

# TOWN OF BONNYVILLE

## REQUEST FOR DECISION

**Date:** February 20, 2025

**Submitted By:** Administration

**Meeting Date:** February 25, 2025

**SUBJECT: Police Act Amendments and Town of Bonnyville Policing Committee**

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**BACKGROUND:** The Police Amendment Act 2022 requires RCMP policed communities with a population between 5,000 and 15,000 be represented by Regional Police Committees but do have the option to apply to opt out from this committee and form their own Municipal Policing Committee.

**OTHER COMMENTS:** Administration recently met with Public Safety and Emergency Services regarding the requirements for becoming a member of the Regional Police Committee. It was suggested that the Town contact neighboring municipalities in our region to inquire if they would be opting in or if they would be requesting approval from the Minister to opt out of this committee. The consensus of most of the municipalities contacted was that they would be opting out of the Regional Committee as they have or will be establishing their own Municipal Policing Committee.

As the Town currently has a Municipal Policing Committee, and due to many other municipalities in our region choosing to opt out of the Regional Policing Committee, Administration is recommending that Council request approval from the Minister to opt out of the Regional Policing Committee.

Due to the recent Police Act Amendments, updates to the current Municipal Policing Committee Bylaw will be brought to a future Council meeting. Changes will include the requirement of an Enhanced Reliability Check (ERC) for all members appointed to the Committee as well as other minor changes to ensure the Bylaw is in accordance with the Police Act.

**REPORT/DOCUMENT:**    Attached    Available    NIL

1. Bylaw – Municipal Policing Committee
2. Fact Sheet – RCMP Civilian Governance
3. Fact Sheet – Enhanced Security Checks for Policing Committees

**DESIRED OUTCOMES:** For Council to direct Administration to request Ministerial Approval to opt out of the Regional Policing Committee as the Town has its own Municipal Policing Committee.

**OPTIONS:**

1. Direct Administration to request Ministerial Approval to opt out of the Regional Policing Committee.
2. Choose to opt in to the Regional Policing Committee and appoint a member of Council to this committee.

**RELEVANCE TO STRATEGIC PLAN:**



**Communications  
Strategy**



**Economic  
Growth**



**Recreation &  
Wellness**



**Service  
Excellence**



**Value Added  
Services**

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**RECOMMENDATION: THAT Council direct Administration to request Ministerial approval to opt out of the Regional Policing Committee as the Town has its own Municipal Policing Committee.**

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