



BYLAW 2025-114

BEING A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF DIAMOND VALLEY IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO ESTABLISH A MUNICIPAL POLICING COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, Chapter M-26 as amended, a municipal council has authority to govern and the authority to pass bylaws respecting the municipality, including services provided by or on behalf of the municipality;

WHEREAS the *Police Act* RSA 2000, c-P-17 and regulations as amended, provide that a municipality which has entered into an Agreement with the Federal Government for the provision of police services through the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, may by Bylaw, establish a Municipal Policing Committee;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Diamond Valley deems it desirable to pass a bylaw to establish a Municipal Policing Committee;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Diamond Valley, duly assembled in Council Chambers in Diamond Valley, Alberta, enacts as follows:

1.0 TITLE AND PURPOSE

- (1) This bylaw may be cited as the "Municipal Policing Committee Bylaw".

2.0 INTERPRETATION AND DEFINITIONS

- (1) In this bylaw and any schedules to this bylaw, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the following meanings:
 - (a) **Act** means the *Police Act*, RSA 2000, c P-17 and regulations thereto.
 - (b) **Agreement** Means the agreement between the municipality and the Government of Canada for the provision of police services for the municipality.
 - (c) **Bylaw** means the Police Committee Bylaw 2025-114 as amended from time to time.
 - (d) **Chair** means the individual elected as per the *Police Act*, Section 23(9).
 - (e) **CAO** means the Chief Administrative Officer of the Town of Diamond Valley.
 - (f) **Chief Elected Official** means the Mayor of the Town of Diamond Valley.
 - (g) **Committee** means the Policing Committee.
 - (h) **Council** means the duly elected Council of the Town of Diamond Valley.
 - (i) **Member** means a person appointed to the Policing Committee pursuant to the Policing Committee Bylaw;
 - (j) **Minister** means the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services of the Province of Alberta.
 - (k) **Officer in Charge** means the Officer in charge of the local RCMP detachment in Diamond Valley.
 - (l) **R.C.M.P.** means the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or any member of that police service as the case may require.
 - (m) **Town** means the municipality of the Town of Diamond Valley in the Province of Alberta, or where the context so requires, its municipal boundaries.
- (2) The headings in this bylaw do not form part of this bylaw and shall not affect its interpretation.

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- (3) Any references in this bylaw to any Statutes are to the *Province of Alberta Statutes* as amended or replaced from time to time and any amendments thereto.
- (4) Within the text of this Bylaw;
 - (a) use of a pronoun or determiner which indicates one gender shall include all genders unless the context requires otherwise, and
 - (b) use of the singular shall include the plural and the plural shall include the singular as the context requires.
- (5) The word “may” when used in this Bylaw shall be construed as permissive and empowering, and the words “must” and “shall” when used in this Bylaw shall be construed as imperative.

3.0 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- (1) The Policing Committee shall have the following duties:
 - (a) overseeing the administration of the municipal police service agreement;
 - (b) representing the interests and concerns of the public and of the council to the officer in charge;
 - (c) developing a yearly plan of priorities and strategies for municipal policing in consultation with the officer in charge;
 - (d) developing a community safety plan in conjunction with the local police detachment and chief elected official, including a plan for collaboration between the community and community agencies, and providing the community safety plan annually, or on request, to the Minister;
 - (e) assisting in the selection of the officer in charge;
 - (f) reporting annually, or on request, to the Minister on the implementation of and updates to programs and services to achieve the priorities of the police service;
 - (g) holding meetings quarterly at minimum but as often as is required to carry on the business of the committee; and
 - (h) meeting times are to be posted on the Town website, meetings are to be open to the public and minutes available for viewing.

4.0 MEMBERSHIP

- (1) The Policing Committee will consist of;
 - (a) Two (2) members from the Town Council to be appointed at the annual Organization Meeting of Council or by Resolution of Council and one (1) alternate;
 - (b) Three (3) Members-at-Large;
 - (c) Members-at-Large must be:
 - (i) residents of Diamond Valley;
 - (ii) Council shall consider the diversity of the community when appointing members to the Policing Committee;
- (2) The term of office of a member appointed to the Policing Committee shall be;
 - (a) Three (3) years, or
 - (b) A term of less than three (3) years, but not less than two (2) years.

- (2) Nothing in this bylaw relieves any person from compliance with any other bylaw or any applicable federal or provincial law, regulation or enactment.
- (3) In the event of a conflict between this bylaw and any other bylaw or any applicable federal or provincial law, regulation or enactment respecting public health and safety, the other bylaw, law, regulation or enactment shall prevail to the extent of the conflict.
- (4) This bylaw shall come into force and effect on the date of third and final reading.

READ A FIRST TIME on the 16th day of April, 2025

READ A SECOND TIME on the 16th day of April, 2025

READ A THIRD AND FINAL TIME on the 16th day of April, 2025



Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

- (3) The CAO and/or any employees designated by the CAO may attend meetings of the Policing Committee to provide advice or administrative services. Neither the CAO nor employees are voting members of the committee.
- (4) All members of the Policing Committee must pass an enhanced security check.
- (5) The appointment of a member to the Policing Committee may not be revoked by Council except for cause.
- (6) If a person who is also a member of Council is also appointed to the Policing Committee, that person's appointment to the Policing Committee terminates on that person's ceasing to be a member of Council.
- (7) The members of the Policing Committee shall, at their first meeting in each year, elect from their members a chair and one or more vice-chairs.
- (8) A member of Council is not eligible to be elected as the chair or vice chair of the policing committee.
- (9) All members of the Policing Committee shall take an oath as set out in Schedule 2 of the Act.
- (10) A member of the Policing Committee shall not be a full-time member of the policing committee.

5.0 MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS TO POLICING COMMITTEE

- (1) If the Policing Committee consists of;
 - (a) Three (3) members, the Minister may appoint one member to the Committee or
 - (b) Four (4) to six (6) members, the Minister may appoint up to two (2) members to the Committee or
 - (c) Seven (7) members, the Minister may appoint one (1) member for each group of three (3) members appointed to the Committee, including any remaining group that is fewer than three (3) members

6.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS AND COMING INTO FORCE

- (1) If any term, clause or condition of this bylaw or the application thereof is found to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this bylaw or application of such term, clause or condition shall not be affected and shall remain in force and effect.