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#### **Definitions**

**1** In this Regulation,

- (a) “municipal police service agreement” means an agreement for policing services entered into under section 22(1) of the Act;
- (b) “provincial police service agreement” means an agreement for a provincial police service entered into under section 21(1) of the Act.

#### **Metis community defined**

**2** For the purpose of section 28.01(4)(b)(ii) of the Act, a “Metis community” means a publicly recognized organization that represents the interests of Metis individuals in Alberta.

#### **Duties and functions of Provincial Police**

##### **Advisory Board**

**3(1)** In this section, “Commanding Officer” means the Commanding Officer of K Division of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Alberta.

**(2)** For the purpose of section 28.02 of the Act, the Provincial Police Advisory Board shall have the following duties and functions:

- (a) advising and supporting communities in integrated community safety planning and in collaborating with communities or community agencies;
- (b) representing the interests and concerns of communities and the public policed under a provincial police service agreement to the Commanding Officer;
- (c) in collaboration with K Division of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Ministry of Public Safety and Emergency Services, communicating with municipalities about provincial policing priorities, resourcing, community-specific challenges and other matters of concern;
- (d) seeking input for the reports required under clause (e) from communities policed under the terms of a provincial police service agreement;
- (e) reporting annually, or on request, to the Minister on provincial police service priorities, provincial police service resourcing and related initiatives;
- (f) performing any other duties or functions as requested by the Minister relating to the provincial police service.

#### **Duties and functions of municipal policing committees**

**4(1)** In this section,

- (a) “chief elected official” means the chief elected official as defined in section 1(1)(d) of the *Municipal Government Act*;
- (b) “municipal policing committee” means a municipal policing committee established under section 28.03(1) or 28.04(2) of the Act.

**(2)** A municipal policing committee, with respect to the municipality for which it is established, shall have the following duties and functions:

- (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.

#### **Duties and functions of joint municipal policing committees**

**4.1** A joint municipal policing committee shall have the following duties and functions:

- (a) overseeing the administration of the municipal police service agreements;
- (b) representing the interests and concerns of the public and of the councils to the officers in charge;
- (c) developing a yearly plan of priorities and strategies for policing for the represented municipalities in consultation with the officers in charge;
- (d) developing a joint community safety plan in conjunction with the local police detachments and chief elected officials of the represented municipalities, including a plan for collaboration between the communities and community agencies, and providing the joint community safety plan annually, or on request, to the Minister;
- (e) assisting in the selection of the officers in charge for the represented municipalities;
- (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.

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#### **Duties and functions of regional policing committees**

**5(1)** In this section,

- (a) “district officer” means the officer in charge of each Royal Canadian Mounted Police district referred to in section 6;
- (b) “regional policing committee” means a regional policing committee established under section 28.04(1) of the Act.

**(2)** A regional policing committee shall have the following duties and functions:

- (a) representing the interests and concerns of the public and of the councils to the district officers;
- (b) developing a yearly plan of priorities and strategies for regional policing in consultation with the officers in charge for the region;
- (c) assisting in the selection of the officers in charge for the region;
- (d) supporting municipalities within the region policed by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police under a municipal police service agreement in integrated community safety planning;
- (e) 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.

#### **Prescribed regional governance zones**

**6** For the purpose of section 28.04(1)(c) of the Act, the following are prescribed regional governance zones:

- (a) Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Eastern Alberta District;
- (b) Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Western Alberta District;
- (c) Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Central Alberta District;
- (d) Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Southern Alberta District.

#### **Municipal police commission appointees**

**7** For the purpose of section 28(2.2) of the Act, subject to section 28(14) of the Act and section 8, the maximum number of members appointed to a municipal police commission shall be as follows:

- (a) municipalities with a population of less than 25 000 may appoint up to 5 members to the commission;
- (b) municipalities with a population of less than 250 000 may appoint up to 7 members to the commission;
- (c) municipalities with a population of 250 000 or more may appoint up to 9 members to the commission.

**Transitional**

**8** If a council has appointed more members than permitted under section 7(a), (b) or (c), as applicable, to a municipal police commission prior to the coming into force of this section and section 7,

- (a) the members that were appointed prior to the coming into force of this section and section 7 remain as members of the municipal police commission, but the council may not reappoint a member or appoint a new member unless the reappointment or appointment complies with section 28(2.2) of the Act and section 7, and
- (b) the Minister may appoint additional members to the municipal police commission as if the council had appointed the maximum number of members under section 7(a), (b) or (c), as applicable, to the commission.

**Expiry**

**9** For the purpose of ensuring that this Regulation is reviewed for ongoing relevancy and necessity, with the option that it may be repassed in its present form following a review, this Regulation expires on April 1, 2030.

**Coming into force**

**10** This Regulation comes into force on the coming into force of sections 3(c) and (e), 16, 19 and 46(a) of the *Police Amendment Act, 2022*.



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