

Results of Policing Priorities Survey Now Available

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(Wetaskiwin, Alberta) – The City of Wetaskiwin partnered with the Wetaskiwin RCMP to produce a regional survey concerning RCMP policing priorities. Over 800 people completed the survey, with 485 responses coming from directly within the City of Wetaskiwin.

The top three RCMP priorities identified by Wetaskiwin residents in the survey were major property crime (73%), minor property crime (50%), and crimes against persons (42%). Survey respondents were also asked to prioritize the current duties of local peace officers, with transiency/vagrancy being identified as a top local concern.

“This survey was a great way to get community feedback on such an important issue, and the high response rate shows that people care deeply about the safety of this community,” said Mayor Tyler Gandam. “The City works closely with the Wetaskiwin RCMP on community safety initiatives, and we have moved our community peace officers over to the local detachment to ensure a continued coordinated effort.”

Residents of the County of Wetaskiwin and the Town of Millet were also concerned with major and minor property crime, though they listed the main priority for their community peace officers as provincial traffic enforcement—as opposed to vagrancy/transiency in Wetaskiwin.

“The Wetaskiwin RCMP detachment works closely with all its community partners,” said RCMP Inspector Keith Durance. “The online survey was a successful means of gathering community feedback, as it can be hard for people to find time to attend town hall meetings to share their thoughts.”

The survey results can be viewed online at www.wetaskiwin.ca/policesurvey

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