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**Oral Question 182-18(2) RCMP Service in Wrigley**

On June 7, 2016 you asked questions in the Legislative Assembly regarding the level of policing service and the consistency of patrols to the community of Wrigley by the RCMP. You stated that an Elder in the community raised these concerns with you. I committed to you that I would raise these concerns with the RCMP so that they can follow up with the community of Wrigley.

As you are aware the internal management of the RCMP, including decisions on resource allocation, shift scheduling and planning operations, which includes scheduled patrols to communities, remains the purview of the RCMP Senior Management in "G" Division.

In determining where to situate resources, when to conduct patrols and what priorities to undertake, the RCMP meets regularly with Chiefs and Councils and Mayors and Councils to discuss policing issues and to draft annual community policing priorities and action plans. The RCMP in turn reports on a monthly basis to community leaders through their Mayor'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 and I have attached the most recent reports to this letter. It is my understanding that the RCMP and the Community of Wrigley have agreed upon their 2016/17 policing priorities as follows:

- Violence in relationships;
- Bootlegging;
- Youth & Community Crime Prevention: bullying and vandalism;
- Community Policing and Aboriginal Awareness

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In the past the RCMP have made it their goal to patrol Wrigley three days and two nights per week, depending on operational requirements. This schedule cannot always be met as consideration must be given to the training needs, court time, sick time and holidays of the members assigned to Wrigley. When the members are not in the community all urgent calls for service are acted upon immediately from the Fort Simpson Detachment.

The RCMP is very open to discussing policing issues with community leaders including Elders and citizens. Their preference is for concerned citizens to speak directly with Detachment Commanders to voice their issues. In most cases questions around the RCMP's delivery of services are handled satisfactorily at the community level.

There are occasions when citizens are not comfortable talking to the local Detachment Commander and have the option to speak to Senior Managers within the RCMP at the District Commander and Commanding Officer level.

The staff at the Department of Justice, Community Justice and Policing Division, have been in contact with the Fort Simpson Detachment Commander and the District Commander for South District. They have been made aware of the questions you raised in the House 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.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Louis Sebert', written in a cursive style.

Louis Sebert  
Minister of Justice

#### Attachments

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Community Action Plan - Quarterly Report, Appendix A

Appendix 'A'

Policing Priorities Action Plan

Community  
Year

Wrigley  
2015 / 2016 (Third Quarter)

Policing Priority	Actions (What will be done to address priorities)	Resourcing (What resources do we have to achieve our objective to address the priority?)	Responsibility (Who is working together to meet the objective, i.e., RCMP/Community/GNWT/Others)	Timeline (By when?)	Status/Results
Substance abuse – alcohol (Bootlegging)	<p><b>Enforcement -</b> 1) Checkstops to detect and enforce existing liquor and drug violations.</p> <p>2) Continued and extended patrols to the community.</p> <p>3) Continue efforts to have community members come forward with information in relation to those responsible.</p>	Member's time, training and commitment.	RCMP Band Leadership GNWT		During the third quarter members continued to conduct traffic stops to insure compliance with Federal and Territorial Acts. One person has been identified as possibly being responsible for supplying liquor illegally (bootlegging), to other community members. Wrigley RCMP Members continue their efforts to obtain sufficient evidence (willingness of community members to come forward with additional information), to further the investigation.
	<p><b>Education –</b> School talks and awareness to the general population.</p>	<p>Access to school groups through school staff (classroom space).</p> <p>Access to community members through Band office (access to Community Rec. Centre for presentation).</p> <p>Cooperation from Band Council/Office for distribution of information materials.</p>	RCMP School Band Leadership Community		This quarter, Members in partnership with Band Leadership and the Magoo Crew (Aboriginal group who conduct presentations on community issues through song, dance and comedy), conducted a community performance at the Band Hall Rec. Centre (full community involvement), and at the school (Grade 5 –9).
Contribute to community safety / Domestic Violence					
	<p><b>Enforcement –</b> 1) Complete timely and thorough investigations relating to any type of domestic violence complaint. 2) Pursue Criminal charges as supported by evidence</p>	Member's time and commitment, and affected community members willingness to follow through with assistance and advise offered through VSU and Community Health support.	RCMP Band Leadership VSU/Community Health Community members	<p>1) Ongoing / In progress (continuous).</p> <p>2) Ongoing / In progress (continuous).</p>	Members are/will investigate fully any complaints of Domestic Violence, and will lay charges if supported by evidence.

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	<p><b>Education –</b> 1) Encourage victims to follow through with investigations.</p> <p>2) Continue to offer support through VSU (pro-active referrals), and education.</p>	<p>Access to community members through Band office (access to Community Rec. Centre for presentation).</p> <p>Cooperation from Band Council/Office for distribution of information materials.</p>	<p>RCMP VSU Community Health Band Leadership</p>	<p>January / February 2016</p>	<p>A presentation by VSU and / or distribution of materials supplied by VSU is planned to be part of the Health Fair slated for the early part of 2016.</p>
<b>Contribute to safer Youth (Vandalism &amp; Bullying)</b>					
	<p><b>Enforcement -</b> Conduct thorough investigations into any allegations of Bullying and Vandalism. Refer the matter to Band Council for resolution, or the formal Court process if required.</p>	<p>Member's time and commitment, access to school groups through school staff, access to community events in which youth are involved.</p>	<p>RCMP Band Leadership Restorative Justice GNWT</p>		<p>There is no update on the Community Justice Committee initiative at this time.</p>
	<p><b>Education –</b> 1) Members to conduct a presentation on Bullying and Vandalism.</p> <p>2) Continue to reinforce positive choices in relation to drugs, alcohol, fitness and education (it's their future)</p> <p>Continue to interact with youth during school visits as well as outside the school environment.</p>			<p>2) &amp; 3) Members continue to interact with youth during regular school visits. Members also engage youth in sports activities outside of the school environment.</p>	<p>As per above, these topics were addressed with youth during the Magoo Crew and school presentations.</p>
<p>The Magoo Crew presentation was organized by Band Leadership, however some of the content of the presentation (what are the community issues), were discussed by the Leader of the Magoo Crew (Blair Gladue), and Cpl. Phillips.</p>					

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MONTHLY  
MAYOR'S / CHIEF'S  
POLICING REPORT  
April, 2016  
Wrigley  
Detachment  
“G” Division  
Northwest Territories



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The Wrigley Detachment responded to a total of seven (7), calls for service during the month of April, 2016.

### Annual Performance Plan (A.P.P.'S) Community Priorities

Community approved APP'S are:

- (1) Combating Domestic Violence: Violence in Relationships;
- (2) Combating Substance Abuse and Related Crimes: Alcohol and Drug (bootlegging)
- (3) Youth and Community Crime Prevention: Bullying and Vandalism.
- (4) Community Policing/Aboriginal Awareness

(1) This month the Wrigley Satellite RCMP detachment had one third party report of Domestic Violence.

Members followed up with all parties involved. The matter was investigated, and no charges were pursued. The original complainant was a third party who does not live in the community of Wrigley (and was not even in town at the time of the report). The alleged female victim told police that her and her common-law got into a heated argument because of her drinking, but no physical confrontation took place. She was not interested in supplying a statement, or pursuing the matter further.

The Wrigley RCMP members maintain contact with the local Health Care person to keep up to date on any suspected incidents that were not reported to police, this month there were no concerns raised.

(2) The Wrigley Satellite RCMP detachment members continue to address the issue of Substance abuse by speaking to community members (both youth and adults), about choices of alcohol use.

There are some unconfirmed rumors in the community of another possible source of bootlegging. The Wrigley RCMP will monitor this and pursue any violations of the Liquor Act.

The Mackenzie Valley Winter Road has closed for the season, and the fiber optics crews have left the area, reducing the amount of traffic on the highway. Wrigley members are still out on the roadways to ensure local compliance of Territorial Acts and Regulations.

The Community continues to assist in the priority by reporting incidents to police of persons that have substance abuse issues and by contacting the police when persons are under the influence; however there is still reluctance to follow through with a complaint after the initial call has been made.

(3) This month the Wrigley RCMP members addressed the youth initiative by interacting with youth at the Band Hall/Rec. Centre during the day patrol.

Members also did follow up with the school staff to ensure that the youth responsible for causing mischief at the school were still doing the cleanup (still on track).

The Community continues to provide support to the Youth priority by having the gymnasium open, supplying basketball and floor hockey equipment for the youth.

(4) This month there were no Community Policing/Aboriginal Awareness activities in the community.

### Monthly Patrol Dates

2016/04/16: Cpl. Phillips and Cst. Smith

(Only one patrol was made to the community, due to members being out on annual leave, and the ice crossing being closed for the season.)

### Update on work being performed by ACCPP, ACCP, APTP members:

No update at this time.

### Notable Occurrences for the Month:

No major occurrences to report.

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

No new issues were raised.

### Community Policing Activities or Events (if not identified in the APP's)

No activities to report this month.

OCCURRENCES	April 2016	Year to Date	April 2015	Year Total 2015
Assaults (all categories)	3	7	4	13
Break and Enters (Residence & Business)	0	1	1	8
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0	0	0	0
Theft Under \$ 5000.00	0	2	0	0
Theft Over \$ 5000.00	0	0	0	0
Drugs ( Possession )	0	0	0	0
Drugs ( Trafficking )	0	0	0	0
Liquor Act	0	1	0	3
Unlawful Sale (Bootlegging)	0	0	0	0
Causing a Disturbance / Mischief (including public intoxication)	2	9	4	19
Impaired Driving	1	5	0	4
Other Complaints	1	13	4	19
<b>Total Violations</b>	5	33	10	82
<b>Total Calls for Service</b>	7	38	13	76
# of Patrols to Wrigley	1	13	4	33

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CATEGORY	April 2016	Year to Date	April 2015	Year Total 2015
Prisoners	0	0	0	0
Intermittent Prisoners	0	0	0	0
Other Detachment's Prisoners	0	0	0	0
Total Prisoners (mth)	0	0	0	0

JUSTICE REPORTS	Apr. 2016	Year to Date	Apr. 2015	Year Total 2015
Victim Service Unit Referrals	0	0	0	0
Youth Alternative Measures (YCJA Warnings)	3	3	0	2
Youth Diversion (Community Justice Referrals)	0	0	0	1
Adult Diversion (Community Justice Referrals)	0	0	0	0
Emergency Protection Orders (Detachment Initiated)	0	0	0	0
ODARA Reports	1	1	0	0

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this report, please feel free to contact me to discuss.

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