

MEETING DATE: JULY 15, 2025

BRIEFING NOTE - TO COUNCIL

SUBJECT

Alberta Police Review Commission – June 2025 Update

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the County of Vermilion River accept the update on the progress of the establishment of a new public agency to review police complaints as information.

DETAILS

Background: The Alberta Police Review Commission (PRC) is a new, independent oversight agency being established to handle complaints against municipal and First Nations police services in Alberta. It will absorb the *Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT)* and investigate all *Police Act* complaints and criminal allegations against municipal police officers. The PRC aims to increase transparency and accountability in policing by providing a fair and just review process, independent of police services.

This new agency will include ASIRT, and its mandate would expand to include Alberta Sheriffs & Community Peace Officers (CPO) and may include disciplinary action provisions.

Discussion: As an authorized employer of Community Peace Officers, the County currently conducts internal investigations of complaints against Officers, with oversight from the Solicitor General. This would streamline the process and provide an additional layer of transparency.

Relevant Policy/Legislation Practices:

- Police Act
- Peace Officer Act
- Police Amendment Act

Desired Outcome (s):

Response Options: Protective Services – Public Safety Division will monitor updates, inform Council and amend standard operating guidelines accordingly.

IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION

Organizational:

Financial:

Communication Required:

Implementation: The PRC is expected to launch late Fall of 2025.

Pertains to this Corporate Goal:

ATTACHMENTS

- Police Review Commission – Update (June 2025)

PREPARED BY: Kirk Hughes, Director of Protective Services & Emergency Management

DATE: 20 June 2025