




## Briefing Note

<b>Title</b>	<b>1:00 p.m. Barrhead and Regional Crime Coalition (BARCC) Presentation (40 minutes)</b>
<b>Issue</b>	Since BARCC's presentation at the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Pembina River Zone meeting on January 14, 2019, Sturgeon County and County of Barrhead Administrations have connected to arrange a presentation on BARCC during Council's Committee of the Whole meeting.
<b>Previous Council Direction</b>	None.
<b>Report</b>	<p><u>Background Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rural property crime has been a national hot topic with criticisms highlighting the perceived lack of RCMP and municipalities' efforts to tackle local crime.</li> <li>In 2017, representatives from the County of Barrhead, Town of Barrhead, Woodlands County, Barrhead RCMP and Barrhead &amp; District Rural Crime Watch (RCW) met with Peace River – Westlock MP Arnold Viersen to discuss the national rural crime task force.</li> <li>Members of BARCC reported hearing the same concerns from community members regarding theft and vandalism, lack of communication from local enforcement and government, and a perceived lack of action by police and municipalities.</li> <li>Historically, RCW used a phone fan-out system to share crime watch information with members.</li> <li>BARCC investigated new "fan-out" tools and found All-Net Connect. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All-Net Connect is a communication tool that centralizes the management and dissemination of messages to residents through one central portal.</li> <li>All-Net Connect was modified to support the regional collaboration model of BARCC. Registrants are alerted with real-time, accurate information regarding emergencies, service interruptions, road closures, fire bans, municipal updates and crime requiring awareness or information from the public.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Registrants choose to receive “alerts” via e-mail, SMS text messaging, voice calls and/or social media posts.</li> </ul>
<b>Implication</b>	<p><u>Strategic Alignment:</u></p> <p><b>Maintain and Enhance Strong Communities</b> - Rural property crime has affected residents in Sturgeon County. Receiving this presentation aligns with Sturgeon County’s goal of supporting the safety of people and property.</p> <p><u>Organizational:</u></p> <p>None.</p> <p><u>Financial:</u></p> <p>None.</p>
<b>Follow Up Action</b>	To be determined.
<b>Attachments</b>	None.
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