



Photo Radar Review

Briefing to Council: Final Report

March 17, 2016

Medicine Hat Police Commission

Agenda

- ▶ Review Activities to Date
 - ▶ Jurisdictional Elements
 - ▶ Phase 1 - Report from Medicine Hat Police Service
 - ▶ Phase 2 - Open House and Information Session
 - ▶ Phase 2 - Feedback
 - ▶ Phase 3 - Analysis of Initial Report and Feedback
 - ▶ Phase 3 - Preparation of Final Report
- ▶ Final Report Themes and Recommendations
- ▶ Conclusion and Closing Statements

Public Themes from Photo Radar Review

▶ Theme 1

- ▶ Several responses felt that the speed limits were set too low on certain roads in the City.

▶ Police Commission Recommendation

- ▶ Police Commission to inform Municipal Works of concerns regarding speed limits being too low on some roads.

Public Themes from Photo Radar Review

▶ Theme 2

- ▶ Photo Radar should only be used in school zones, playground zones and high collision areas.

▶ Police Commission Recommendation

- ▶ The Police Commission will recommend to the Chief of Police that Photo Radar be deployed in all areas that speeding is an issue and where the Police Service feels it can enhance road safety. Further, that the deployment of Photo Radar should continue to comply with all policies and provincial guidelines for its use.

Public Themes from Photo Radar Review

▶ Theme 3

- ▶ Police Should Not Hide Photo Radar.

▶ Police Commission Recommendation

- ▶ The Police Commission will advise the Chief of Police of the public concern and recommend that the Police Service continue in its efforts the public education component around Photo Radar placement at Photo Radar sites by the Traffic Safety Unit to help increase public understanding.

Public Themes from Photo Radar Review

▶ Theme 4

- ▶ The revenue generated by Photo Radar should not be tied to the Police Service budget.

▶ Police Commission Recommendation

- ▶ Police Commission to present a recommendation to City Council to create a practice where all fine revenues are de-coupled from the future police budgets.

Public Themes from Photo Radar Review

▶ Theme 5

- ▶ There needs to be more traffic calming measures to reduce collisions in Medicine Hat.

▶ Police Commission Recommendation

- ▶ The concerns around traffic calming devices will be passed on to Municipal Works for their future consideration.

Public Themes from Photo Radar Review

- ▶ **Theme 6**

- ▶ Photo Radar should be properly signed.

- ▶ **Police Commission Recommendation**

- ▶ The Police Commission believes that Photo Radar signage and public awareness through advertising is adequate.

Conclusion

- ▶ After taking into careful consideration all the factors that were presented in the Police Service Report, and after the public consultation phase regarding Photo Radar use:
 - ▶ The Medicine hat Police Commission has found that through the demonstrated and consistent balanced approach with other traffic safety initiatives and strategies, Photo Radar is a safety benefit to our community.
 - ▶ The Medicine Hat Police Commission does endorse and recommend that a continued and sensible approach to traffic enforcement be used to achieve the goal of enhanced road safety.

Questions?

