

The Town of Drayton Valley has hired a dedicated Community Peace Officer for the Town of Drayton Valley.

July 13, 2018

As identified in the 2018 Budget, Town Council allocated funding and directed Administration to begin the process of establishing Community Peace Officer (CPO) services in the Town of Drayton Valley. Following the recruitment process, Town Council is pleased to announce that a CPO Level 1 has been hired and will begin active duty in the next few weeks. Initial startup costs for this position including capital, equipment and operational funding was derived from the Automated Traffic Enforcement reserve.

CPO Haig worked as a Community Peace Officer for the County of Camrose and has also spent time with the City of St. Albert in bylaw enforcement prior to taking time off to pursue personal interests abroad. He also has experience with commercial vehicle regulations enforcement. He is excited to begin the important work of enforcement in the community and serve as a valuable addition to the Protective Services Department for the Town of Drayton Valley.

"The addition of a Community Peace Officer will allow the Town to address safety and traffic concerns more effectively." said Mayor Michael Doerksen. "The Public clearly expressed their concerns to Council and we are looking forward to seeing some positive changes in the community."

Traffic enforcement will be CPO Haig's primary focus in addition to providing public education and enforcement of legislation, regulations and bylaws within the authority and jurisdiction of the Town of Drayton Valley.

Appointed by the Alberta's Solicitor General and Ministry of Public Security under the Peace Officer Act, Community Peace Officers provide enforcement of:

- Commercial Vehicle Enforcement
- Provincial Statutes
- Traffic Safety Act
- Gaming and Liquor and Cannabis Act (limited Sections)
- Animal Protection Act
- Dangerous Dog Act
- Environmental Protection & Enhancement Act
- Stray Animal Act
- Petty Trespass Act
- Tobacco Reduction Act
- Provincial Offences Procedures Act

The CPO will work collaboratively with the local RCMP detachment and the local By-law Officer for the benefit of our community.

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