Police Governance Year in Review

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Our Role

We are two Council members, 10 Council appointees and three provincial appointees that:

- Set priorities for the Calgary Police Service
- Decide how the police budget will be spent
- Establish policies for efficient and effective policing
- Issue instructions as necessary to the police chief
- Ensure sufficient staff for the Calgary Police Service
- Hire and supervise the police chief



Public transparency and engagement:

- More open public participation at meetings
- Continued livestreams and published online recordings
- Launched social media

• Engagement with Calgary Police Service members:

- Returned to in-person meetings
- Resumed ride alongs, facility visits and scenario participation
- Attended ceremonies and celebrations



Police budget:

- Addressed staffing shortages
- Improved financial sustainability
- Enhanced budget transparency

Public safety:

- Prioritized firearm crime and robberies
- Improved policing of major protests
- Focused efforts on downtown and transit safety



• Crisis response transformation:

- Resourced and encouraged partnerships
- Prioritized work to send the right resource to people in crisis

Police reform:

- Prioritized EDI, anti-racism work and timelier accountability
- Advocated for additional resources for ASIRT and prosecutors



Police Act amendments:

- Provided 21 recommendations to province for new regulations
- Prepared for implementation
- Welcomed provincial appointees in May 2023



Focuses for 2023

Fulfilling the Commission's legislated responsibilities

Enhancing community engagement through in-person community consultation

Implementing Police Act changes and advocating for strong regulations

Continuing reconciliation, anti-racism, diversity and inclusion, and police reform work

Continuing to improve communication between the Commission, Council, community, Service, and Service members

Thank you

