



JUN 29 2017

MR. FREDERICK BLAKE JR.
MLA, MACKENZIE DELTA

Oral Question 750-18(2): Policing in Tsiigehtchic

On May 25, 2017 you asked questions in the Legislative Assembly regarding the level of police services and patrols in Tsiigehtchic around break up and freeze up, as well as the status of the community's 2017-18 policing priorities and action plan. I met with Chief Superintendent (C/Supt) Jamie Zettler, Commanding Officer of "G" Division, on June 8, 2017, and discussed your concerns as part of our agenda.

RCMP Senior Management in "G" Division are responsible for making decisions on resource allocation, shift scheduling and planning operations, including scheduled patrols to communities. The RCMP meets with community leadership to discuss policing issues and to draft annual community policing priorities and action plans which help to determine where policing resources will be situated and when patrols should be conducted. That being said, C/Supt Zettler and I had a good discussion about police service in Tsiigehtchic, and I can provide the following detail about the service currently being provided in the community, and about the development of their policing priorities.

RCMP Detachment Commanders provide monthly detailed reports to community leaders through their Mayor's/Chief's reports, and on a quarterly basis on the results of the policing action plans. Members of the Legislative Assembly and members of the public have access to both of those documents. I have attached the most recent reports to this letter. It is my understanding that the RCMP and the Community of Tsiigehtchic are currently working to finalize their 2017/18 policing priorities, and that the Detachment Commander, Sgt. Ken Beard has met with community leadership to identify the priority areas of: Combatting Domestic Violence, Combatting Bootlegging/Drug Use, Community/Police Relations and Youth (including Restorative Justice).

.../2

I also understand that after appropriate overnight accommodations were established in the community, RCMP members started regular overnight patrols to Tsiigehtchic in December 2016. Since that time, RCMP members have 3 to 4 overnight patrols in the community per month, and have been able to increase their community policing presence and engagement with youth by undertaking other activities such as:

- 11 check stops between January – March 2017, that included 6 seizures of alcohol and drugs;
- A collaboration between the RCMP and the local Community Justice Coordinator where an RCMP member was a guest on a local radio show to discuss substance abuse awareness topics and the dangers of impaired driving;
- An RCMP member spent 4 days in the community participating and patrolling during the Arctic Red River Jamboree, attending community events and feasts;
- RCMP members provided support for the Chief Paul Niditchie School canoe trip the week of June 12, 2017 by running supplies and personnel up the Arctic Red River, as well as maintaining daily safety check-ins.

I have been informed that during break up this year, there were instances where RCMP members responded to immediate needs in the community and travelled quickly to Tsiigehtchic, either by helicopter or boat. When the members are not in the community all urgent calls for service are acted upon immediately from the Fort McPherson Detachment. During freeze up, members access Tsiigehtchic over a secondary ice road over the Arctic Red River, until the main ice road is open to traffic. Given the calls for service to the community, the significant community policing activities undertaken by RCMP members, and Fort McPherson Detachment's proven ability to respond quickly to urgent community needs, it seems that the RCMP are maintaining a police presence in the community without having members in the community for a month during break up and freeze up.

The RCMP is very open to discussing policing issues with community leaders. The best way to address these concerns is to speak directly with Detachment Commanders to voice their concerns, and allow the RCMP members with the most relevant information and experience to respond to questions. In most cases questions around the RCMP's delivery of services are handled satisfactorily at the community level.

The staff at the Department of Justice, Community Justice and Policing Division, have been in contact with the Tsiigehtchic Detachment Commander and the District Commander for North District. They have been made aware of the questions you raised in the Assembly and they will follow up with the community to address the concerns raised.

Thank you for your questions and your continued support for policing and community safety matters.



Louis Sebert
Minister of Justice

Attachment

c. Mr. Tim Mercer
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

Mr. Gary Bohnet
Principal Secretary

Mr. Martin Goldney
Deputy Minister of Justice

Mr. David Hastings
Legislative Coordinator



Tsiigehtchic
MONTHLY
MAYOR'S / CHIEF'S
POLICING REPORT
April 2017

Detachment
“G” Division
Northwest Territories



The Ft. McPherson Detachment responded to 3 calls for service in Tsiigehtchic during the month of April, 2017.

Action Plan Community Priorities

Community approved Action Plan items are

- (1) Violence – Domestic Violence
- (2) Youth

(1) This month the detachment addressed the issue of Violence abuse by.....

There were no calls for Domestic Violence for the Month of April.

(2) This month the detachment addressed the Youth Priority by...

There were no calls for assistance involving youth in April.

During overnight patrols to Tsiigehtchic in April members met with youth at the school and participated in a Judo training exercise and other games in the gym. The RCMP and School staff have a good relationship and members look for every opportunity to help out and/or involve themselves in school functions.



Members also partnered with the Community Wellness Worker, Community Bylaw officer and Restorative Justice Coordinator to host a session on the dangers of drug use (specifically Fentanyl). This opportunity forms part of a series of drug talks provided to youth in the community over the next month. There was good interaction and great chance to talk frankly with youth about making healthy decisions. More plans are underway in June (after break up) for RCMP members to attend the school speak further about drug use/abuse using material from the Odd Squad.



Notable Occurrences for the Month:

RCMP members conducted 3 checkpoints on the ice road outside of Tsiigehtchic in April. As the community is prohibited for alcohol, any liquor found in possession is seized. No liquor was noted coming into the community. Members are increasing their presence on the ice road in anticipation of bootlegging activities prior to breakup.

The Ft McPherson RCMP conducted 2 overnight patrols to Tsiigehtchic in April and two more daily patrols. Members were in the community when two of the calls for service were received. Both matters were dealt with quickly and effectively.

Members also participated in the Aurora College going away luncheon for the instructor. Their teaching contract is up for the year and they are returning to the south until September. It was a good opportunity to meet with and visit community members.

Ft McPherson members also assisted with Annuity Payments day on April 20th. As part of the tradition of making payments to community members recognizing the signing of Treaty 11, members spent 2 hours assisting Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada representatives in the school gym.



Members then met with community representatives and prepared food for the community feast to celebrate Gwich'in Day. Great opportunity to visit others and member's wives attended to take part in the celebration.

Members meet regularly with community leadership when on patrol in the community. The purpose is to gauge service delivery and identified any emerging issues that leadership wishes attention by the RCMP.

New Community Concerns (update on concerns raised in the past not yet resolved)

All concerns actioned to date.

OCCURRENCES	April 2017	Year to Date	April 2016	Year Total 2016
Assaults (all categories)	1	2	0	11
Break and Enters (Residence & Business)	0	0	0	0
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0	1	0	0
Theft Under \$ 5000.00	0	0	0	2
Theft Over \$ 5000.00	0	0	0	0
Drugs (Possession)	0	0	0	2
Drugs (Trafficking)	0	0	0	1
Liquor Act	1	6	1	8
Unlawful Sale (Bootlegging)	0	0	0	0
Causing a Disturbance / Mischief (including public intoxication)	1	1	1	9
Impaired Driving	0	0	0	7
Other Complaints	0	6	1	20
Total Violations	2	12	2	
Total Calls for Service	3	17	3	65
# of <u>Overnight</u> Patrols to Community	2	13	0	

Category	April 2017	Year to Date	April 2016	Year Total 2016
Prisoners	0	3	3	10
Intermittent Prisoners	0	0	0	0
Other Detachment's	0	0	0	0

Prisoners				
Total Prisoners (mth)	0	3	3	10

JUSTICE REPORTS	April 2017	Year to Date	Year Total 2016
Victim Service Unit Referrals	0	1	3
Youth Alternative Measures (YCJA Warnings)	0	0	0
Youth Diversion (Community Justice Referrals)	0	0	0
Adult Diversion (Community Justice Referrals)	0	0	0
Emergency Protection Orders (Detachment Initiated)	0	0	0
ODARA Reports	0	1	2

Please contact the undersigned for any questions or concerns,
 Detachment Commander: Sgt Ken Beard
 Telephone: 867-952-1111
 Kenneth.e.beard@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

External Distribution List:
Greenland.morgan@gwichin.nt.ca

OIC District:
 District Advisory NCO: S/Sgt Kent Pike
 Sue Crookedhand - "G "Division Criminal Operations
 Sgt. Warren Gauchier - " G "Division Client Services

Document created 2015-09-04
Amended 2012-03-02 RWS
Amended 2012-08-28 WRG
Amended 2014-09-15 WRG
Amended 2015-02-17 WRG