVES

Landowners in all district should be in compliance.

Exceptions and relaxations should be avoided.

Stronger restrictions in residential serviced or unserviced districts and Hamlets.

# IN SUMMARY

- **The Municipal District of Lesser Slave River No. 124** will focus on three (3) main priorities under the umbrella of community safety and property well being; **supported** by collaboration with our ratepayers, residents and visitors as well as regional policing partners, this DOCUMENT will be the roadmap of the 2025-2029 MD Community Policing Plan; **and** would help create the peaceful enjoyment of property for all within the boundaries of our municipality.



# POTENTIAL Strategic Plan CONTENT 2025-2029

## Council Priorities

### Enhanced Service Delivery

#### Crime

Leverage Improved Prevention & Victim Support Technology Response.

#### Public Safety

Targeted  
Drone Enforcement.

**Back up 911, RCMP, Sheriff**

### Communications & Engagement

#### Community Engagement

Seek opportunities to engage diverse segments of the community. Deploy weekly schedules and attend community events. Enhance social media footprint, leverage good news stories.

#### Partnerships

Expand MD network of partner agencies to address social challenges. Continue to advocate for resource collaboration. Seek opportunities for joint force investigations. Support community initiatives for social wellness.

#### Government Relations

Lobby Government for local issues (i.e. Police funding Model, sheriff support, increased crime response funding).  
Seek funding/grants for operational needs.

### Forecasting for the Future

#### Objectives

Invest in property owners needs.

#### Initiatives

Maintain environmental scans for technical training and for potential Changes in the law enforcement landscape.

Ensure work/life continues to explore balance is maintained and support is in development. Identify, mentor, and develop key positions, sworn and civilian.

# PRIORITY COMMUNITY POLICING

**WE ARE INVITING YOU TO TAKE OUR SURVEY, YOUR FEEDBACK MATTERS ON WHAT ARE THE KEY POLICING AREAS FOR THE MD**

- TRAFFIC
- PROPERTY CLEAN UP
- SOCIAL ISSUES
- ANIMAL CONTROL
- RECREATIONAL ENFORCEMENT PROPERTY THEFT AND DAMAGE

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