



CHESTERMERE MUNICIPAL ENFORCEMENT YEAR-END 2019

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SUBJECT/TOPIC: 2019 CHME Year-end Report

The City of Chestermere currently employs five (5) operational Community Peace Officers:

1. Trevor BOWMAN, #14668 Community Peace Officer 1- Sergeant
2. Chris WINTER, #15199 Community Peace Officer 1
3. Scott MAURICE #16722, Community Peace Officer 1
4. Kirk MEERS #16801, Community Peace Officer 1
5. Shawn PRESS #16946, Community Peace Officer 1
6. Tara ZAWYRUCHA #16617, Community Peace Officer II (administrative)
7. Karie SCHULTZ ##17684, Community Peace Officer II (administrative)

Municipal Enforcement is based out of the Chestermere Shared Service Building that houses the Chestermere Fire Service, Alberta Health Services (EMS) and the Chestermere RCMP. Municipal Enforcement reports directly to the Chief Administrative Officer.

Chestermere Peace Officers enforce several specific federal and provincial statutes and sections of those Acts, within the City which include:

1. Traffic Safety Act
2. Gaming Liquor and Cannabis Act/Regulations
3. Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act
4. Tobacco and Smoking Reduction Act
5. Animal Protection Act
6. Petty Trespass Act
7. Provincial Offences Procedure Act
8. Dangerous Dogs Act
9. Canadian Shipping Act (Federal)

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In addition to Provincial Enforcement duties, Chestermere Peace Officers also enforce several Municipal Bylaws, which include the following:

1. The Alarm Services Bylaw #008-11
2. The Animal Control Bylaw #018-14
3. The Boat Launch Bylaw #009-11
4. The Community Standards Bylaw #024-19
5. The Land Use Bylaw #022-10
6. The Smoking Bylaw #009-15
7. The Snow Removal Bylaw # 018-11
8. The Traffic Safety Bylaw #011-13
9. The Unsightly Premises Bylaw #013-11
10. Cannabis Bylaw #017-18

The City of Chestermere is one of the fastest growing municipalities in Canada. This rapid growth is evident in the statistics obtained through the departments Electronic Record Management System.

CITATION TYPES	2014*	2015*	2016	2017	2018	2019
PROVINCIAL VIOLATIONS						
SPEEDING INFRACTIONS	86	120	207	266	567	385
MOVING VIOLATIONS (stop signs, U-turns etc.)	29	36	100	136	257	151
UNINSURED MOTOR VEHICLES	3	2	4	10	14	18
DOCUMENT VIOLATIONS	3	8	36	69	215	142
LIQUOR/ CANNABIS RELATED	-	-	2	3	4	9
SUSPENDED DRIVERS	2	2	4	8	8	3
OTHER VIOLATIONS (Cellphone, equipment etc.)	14	17	109	135	293	570
WARRANTS	10	5	9	7	37	17
BYLAW VIOLATIONS						
ANIMAL BYLAW	3	8	12	9	52	22
TRAFFIC BYLAW	57	2	108	101	154	198
OTHER BYLAW	7	26	9	19	29	34
TOTALS-(including those not captured above)	230	221	591	756	1593	1533

**In 2017 the Record management system was completely overhauled, in order to increase file tracking, statistics and officer performance. Therefore some data prior to 2016 could not be retrieved and is based on approximates.

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OPERATIONS

Chestermere front line Peace Officers work on a 4-day rotation, with shift scheduling adjusted to meet operational demands of the community. In reviewing the data obtained through our Record Management System, we determined that there was a need to incorporate evening shifts in the summer months, so we may better address traffic concerns and complaints of social disorder.

Bylaw Enforcement continues to be the primary area of responsibility for our department and includes:

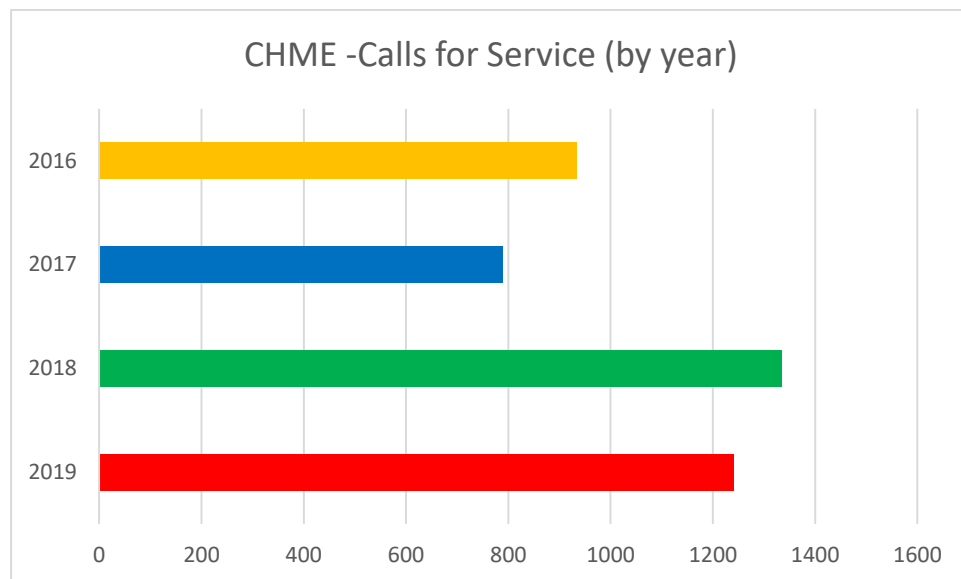
Animal Control: This represents all offences that fall under the Animal Control Bylaw, which includes excessive barking, unlicensed animals, animals at large and dog attacks.

Unsightly Property Bylaw: This represents offences that include such complaints about unsightly premises (yards/alleys).

Traffic Bylaw: This represents all offences under the Traffic Bylaw, and does not include offences under the Traffic Safety Act. Offences under this bylaw include mainly parking, abandoned vehicles, or blocked access to public/private property.

Community Standards Bylaw: This bylaw governs behavior and actions within the city's vast park system, and on private residential properties.

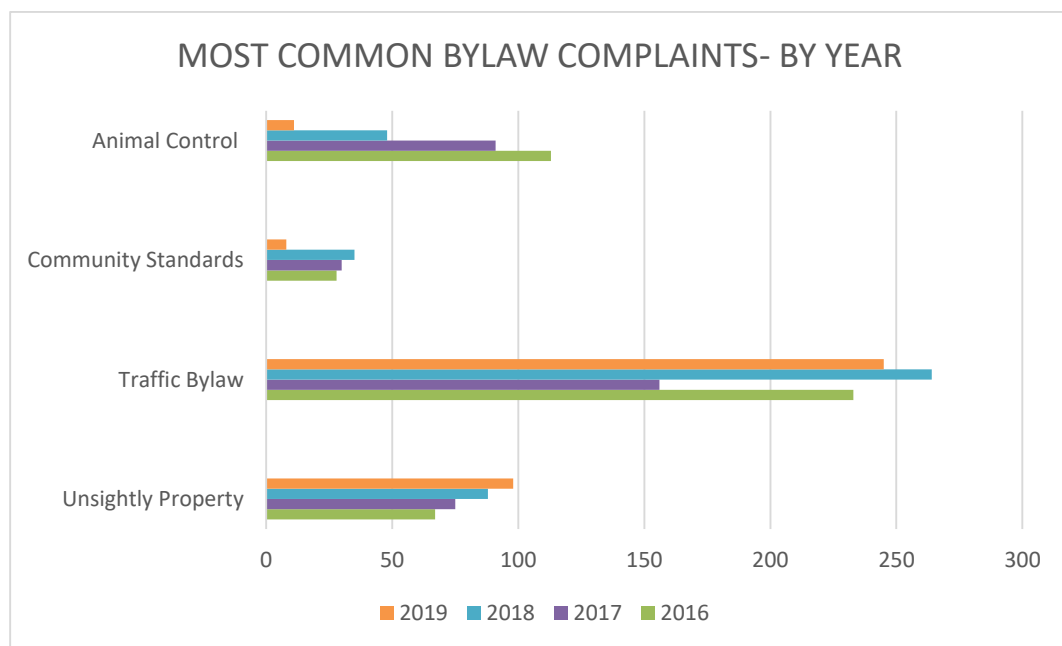
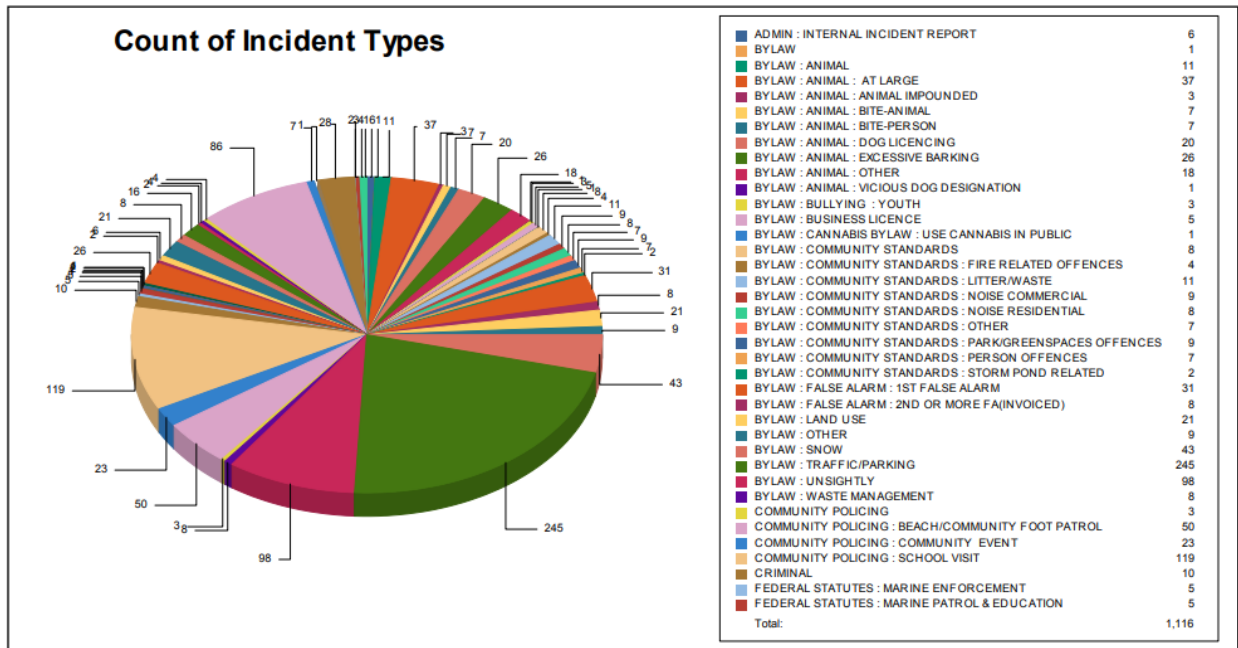
Below is a yearly incident breakdown for Chestermere Municipal Enforcement



These incidents only reflect the number of calls for service our office received in 2019, and represent an almost 9% decrease over 2018.

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Below is the file breakdown for 2019. This readily identifies some the departments most common complainants, and other duties conducted by our Peace Officers.

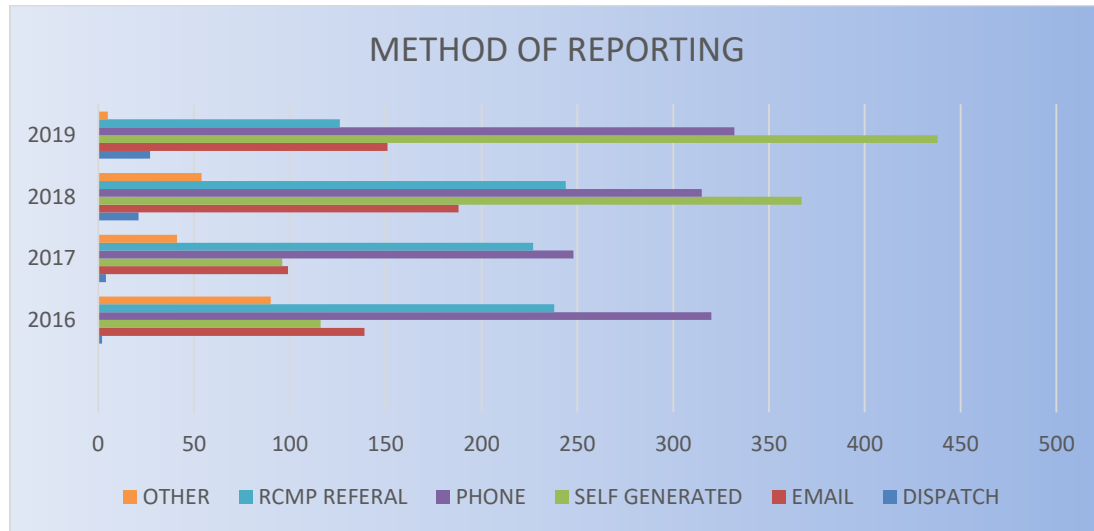


In 2019, offences under the Traffic Bylaw, continue to be most common bylaw complaints received by our office. It is important to note that there has been a 97% decrease in the number of animal complaints received since 2016.

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METHOD OF REPORTING

As a public service entity, it is crucial that we are able to provide prompt and professional service and that our Peace Officers are readily accessible to our residents. Using our Record Management System, we are able to classify how complaints are received by our office.



Phone calls from the public continue to be the preferred method of complaint reporting, however as illustrated, our Peace Officers continue to be very proactive in identifying and resolving potential issues, before the public resorts to calling our office to make a complaint.

UNSIGHTLY PROPERTY BYLAW

In 2019, Chestermere passed a new bylaw that will allow our officers to effectively address issues of public safety, large scale dumping in the rural areas, and ensure continued development does not impact adjacent properties/residents.

ANIMAL CONTROL

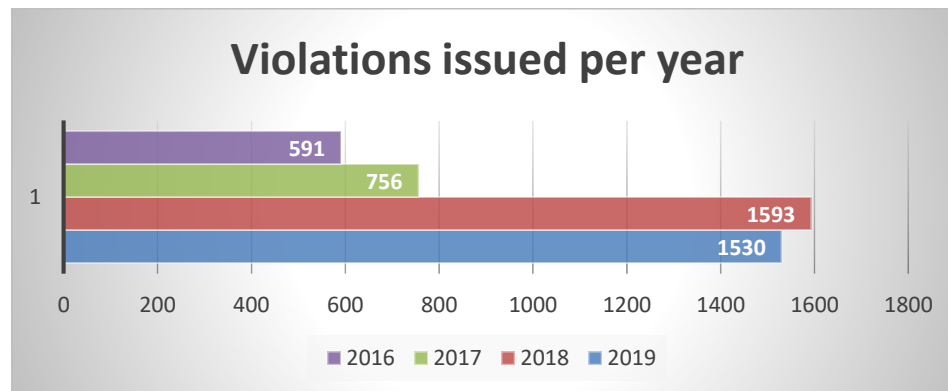
Since 2016, there has been a 97% decrease in the number of animal related complaints. Municipal Enforcement is currently in the process of drafting an improved Animal Control Bylaw. This new bylaw, will be required to undergo considerable public consultation prior to being passed by Council.

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TRAFFIC SAFETY/COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

Education and enforcement play a significant role in traffic safety and reducing traffic related injuries and deaths. In 2018, Municipal Enforcement and in cooperation with the RCMP developed a Municipal Traffic Safety Plan. This document is specific to the City of Chestermere and identifies traffic safety concerns, outlines our enforcement activities, as well as educational components and patrol strategies in order to decrease traffic related injuries and deaths within the City.

In addition, our Peace Officers work together with our schools and school patrol organizations in promoting traffic safety. Education activities also include working with AMA School patrols, organizing/attending safety talks in our elementary schools, and child restraint clinics.



In 2020, Chestermere Municipal Enforcement will be participating in a pilot project to address distracted driving in the Province of Alberta. According to the AMA, distracted driving is the cause of more traffic related deaths and injuries, than impaired driving and speeding combined.



This 1-year project entails the use of a “subdued” decal vehicle, specifically utilized for the detection of distracted driving and seatbelt use. This project was proposed by the City in 2018 and later approved by the Director of Law Enforcement. The City of Chestermere is the first municipality permitted for the use “subdued” vehicles in the Province. It should also be noted that the City of Chestermere was also the first municipality to propose and be approved for the use of “slick-top” vehicles for Peace Officers.

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PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT/COMMUNITY POLICING

In 2019, Chestermere Municipal Enforcement was heavily involved in community events throughout the year in the City. Some of these events include:

- 119 School Visits
- 8 Anti Bullying presentations (students/teachers/parents)
- 50 Park/Beach Patrols (foot & UTV)
- Opening ceremonies of the Special Olympics
- Tim Hortons Camp day
- Synergy positive ticketing program
- Junior Peace Officer program
- Pack the PC event
- Winter-Ready Program
- Provincial Peace Officer Memorial
- Child Seat Installation clinics
- Attendance at numerous block parties.

MARINE PATROL

This was the first year that Peace Officers were conducting marine patrol throughout the summer months. Emphasis was placed on SAFETY and EDUCATION during the water patrols. The goal is to educate the public in changing dangerous behaviors to reduce the possibility of injury or damage to property. Chestermere Peace Officers worked together with the RCMP on days where staffing for both agencies would normally not support a presence on the water.

In the first year of this program, over 160 vessel compliance checks were completed, with warnings issued for open alcohol use and careless operation of a watercraft. A total of 2 vessels were order to be removed from water, with one person charged under the Vessel Operators Restriction Regulations.

Municipal Enforcement continues to work closely and is represented on the committee tasked with developing a new Water Safety Bylaw.

PUBLIC COMPLAINTS

In 2019, the City of Chestermere did not receive any complaints related to the conduct or actions of our Peace Officers. Taking into consideration of the environment in which they operate, this speaks volumes to their professionalism and interpersonal skills. Municipal Enforcement is a strong proponent of accountability and transparency, therefore utilize both Body and Vehicle mounted camera systems. These systems are designed to not only to preserve evidence, they serve as a training tool, and also protect the city from liability and officers from malicious complaints.