



# Olds Rural Crime Watch Association

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## OLDS & DISTRICT RURAL CRIME WATCH ASSOCIATION MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – MARCH 29, 2017 6:00 p.m.

### EAGLE HILL COMMUNITY CENTER

#### INTRODUCTIONS

1. Call to Order –CHAIR: [Gerald Ingeveld](#) called the meeting to order with 95 present.

Words of WELCOME: **TBC**

MP – Earl Dreechen – Greetings from Earl

MLA – Nathan Cooper - Greetings

MLA - Jason Nixon - Greetings

MVC County - Councillor - Ken Heck - Greetings

Red Deer County - Councillor – Don Church - Greetings

– Vol Appreciation Event – Apr 5, 2017 Valley Center Community Hall

Olds Detachment Cst. Chris Mayo

Didsbury Detachment Sgt Kim Pasloske

Sundre Detachment Cst. Don Poirier

Prov RCWA – Rosemary Lindsay – Greetings / Update

2. Adoption / Changes to the Agenda. MOTION TO ACCEPT AS CIRCULATED – Nancy Graham / Glenn Bishell CARRIED.

**PRESENTATION: SOCIAL MEDIA – BENEFITS TO RCW – Kathleen Windsor  
Twitter / Facebook. It's about sharing but it is a permanent  
record and can't be taken back. RCW Page could unite community  
against crime. Another tool for Crime Prevention.**

MVC Rural Neighborhood Watch Page already exists and several other RCW Associations are using Facebook: Red Deer/Lacombe County. Faulen. Valleyview COP. AB Police Report. Cheap method of mass communication, in real time. Need a policy on what can be posted – vigilantly not allowed.

3. REPORTS / ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS:

- 3.1 **Sundre Citizens-on-Patrol** - Cst. Don Poirier. Sundre detachment looking at setting up a Citizens on Patrol and involve rural and municipal residents in response to citizens request. Organization meeting – May 16. No call is too small – keep the channels of communication open.
- 3.2 **REPORT FROM Didsbury RCMP** – Sgt. Kim Pasloske Decrease in rural B&E’S. Call when you see something suspicious or an unknown vehicle in your yard. There have been a number of arrests because citizens called in. Don’t approach these people.
- 3.3 **REPORT FROM Olds RCMP** – Cst. Chris Mayo Repeat what’s been said and please report anything you see that’s out of the ordinary. And even if you post on social media – call the police too!!! Cameras are good and use all media especially the local radio station.
- 3.4 **REPORT FROM RED DEER COUNTY** – Officer Alissa Firmston County is down 1 officer right now. Assist with RCMP files, focus on crime prevention. Do CPTED assessments on property. Road Bans are on now.

- 4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (November 30, 2016) MOTION: To accept as circulated. Penny Paulson / Shelly Ingeveld. **CARRIED.**

5. EXECUTIVE REPORT:

- 5.1 **PRESIDENT: APPENDIX B**
- 5.2 **SECRETARY: SEE APPENDIX C – YEAR IN REVIEW**  
Olds RCW is one of the more active associations in the province and I believe it’s success is due to having regular meetings to engage our membership, an office, up-to-date fan-out system, and excellent website which is updated regularly with new information. We have excellent support of the RCMP officers and other protective services from all over the area. We are making a difference in our community. **Check out the website for postings from the RCMP and other associations. There are also some cool Crime Prevention Tips!!!!**

**NEXT CASINO – July 14 & 15, 2017 VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEETS**

6. Upcoming Events:

- 6.1 **PROVINCIAL RCW ZONE 2 MEETING** – Hosted by us at Olds Regional Exhibition Cow Palace – Saturday, **APRIL 8, 2017 10 – 4** **This is a great opportunity for members to come and hear what’s happening in Central Alberta. Cost is \$15 to cover lunch. RSVP required by April 1.**
- 6.2 **CRIME PREVENTION FAMILY TRADE FAIR** – **Saturday, MAY 27, 2017 @ THE OLDS LEGION.** 10 – 2. Volunteers needed. Please contact Judy if you can help with planning of the event OR WITH THE EVENT.

6.3 **CASINO – July 14 & 15, 2017 VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEETS HERE**

7 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – AUDITED @ DECEMBER 31, 2016. Thank you to our auditors – Richard Ross and Penny Palsson-Smith.  
MOTION TO APPROVE AS CIRCULATED: Dick Ross / Penny Palsson-Smith.CARRIED.

7.1 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR 2017: MOTION TO APPOINT Richard Ross and Penny Palsson-Smith by Nancy Graham and Kathy Banick CARRIED.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

8.1 ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE: (*CURRENT IN ITALIC RED – VOLUNTEERS*)  
**Chair over to Electoral Officer: Lynne Henry The slate of officers was presented and nominations were called from the floor for each position 3 times.**

- CHAIRPERSON: *Gerald Ingeveld* NEW: **Gerald Ingeveld** / \_\_\_\_\_

- VICE-CHAIR: *Glenn Bishell* NEW: **Glenn Bishell** / \_\_\_\_\_

- PAST CHAIR – *Dave Sharek (retiring)* NEW: **Fred Bay** \_\_\_\_\_

- SECRETARY-TREASURER: *Judy Schlichenmayer* NEW: **Judy S** / \_\_\_\_\_

- MEMBER AT LARGE *Fred Bay* NEW: **Michelle Mashke**  
The slate of officers were acclaimed.

8.2 ZONE REPS – SEE APPENDIX A. Let Judy know if you’d be willing to be one!!!

8.3 SIGNING AUTHORITIES:

**MOTION:** Leanne Finlay / Margaret Erickson Signing Authorities will be any two of:  
Chair - **Gerald Ingeveld**; Vice-Chair – **Glenn Bishell**; Secretary-Treasurer **Judy Schlichenmayer**; Past Chairman – **Fred Bay**. CARRIED.

9. ROUND TABLE – Open to Floor for comments. Question – do we have a problem with Organized Crime. It depends on your definition. The thieves we’re dealing with do not appear to be organized crime. Executive is looking at improving the call out system but very limited as to what’s available. Some associations have gone strictly e-mail or social media but that doesn’t seem to address our needs. Important to lobby decision makers when it comes to “not criminally responsible and dangerous offenders designations”  
MP Earl Dreeshen is putting forward a private members bill that impersonating a police officer in the commission of a crime constitutes aggravated circumstances. Write letters to your political representatives.

10 NEXT MEETING: MAY 31, 2017 @ 7:30 @ Mountain View County Office

11. MEETING ADJOURNED.

## APPENDIX A:

ZONE		ZONE REPS
01	OTHER AGEN/RCW	none
04	OLDS COP	Margaret Erickson
05	EXECUTIVE	none
08	SPOG / SHELL	Marcie Newman
09	TOWN OF SUNDRE	
10	RR 10 – RR 20	Vance / Glen B / Ross Holmes / D&P Braun
20	RR 20 – RR 30	K Banick / S Baker / Mary Hildebrandt / Fred Newsome
30	RR 30 – RR 40	Bill Wigley / Ken Burrell
40	RR 40 – RR 50	Dick Ross /
50	RR 50 – RR 60	Sarah-Rory Gunderson?
60	RR 60 – RR 70	Dianne Alberda?
70	RR 70 – RR 80	T Kleeberger – Burntstick Summer Village
80	RR 80 – RR 90	
	WEST COUNTRY	Meryl Fox (Sunset) ? / Jason Bradley (RD River Ranch)??
91-94	BLANK FOR FUTURE	
95	TOWN TORRINGTON /WIMBORNE	??????
96	TOWN OF OLDS	Dave Hogarth
97	TOWN BOWDEN	Wayne Milaney
98-99	TEST ZONES	None
260	RR 260 - 270	Judy S / Evelyn Smith? / Alan Anhorn?
270	RR 270 - 280	Arnold Lachman/ Jason Leach
280	RR 280 – RR 10	?????
	CLEAR WATER COUNTY	
	BIG HORN COUNTY	
	KNEEHILL COUNTY	

### RESPONSIBILITIES:

Liaise between RCMP and your neighbors

Go-to to activate patrols / road closures

Co-host with office – one event yearly to promote RCW and memberships

## APPENDIX B: PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### President's Report



It has been my pleasure to have served another year as chairman of this association. We are blessed to have friends and neighbours willing to look out for us, and support this activity.

2016 was a busy year for our Crime Watch association. Partly due to the many activities arranged by Judy, and partly because of an ever-increasing amount of crime in our area. Property theft is still on the rise, mostly linked to drug addiction. It would make sense to me, that if someone is stealing to pay for drugs they are addicted to, we should arrest them, and put them into a place where they can wean off the drugs. However, most cases do not result in jail time, and even if they do, there are plenty of opportunities to access drugs in prison. So, the person is soon back on the streets in the same situation they were in before, and right back to stealing.

There are a few things we can do, mainly being more vigilant. As well as individual vigilance, we can always use more members in our association, so we can blanket the county more thoroughly when bad things are happening.

Province wide, there are some 52 RCW organizations, and over 9000 members. I was able to attend the Provincial meeting in Lloydminster this year, and visit with members from across Alberta, and found that we are not alone with our crime problems. There is a province wide dissatisfaction with our Gov't approach to crime. However, there are some bright spots particularly with the RCMP targeting prolific offenders.

At the Provincial meeting, it was pretty well agreed that legalizing Marijuana might be the stupidest thing ever suggested by a Prime Minister, although a National Energy Policy ranks right up there. At the Zone meeting this year, I was elected to a 2-year term as one of 3 Zone reps to the APRCWA. My first provincial meeting is in April. As well, we will be hosting our zone meeting Saturday, April 8. It is hoped that many of you will attend this to hear first hand what other associations are doing.

Thank you for your great support in 2016.

Gerald Ingeveld, President



## APPENDIX C: 2016 YEAR IN REVIEW HIGHLIGHTS

Olds-Didsbury-Sundre Rural Crime Watch has been busy promoting crime prevention. 2016 started off with a new round of membership renewals. We are happy to report we have over 200 families renewed by year end and still attracting new members.

Launched a radio / newspaper campaign for Crime Prevention Tips aired on our local radio station and in our local county newspaper thanks to a grant received.

Held our 3<sup>rd</sup> Crime Prevention Trade Show May 14, 2016. Approximately 200 visitors with 80 children.

Held a poster contest this year but really hard to get participation. Winners were posted on our website.

Had a presentation on (CPTED) Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design from Peace Officer Alissa Firmston from Red Deer County. On how to make things harder for the thieves. We have a special presentation—Policing Reports – educational component at every meeting And all of this information is posted on our website: [www.oldsruralcrimewatch.ca](http://www.oldsruralcrimewatch.ca).

Police continue to thank citizens for calling in tips. Several arrests made due to public tips. We participated in the Bergen Xmas Market to promote RCW. Well received.

In January we had a special presentation on Drugs. **Cst. Kevin D. Lintott, Investigator, Red Deer RCMP gave a presentation on the various drugs prevalent in our area and brought samples to view.** This was open to the community and held at the local High School. Was well received.



We also worked with the Sundre Detachment where Cst. MORRIS, presented information on: some statistics about property crime in the Sundre area: and tips and suggestions for making your property a "hard target" through use of lighting, gates, and security systems.

### CRIME PREVENTION TIPS:

1. Walk around your property and look at it like a thief would. Good Lighting / Alarms #1 tip.
2. Get together as a community and get to know your neighbors. Build community relations.
3. Put valuables in discrete, uncommon areas – Not your bedroom or freezer.
4. Don't post on social media when you'll be gone. Post pics when you get back.
5. Don't have message on answering machine say you are gone.
6. Record serial numbers and/or pictures and keep in secure place for recovery. Mark tools and other property with distinguishable mark.
7. Audio alarms are good as well as driveway alarms.
8. Keep your contact info up to date with your alarm company.
9. Have a trusted friend / neighbor look in your property if you are gone and even move stuff around. Give them the security company's info and vice versa.
10. Close driveway gates even if you are home. Don't create a pattern that you only close them if you are gone.
11. Cloning and re-vin ing vehicles has been happening in our region with higher value vehicles. Check **with dealer** to make sure VIN matches what you are buying and check with registries office to make sure no liens. Get copy of D.L. of seller.
12. ID theft a big deal. Arrested an individual in Blackfalds with a significant amount questionable ID. Check your bank and credit card statements for weird – small purchases. REPORT. Police can't do anything if they don't know!! You can remain anonymous.
13. Report abandoned vehicles to county and report suspicious vehicles to RCMP.
14. Check your vehicle for a license plate AND THAT IT IS YOURS!
15. Put a distinguishing mark on cargo trailers, and equipment of all types for ID and return if stolen and recovered.
- 16. Get your wallet out and record / take picture of everything in it. Take out SIN, Birth Certificate and any other personal information you don't use on a regular basis, Record the info on the back of the cards as well. Then if it's lost / stolen, recovery won't be as difficult.**