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Message from AAPG Chair Terry Coleman

Good day,

Your Board of Directors continue to be busy on your behalf. For example, we are active in the *Police Act Review* (PAR). We attend several PAR meetings each month by Zoom. In recognition of the differences between police commissions and policing committees as well as interested municipalities, these meetings have been split into two. This makes sense given each have unique issues. Especially concerning such as governance and oversight, public trust, and confidence as well as police community engagement. Meetings have been helpful, and progress is being made.

Your Chair continues to work with the *Alberta Interim Police Advisory Board*. This Board is focused on establishing a permanent Police Advisory Board to enable improved engagement between those municipalities that are served by our Provincial Police (RCMP) in our rural areas, (i.e. those who are policed under the *Provincial Police Services Agreement* (PPSA), the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General and the RCMP. This Board is also making progress.

Our October AAPG Board meeting was open to all members to hear Senior ADM Bill Sweeney and his Sol Gen team update us about policing issues in Alberta. He also answered members' questions. It was informative and helpful to all of us. Our thanks to Bill and his team for making time in their busy schedule.

This is an interesting time across Canada, including in Alberta, about what future models of policing should or should not include. I encourage our members to stay tuned to informed discussions. This will affect all of us in some way. There is likely to be some changes. If you have any questions, please ask us. Notwithstanding our current dynamic policing and police governance world, we will do our best to answer your questions or try to refer you to another resource.

Finally, I am very pleased and honored to share with you that the *Canadian Association of Police Governance* recently awarded me with the **Emil Kolb Award for Excellence in Police Governance**. This award recognizes and highlights the recipient for their significant contributions, commitment, and leadership towards the enhancement of civilian police governance in Canada. Police governance and oversight is a critical element of our democracy. I thank all who, over time, have worked to further community-based governance and oversight of our Canadian police services.

Best wishes. Take care.

Terry G. Coleman, MOM, PhD.

Chair: Alberta Association of Police Governance



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AAPG 2021 ANNUAL CONFERENCE & AGM REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!!!

Hosted in Brooks, Alberta
Friday April 23rd & Saturday April 24th

Supporting excellence in civilian governance and oversight of police services in Alberta by providing our members, and potential members, with an enjoyable opportunity to learn, network, and connect.

We invite all those participating in community policing oversight to attend!

This year our venue at the Heritage Inn Hotel & Convention Centre includes free WiFi, on-site restaurant, lounge, bar, fitness room, indoor tropical atrium and Koi pond, so bring your spouse or family! (Be sure to add-on your significant other as a Banquet guest during registration).

Must call the hotel directly to make your reservation and reference AAPG discounted rooms.

*Block of reserved rooms are limited - **book early!** All rooms include daily breakfast.*

Heritage Inn Hotel & Convention Centre | P. 403-362-6666

Standard - Basic Queen Room \$110 + applicable fees & taxes

Premier - Updated Queen or King Room \$115 + applicable fees & taxes

Heritage Inn & Suites | P. 403-362-8688

Located next door to Heritage Inn Hotel & Convention Centre, this hotel has amenities including indoor pool and hot tub.

Elite - Updated Spacious Queen Room \$118 + applicable fees & taxes

Junior Suite - Queen and King Beds, Jacuzzi, and Living Area \$171 + applicable fees & taxes

Along with a schedule filled with Educational Presentations and Round-table sessions, we have prepared the following **Experience Events**:

Friday 11am to Noon: RCMP Air Services Helicopter display!

Arrive early & tour the helicopter.

Friday Evening Gala Banquet Extraordinaire!

Networking Reception event with **Beer, Spirits & Mocktail TASTINGS** by local distillers/brewers, **4 Artists painting** acrylic/watercolour/pencil of Policing themed canvases while you watch (**to be auctioned off at the end of the evening**), Chicken Cordon Bleu or Salmon supper with wine, local youth violinist & cellist music! **Test your BAC with Covid-safe Breathalyzers** during the evening!

REGISTER NOW at www.aapg.ca and click on the Conference tab.
On-line payment of registration fees, e-transfer, and invoicing available.

At this time AAPG is planning to provide this valuable conference in-person. We would like to assure attendees that AAPG and the Heritage Inn are taking every precaution to ensure Covid-19 preparations are in place, such as: seating to allow for adequate distancing at each table, providing individual hand sanitizer, available masks and various disinfecting measures throughout the hotel. We look forward to an environment for engagement and learning. If meeting in-person for this valuable conference and AGM is not recommended, we will provide our program virtually and notify our membership of any changes to program and fee structure (providing refunds as necessary). If your community paid a conference fee in 2020, all registrations have been carried forward to 2021. Please expect to be contacted in early March to confirm registrants and meal selections. If you prefer a refund, please contact admin@aaag.ca.

Thank you to our Conference Sponsor MNP LLP!!!

Conference Program Highlights

Along with New Member Orientation and Round-table Discussions:

ASIRT INVESTIGATIONS: Understanding the ASIRT roles, Processes and what to expect. Presented by Sue Hughson Q.C., E.D. of ASIRT

POLICE ACT REVIEW UPDATE: Current status & Plans

ALBERTA POLICE ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE: Presented by Tanya Thorn, Chair APIAB & Councillor Town of Okotoks

POSITIVE PROGRAM EXAMPLES PANEL: Community Safety: **SORCe** Calgary, presented by Frank Cattoni E.D. **REACH** Edmonton, presented by Jan Fox E.D. Connecting Police with Community (2019 winner Community Justice Award) Taber Police Service

COMMITTEE ONLY: Building Capacity in Rural Crime Prevention: "Ground breaking" framework & strategies to reduce rural crime by identifying responses to problems driving prolific criminal behaviour & increasing RCMP Provincial collaboration with stakeholders (health, education, corrections & social supports). Presented by Jean Bota E.D. of ACCPA & Jan Fox E.D. of REACH

COMMISSION ONLY: Powerful Policies

Police Commission influence policing and policing costs in their communities by adopting sound policies. This session will show how Commissions can use a simple user-friendly approach to create policies that have maximum effect. A practical policy example will be provided. Presented by Fred Kaustinen MBA ICD.D; GovernEdge Inc.

REALITY FACING FIRST RESPONDERS: Banquet Presenter, Staff Sergeant Tom Pickard

ROADSIDE BREATHALYZER TESTING: What is tested, how it works and reliability. Presented by Kerry Blake, Provincial Breath Testing Coordinator

ALERT-CAC UPDATE: Presented by ALERT Board member

LGBGTQ2+ Diversity and Understanding: Breaking down the alphabet soup of LGBGTQ2+, understanding the terminology and lived experience. Presented by John McDougall, AAPG Treasurer & Edmonton Police Commissioner

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All-Member Call with ADM Sweeney

with Director of Contract Policing, Cheryl Beck, Director Engagement Policy & Public Strategy, Jessica Thomson, Executive Director of Law Enforcement Oversight, Marlin Degrand & Manager of Police Oversight, Karyn Popplestone

NOTES:

Senior Assistant Deputy Minister Bill Sweeney:

- Crime trends reflect exponential growth in Child Exploitation, looking to expand existing teams to increase capacity.
- Rural Crime RAPID response to assist RCMP is in planning stage, potentially to include Fish & Wildlife officers.
- Chief Provincial Firearms Officer will be appointed in response to Canadian Firearms program.
- Stemming from the Fair Deal Panel, Price-Waterhouse-Cooper has been selected to provide an independent assessment and asset redistribution transition study for potential creation of a Provincial Police Service.
- Right to Ask/Right to Know for those 'at-risk' will be combined with Integrated Threat & Risk Assessment Centre (ITRAC) and projected go-live date is April 2021.
- Victims of Crime and Public Safety Act; program delivery being reviewed with target of April 1st completion.

Director of Law Engagement and Strategy, Jessica Thomson:

- Police Act Engagement underway. Engagement has revealed; inconsistency of understanding with committees, they want their role strengthened. The review group is meeting with Ontario for examples.
- Overall plan is an expedited review of the Police Act, including public trust and governance, role of Police, Indigenous policing and a survey to the public.
- Any independent body for oversight of Police Conduct and Discipline consideration could be internal or external, right now investigating what both look like.
- **Police Act review engagement to conclude in November, however, SolGen will keep in mind stakeholders would like an opportunity for feedback on any draft legislation.**



2021 Membership Renewal and Contact Update

Members make it possible for AAPG to be an effective community of police governance organizations who together build capacity and strength through a common voice for the provision of effective and accountable policing services across Alberta.

Your membership fee ensures AAPG can provide personal assistance to our members (when needed), access to sample procedures, advocacy with stakeholders, and an affordable provincial conference. Without your community support there would be no AAPG.

The first week of January we will email renewal invoices for 2021 membership along with a Contact Update form. This past year we noticed changes to some of our members contact information and ask that you *please complete and return the update form!*

If you are not currently a member, but would like to join – please email:

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING CONFERENCES

Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association (ACCPA)

2021 Conference May 10th to 13th, Edmonton AB

<https://www.albertacrimeprevention.com/2021-conference/>

DATE FOR FALL 2021 COMING SOON!

Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) Conference

First Nations Police Governance Council (FNPGC) Conference

Alberta Association of Police Governance

The AAPG supports excellence in civilian governance and oversight of policing services in Alberta. Through AAPG, members are provided with educational opportunities, access to best practices, forums for liaison with other members and related agencies, and proactive representation in order that police oversight in Alberta speaks with one voice when advocating for change to law or policy.

Contact us about becoming a member. With membership cost starting at just \$100, it is affordable to join and collaborate.

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