



# Alberta Beach

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## Mayor's Statement Re: Crime in Alberta Beach

Alberta Beach Council and Staff share the communities' concerns regarding increasing crime. We are working with the RCMP to address these concerns; however, it is important to note that crime is increasing across Alberta. Deputy Mayor Elwood and I recently met with Inspector Kevin McGillvray, Officer in-Charge of the Parkland RCMP Detachment, and Corporal Gaulton who is assigned to the village, to discuss various areas of interest.

Policing in Alberta Beach is provided by the Provincial Police Service via the Parkland RCMP Detachment in Spruce Grove. Provincial Police Service Resources are allocated based on need, with the goal of having 35% proactive policing time in every detachment. This means that the more we report crime in Alberta Beach, the more resources we receive. If we are not reporting, no one knows we have a problem. REPORT, REPORT, REPORT, to get the resources. I will also note that our Community Peace Officer cannot respond to, nor investigate, criminal matters; his purview is bylaws, traffic, animal control, and liquor and cannabis.

We have heard residents claim that Alberta Beach has the worst crime statistics in Alberta. This is not true and appears to be stemming from information on the Lightcatch App. The statistics provided on this App are NOT accurate. Accurate information regarding recent crimes can be found on the Alberta Crime Map at [crimestoppers.ab.ca/crimemap/](http://crimestoppers.ab.ca/crimemap/) or on the RCMP Mobile App. Suspicious Activity or crimes reported on the Lightcatch App do not go to the RCMP and do not lead to arrests or more resources in our village. It is vitally important that all crime, no matter how small, is reported to the RCMP. If the crime is not in progress, it can be reported quickly and easily via the Alberta RCMP App or online at [ocre-sielc.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/alberta/en](http://ocre-sielc.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/alberta/en).

Parkland RCMP are actively working to increase their presence and patrols in the area. They are improving communication by hosting townhalls, meeting with Councils, and are working on increasing their social media presence. Parkland also has a Crime Reduction Team solely dedicated to reducing crime. They do this by targeting prolific offenders, doing warrant roundups, monitoring trouble properties, etc. We are fortunate to have this Team in the area as the top 100 prolific offenders in Alberta are responsible for 58% of all crime in the province. Parkland RCMP are also utilizing inter-detachment resources to track prolific offenders across detachment boundaries. There is also a new Community Safety and Well-Being Branch that is operating province-wide to help focus on root causes of crime.

Finally, I would like to address the armed bank robbery that occurred on March 3. This was terrible to see happen in our community and our hearts go out to those who were impacted; we are grateful that no one was injured during this crime and are thankful that the RCMP responded quickly and appropriately. All necessary safety assessments, including a school lock-down assessment, were done by the RCMP and it was determined quickly that there was no ongoing danger that warranted a broader public response or immediate communications. However, both the RCMP and the Village acknowledge that we should have done a better job of informing the public and we will work with the RCMP to get timely, appropriate information out to the community for any future significant incidents in the village.

Angela Duncan

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Mayor,  
Alberta Beach