

SUMMARY – MEETING HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 4TH, 2021 Re: Rutland Community Policing

Participants: Peter P., Lynn J., & Sharlene D. from the Rutland Residents Association and Michael Kube (Community Safety Unit) and Jason Bedell (Community Prevention Supervisor)

- Noted Colleen Cornock on duty at the City and Jason has stepped in.
- Michael Kube: Community policing and lives in Black Mountain but has vested interest in Rutland.
- Peter noted Community Policing Office in Rutland and reviewed questions that had been asked/answered during the last meeting.
- Stated that the Rutland Community Policing Office has the same services as the Downtown location. Rutland office open from 9am to 4:30pm Monday to Friday. After 4:30pm, report to Downtown office at 250-762-3300.
- Rutland office only has one full-time employee and Kevin MacDougal to be trained as well to take her place in the event of holidays and leave.
- Officers are dispatched through Kelowna OCC and not the police offices (Rutland or Downtown). Dispatch can be overwhelmed as they serve many communities (Kelowna, Lake Country, West Kelowna, etc.) and not just Kelowna.
- If you call in, be sure to request a file number and share if necessary so others can file related reports using the same file number. Makes it more efficient as less paperwork and more likely to be responded to.
- Calls are prioritized and response is dependent on availability and severity of the situations police are responding to at that time.
- 'Watch Support Officers' were in place beginning in July and these individuals conduct follow ups, respond to emails, etc. They provide support for items in the Priority 3 and 4 categories – less serious crimes such as thefts, etc.)
- Police are looking at various alternatives as they are stretched very thin due to increase in various crimes.
- Rutland Office: 5 to 7 Officers are committed every shift and are briefed at Downtown detachment and then go to Rutland.
- Kelowna, Lake Country, and West Kelowna are all separate detachments but share cells at Downtown detachment.
- Theft of catalytic converters are top thing for theft right now.
- Changes coming to Volunteer Program: Due to new National and Provincial Policies. Volunteers are still on hold due to COVID. Moving away from the Citizens Patrol but vast majority are staying on.
- Looking at making 'SpeedWatch' (Traffic Safety) more robust.
- Also noted the Crime Reduction Unit (CRU)...More info can be found here:
<https://www.kelowna.ca/city-services/safety-emergency-services/crime-prevention>